

Follow Jesus; Mature in Faith; Carry the Good News
At First Mennonite Church

Serving Today:

Pastor: Josh Janzen
Hosts: Lynn & Sue Gerber
Children's Story: Vicki Hinz-Ensz
Live Stream: Neal Trantham
Ushers: Bryan Heinz & John Regier

Pianist: Jan Reimer
Audio: Doug Casey
Greeters: Dan & Pam Kunzman
PPT: Katie Jantzen

Last Sunday: Offerings: WDC \$50; FMC \$4,645; MMN \$300;
Camp Scholarships: \$400 **Attendance:** 82

Offering today: Mennonite Mission Network

Offering Next Sunday: Community Pantry and Emergency Services(VBS)

Happening this week:

Sunday, May 28 9:30 am Adult Sunday School; 10:30 Worship
Monday, May 29 Memorial Day
5:30 -7:30 p.m. Hay Rack Ride, swimming,
campfire supper at Ensz' Pond
May 30 – June 2 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. Vacation Bible School
Wednesday, May 31 5:30 – 7:30 pm Roller Skating & Pizza
Sunday, June 4 9:30 am Adult Sunday School, 10:30 VBS Program

Late May Birthdays

19: Dolores Jantzen, Erin Vanderschaaf 23: Alma Reimer
28: Rick Brethouwer

Early June Birthdays

3: Dorothy Zimmerman 4: Dave Stutzman
8: Neal Trantham 9: Denise A. Jantzen
14: Edna Ensz

- Ask an usher for assistance with a **hearing device**.
- **We collect** Best Choice labels & used cards and envelopes.
- **Food Pantry:** Please put items in the narthex box or give cash donations to Dolores Jantzen.
- Please ask the office for a **PDF of the church directory** for your phone.
- Please contact Dan Kunzman or LeRoy Janzen if you have a task **Men's Brotherhood** can help with.

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Deacons: Don Esau (402-223-9210), Vicki Hinz-Ensz (402-239-4174),
Sue Gerber (402-239-8857)

Welcome



Welcome to First Mennonite Church

May 28, 2023

Call to Worship

L: God of wind and wings, gather us in this space.

P: Light up our hearts for you.

L: God of flames and fire, emblaze us with your passion.

P: May your presence burn within us.

L: God of rest and resurrection, raise us from the ashes.

P: May we live as people born anew, seeking life where there was once death.

Prayer

Hymn: "What Is This Place"

VT 22

Confession of Faith

L: O God, we have heard your Pentecost story: your Spirit is here, your church is born, and the day of the Lord is coming.

P: You have gathered all people together in your Spirit, and you have brought life to all valleys of death.

L: Still, O Lord, we cannot trust, for we fear our bones are beyond repair. Still, O Lord, we turn away, for we fear our hope is lost.

Still, O Lord, we imagine isolation, for we fear we are cut off from your presence.

P: Forgive us, Holy One. As you did for your first church, breathe the fire of life into us. As you did for your prophet Ezekiel, reveal to us your life-giving presence.

ALL: God brings us new life when our bones are dry, and hope when we are hopeless. God washes us in mercy and ignites us with the Spirit.

Hymn: "Spirit of the Living God"

VT 740 (twice through)

Children's Story

Vicki Hinz-Ensz

Scripture: Ezekiel 37:1-10, Acts 2:1-4

Sermon: "FMC and the Order of the Phoenix"

Hymn: "Move in Our Midst"

VT 827

Sharing and Prayer

Benediction

Sending Song: "We are One in the Spirit"

VT 387

Offering to Mennonite Mission Network

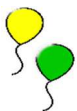
Welcome! We are glad you are here! The service is available at <https://www.youtube.com/c/fmcbeatrice> and on FM 107.5 in our parking lot. To follow along in the bulletin, visit our website fmcbearice.org; under the More tab select Documents, then Church docs, minutes, and bulletins.

The adult Sunday School class will continue to discuss chapter six of the book *'Rethinking Life'* this week. Drop in and join us for discussion!

VBS begins Tuesday! We will meet from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Tuesday through Friday. Through our Bible lessons we will meet Nicodemus, five friends on their way to meet Jesus, people from the early church, Peter and Cornelius, and the prophet Isaiah. These people provide a model for asking hard questions, working together to solve problems, caring for all people, reaching across differences, and imagining a new world.

Evening events include a Kick Off hay rack ride, campfire supper and pond swim on Monday, May 29. Meet at Rodney & Shana's at 5:30 pm prompt! Wednesday evening is pizza and roller skating from 5:30 to 7:30 pm at Rolla Rena! Families are invited to attend both!

VBS Offering Project is for **Community Pantry & Emergency Services**. Throughout the week we are asking students/families to bring food items or cash. Suggested items are saltine crackers, salsa, snack crackers, mayo, ketchup, mustard, pop tarts, and chicken, hamburger or tuna helpers. **We are challenging ourselves to collect \$300 worth or more in donations. If we meet the challenge**, Pastor Josh will eat all these foods mixed together Friday at the end of the morning!



Additional Challenge! If \$3000 or more is collected in Sunday's offering, (June 4), something will happen after church with **WATER BALLOONS!**

Summer Sunday School intergenerational class will begin June 11-August 13! There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Narthex for teachers and helpers for each Sunday. Come for fun and learning about following Jesus!

Gerald Jantzen is now a resident of Beatrice Health and Rehab, Room 2, 1800 Irving, Beatrice, NE.

The NE MCC Golf Tournament is August 12 at York Country Club. Register by July 30. More info is on the bulletin board.

The Decorating Committee welcomes fresh flowers from anyone who would like to bring them to decorate the church this summer.

Worship Council is doing some planning for the next several months. We are **looking for additional people** to help with **Children's Story** and/or serve as **Worship Leader**. We ask members of the congregation to prayerfully consider serving in these positions. Thank you. Please reach out to Amanda Thimm, Neal Trantham, or Kathy Casey.

United Women in Faith invite you to join them on Thursday, June 1 at 9:30 a.m. at Centenary United Methodist Church dining room for fellowship and brunch featuring speaker **Diane Courtney of Burwood Books and Mother to Mother**. The cost of the meal is \$5. Please RSVP to the CUM Church office at 402-223-3424 by May 30.

FMC's camp scholarships to Mennonite affiliated church camps covers registration fees. We encourage FMC youth to go! Please register online and let the church office know.

Camp Mennoscah: (campmennoscah.org or 620-297-3290)

Camp has received a **matching gift of up to \$100,000! Please consider donating so we may receive the maximum from this matching gift!

****Needed: Nurses** for June 15-17, and part of the week of July 9-12.

****Looking for 5-gallon buckets** with lids or lids alone for compost.

We also need 300 empty, clean **toilet paper or paper towel rolls for a craft for Junior 1 & 2, Jr. High 1 & 2, and Sr. High camps. You can send them with a camper if you'd like!

Register today for **MennoCon23**, MC USA's leading faith formation event, and the Youth & Young Adult Climate Summit. Early bird registration ends on May 14. convention.mennoniteusa.org/registration If you would like to **represent FMC**, please contact Jerry Reimer for more information.

2023 WDC Annual Assembly, "Holy (Wholly) Listening," August 11-13, 2023, Tabor Mennonite Church, Newton, KS. Join others for creative resourcing, worship, music, food, and participate in the work of the church.