

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

Serving Today:

Pastor: Josh Janzen

Piano: Karen Wiebe

Power point: Christina Lyons

Ushers: Jake & Brandon

Worship Leader: Jerry Reimer

Hosts: Don & Judy Jantzen

Audio: Marv Goossen

Video: Lisa Goossen

Last Sunday Attendance: 71 Offering: Mother to Mother \$2,421

Today's Offering: FMC Next Sunday: MCC

Coming Up:

Sunday, Aug 3

9:30 am Adult Sunday School only

10:30 am Worship

Tuesday, August 5

1:30 pm WMS Quilting & Tying

5:00 pm Shep Grp 3 at Warren's Table

Aug 8-9

WDC Annual Assembly

Sunday, August 10

9:30 am Adult Sunday School

10:30 am Worship

August Birthdays:

1: Miles Esau

6: Steph Janzen, Rebekkah Stutzman

7: Mitch Williamson

11: Scarlett & Raelynn Heinz

11: Debbie Keeney

12: Abby Trantham

16: Jerry Reimer, Kathy Thimm

21: Kyle Baade

22: Gentre Esau, Henry VanderSchaaf

27: Pam Kunzman

29: Pat Penner

31: Samuel VanderSchaaf

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- Ask an usher for assistance with a **hearing device**.
 - **We collect** Best Choice labels & used cards and envelopes.
 - **Food Pantry items** go in the box in the narthex. Checks may go in the offering plate.
 - **Men's Brotherhood Project?** Contact Dan Kunzman or LeRoy Janzen.
 - Please **turn off all lights** if you are the **last to leave** the building.
 - Visit mennowdc.org to see what's new at Western District Conference.
 - **WDC Annual Assembly** August 8-9 at Hesston Mennonite Church.
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Please let the office know when **members marry or have new births** so it can be put in the bulletin and entered in the church historical book.



Welcome to First Mennonite Church

August 3, 2025

Welcome

Call to Worship

L: Come, all who are weary and worried, distracted and hurried.

P: We come, longing for peace, for presence, for a still point in the chaos.

L: Come, all who serve with hands and hearts—who labor in love and seek to listen.

P: We come, desiring to rest in God's Word, to sit at Jesus' feet and be renewed.

L: In this space, we are not defined by our busyness, our roles, or our accomplishments.

P: Here, we are welcomed as we are—beloved children of God.

L: So let us worship the One who invites us to the better part—to presence, to grace, to life.

All: We come to worship Christ, our guest and our host.

Prayer

Hymn: "Come Away from Rush and Hurry"

VT 9

Confession and Assurance

L: Holy One, you call us to live in your presence, to receive your grace, but we are often distracted by many things.

P: We confess that we are pulled in a thousand directions, too busy to sit still, too anxious to hear your voice.

L: Like Martha, we become resentful of others who seem more free.

We demand that you fix what we perceive as unfair, forgetting that your grace is not earned.

P: We confess our worry and our striving.

We confess how we measure ourselves and others by what we do.

L: Yet you speak with gentleness: "There is need of only one thing."

P: Teach us to choose what is better. Teach us to sit, to listen, to receive.

L: Hear the good news: Christ does not condemn you.
Christ invites you—into stillness, into belonging, into love.
You are God's beloved child.

Your worth is not in what you do, but in who you are.

All: Thanks be to God! In Christ, we are forgiven and free. Amen.

Offering Hymn: "Take My Life and Let It Be" VT 759
Offering is for FMC

Scripture: Luke 10:38-42

Sermon: "One Thing Needed" Pastor Josh

Hymn: "Will You Come and Follow Me" VT 540

Sharing and Prayer

Benediction

Sending Song: "The Lord Lift You Up" VT 832

Passing the Peace

Welcome to all worshipping with us here and on YouTube (search for FMCBeatrice). The bulletin is at fmcbeatrice.org under the documents tab.

We've been exploring powerful stories of **women in Scripture this summer**—courageous, faithful, complex, and often overlooked. From prophets and peacemakers to mothers and outsiders, these women bear witness to God's work in unexpected places. We have three more Biblical women to reflect on this summer: Mary and Martha, Mary Magdalene, and Mary, the mother of Jesus. Come and be inspired by the fierce grace and quiet strength found in the ***Women of the Bible!***

Summer Faith Formation Resources to weave into your summer!

- **It's a Party!** Sign up for **virtual WDC Library Summer Story Days** for ages 3-8 at forms.gle/8DnWnLs64VkZJoeB6.
- **"Follow the Peace Path" Cards** are available by the mailboxes. Ideal for family time at home. 1 per family please.

The 2025 Master Calendar that sits on top of the safe is missing. If you know where it is, please let Vicki Frerking know.

Couches Needed- To accommodate our growing youth group, this fall we will expand into two classrooms. We are looking for gently used couches for the senior high room. Contact Pastor Sarah to coordinate delivery.

Teacher Resource Workshop- On **August 17th** Sunday School Teachers are invited to stay after worship for a light lunch, brainstorm ideas for teaching, and learn about resources. There will be time for teachers to plan and create a schedule.

Faith Formation Sunday- On **August 24th** we will celebrate our children and youth by giving backpack blessings, presenting bibles, and blessing new prayer partners. We encourage children and youth to bring their backpacks!

There will be a **congregation business meeting following worship on August 24 for reelection of Pastor Josh.** Our constitution and bylaws read: *Reelection of pastor. The vote to extend the call of the pastor for another 3-year term may be taken on a Sunday morning prior to or after the Worship Service. (Must be present to vote.)*

Review forms are in mailboxes today, August 3, and were sent as an attachment in the weekly email of the bulletin. They must be returned by Aug 17 in the box under the mailboxes.

WDC Annual Assembly Aug 8-9 at Hesston Mennonite Church, Hesston, KS. **Our church delegates are** Debbie Goossen, Dan Kunzman, and Vern Jantzen. You can watch commission, task force, and ministry partner impact videos on YouTube Channel, "[Western District Conference MC USA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...)" to get a taste of what WDC leaders are doing on your behalf and with you!

Camp T-shirt comforter raffle and one for sale for \$500. Today is the last day to purchase Raffle tickets for the Camp quilt (\$5 each or 5 for \$20) at <https://www.zeffy.com/ticketing/camp-mennoscaw-t-shirt-comforter-raffle>. One is also for sale for \$500 but please contact the camp to see if it's still available at office@campmennoscaw.org or 620-297-3290.

Centenary United Women in Faith invite you to attend a free **Salad Supper** Thursday, August 7 at 6 p.m. at Centenary United Methodist Church. Barbara Jo Burns will speak on SPOONS! Bring a spoon! Call 402-223-3424 to RSVP (or centenaryumc29@gmail.com) by noon on August 5. Individually wrapped snacks of chips, candy, granola bars, gummies, etc. and cash will be **collected for Mother to Mother's Youth to Youth program.**

Kiwanis Pancake Feed today, August 3, to help support Beatrice FFA , 7:30 am - 1:00 pm at the Veteran's Club, 701 Dorsey. Adults \$10.00, children (to age 12) \$6.00 at the door. Children (3 & under) free.