

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

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**Serving Today:**

Sermon: Glen Guyton  
Worship Leader: Brandon Esau  
Live Stream: Wendy Kyser  
Ushers: Kent Hohensee & John Regier  
Greeters: Needed

Accompanist: Erin Vanderschaaf  
Audio: Marv Goossen  
PPT: Katie Jantzen  
Hosts: Lynn & Sue Gerber  
Deacon: Don Esau

**Last Sunday: Offerings:** FMC \$ 5,089; MCC \$ 500; WDC \$ 300;  
MMN \$150.

**Attendance:** 66

**Offering today:** WDC; **Offering next Sunday:** FMC

**Happening this week:**

Sunday, July 9 9:30 am Intergenerational Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Worship  
Tuesday, July 11 1:30 p.m. WMS Quilting & Tying  
Sunday, July 16 9:30 am Intergenerational Sunday School  
10:30 am Worship

**July Birthdays**

5: Grace Tegtmeier 6: Leona Jantzen  
7: Tracy Crawford 11: Dan Kunzman  
13: Marv Goossen, Larry Thimm  
14: Maria DeBloc, Mary Jane Zimmerman  
18: Amanda Thimm 22: Zella Penner  
25: Marjorie Epp 28: Lisa Goossen  
29: Eli Scherling

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- 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.
  - **PDF of the church directory** is available from the church office.
  - **Men's Brotherhood** project? Contact Dan Kunzman or LeRoy Janzen
  - Mennonite **Camp Scholarships** are available through FMC. Register online and let the church office know you've registered.
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Sue Gerber (402-239-8857)

**Church Chair:** Jerry Reimer (402-239-2716)



**Welcome to First Mennonite Church**

*July 9, 2023*

**Welcome**

Brandon Esau

**Call to Worship**

L: We meet you here, Lord, at the intersection of love and faithfulness.

**P: Here prayer and praise join hands, scripture is embraced, and our voices unite in hymns to you.**

L: Speak tenderly to our hearts in this hour of worship, God of all Creation,

**P: and show us the path to peace. Amen.**

**Prayer**

**Hymn: "Here in This Place"**

VT 10

**Affirmation of Faith** (based on Ephesians 4:1-16)

L: There is one hope, one calling, to which we are called.

**P: The hope in our lives is Jesus.**

L: There is one hope, one calling, to which we are called.

**P: The call we must answer is God's.**

L: There is one faith, one hope, one Lord of us all.

**P: The Lord of our lives is Jesus.**

L: There is one baptism, one Father, one Mother of all.

**P: The creator who calls us is God.**

L: We are one body, one family, one church,

**P: woven by the Spirit with bonds of peace.**

L: With Christ's children throughout all of this earth,

**P: we are one body in unity and love.**

**Hymn: "Christ is Our Cornerstone"**

VT 4

**Scripture:** John 14:25-31

**Sermon: “Church, Do You Want to be Well?”** by Glen Guyton, Executive Director of Mennonite Church USA, recorded earlier this year.

**Hymn: “We Are People of God’s Peace”** VT 797

**Sharing & Prayer** Deacon Don Esau

**Benediction** Deacon Don Esau

**Sending Song: “Use Us, God”** VT 811

### Offering to Western District Conference

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**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 [fmcbeatrice.org](http://fmcbeatrice.org); under the More tab select Documents, then Church docs, minutes, and bulletins.

**Intergenerational Summer Sunday School** is held through August 13. See the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Narthex for teachers and helpers needed each Sunday. Join us at 9:30 a.m. Sunday mornings.

**Several FMC youth are attending Camp Mennoscah** this summer. Please pray that may have safe travels and growth in Christ.

**Today we are hearing a recorded sermon by Mennonite Church USA Executive Director Glen Guyton** that was preached earlier this year at Eden Mennonite Church in Moundridge, KS. It is titled **“Church, Do You Want to be Well?”** Many pastors are attending the MC USA Conference July 7 & 8 so this sermon was made available for churches to use in the absence of their pastor.

**Next Sunday, Pastor Josh will resume his sermon series “Dinner with Jesus”.** Throughout the gospels, Jesus is constantly eating and sharing meals with people. And in pretty much every occasion where Jesus eats, some pretty profound teaching comes with it. In his book, **“A Meal with Jesus”**, author and theologian Tim Chester argues that sharing a meal was a part of Jesus’ missional strategy for restoration and transformation, where grace and community abounded. So, all throughout the summer, we are going to take some time to slow down, explore these stories of scripture and have **“Dinner with Jesus.”**

**The Education Council meeting has been changed to July 19 at 6 p.m.**

**Pastor Josh will be out of the office** July 7-9. If you need pastoral care, please contact a Deacon listed on the back page of the bulletin.

If anyone would like to present a **Children’s Story** throughout the summer, Worship Council is happy to schedule it! Please contact Worship Council.

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

**MCC School Kit Challenge: School Kit Challenge:** 10,000 school kits during the month of August. Plus, a free download of kids activities to help is available at [mcc.org/schoolkitchallenge](http://mcc.org/schoolkitchallenge).

**MCC Material Resources Center in North Newton critically low on items for various care kits:** *new* infant onesies and sleepers (3-12month sizes); notebooks (70 sheets) and black or blue ballpoint pens. shampoo (20 oz or more), men’s deodorant (min 2.25 oz) and toothpaste (min. 5 oz). Buy online and ship, or bring items, to MCC, 121 E. 30<sup>th</sup> St, North Newton, KS 6711.

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

**Camp Mennoscah’s M&M Project** is rolling along toward our goal of \$100,000! Churches are invited to hold a **fundraising event** that would specifically benefit the M&M Project. If you want camp representation at such an event, we’ll try to be there! The **Camp Sing** will be August 5 at Hope Mennonite Church in Wichita. This is a time to gather for an evening of singing and friends. All ages are invited!

**WDC Annual Assembly:** August 11-13 at Tabor Mennonite Church, Newton with Delegate sessions and a Faith Formation Track for non-delegates. More info is online and in last week’s bulletin. If you’d like to serve as an in person or virtual delegate, talk to Church Chair Jerry Reimer. FMC will pay your registration fee.

Mennonite Church USA has named Nancy Kauffmann, former board president of Dove’s Nest and longtime Mennonite church leader, as the interim denominational minister of Church Safety for MC USA’s Church Vitality office, effective June 26, 2023. This new position was created so the denomination could address the need for continued abuse education and prevention work following the dissolution of Dove’s Nest.

For more news about what’s happening in the broader Mennonite world, visit [www.mennonitemission.net](http://www.mennonitemission.net); [www.mennoniteusa.org](http://www.mennoniteusa.org); [www.mcc.org](http://www.mcc.org); [www.mennowdc.org](http://www.mennowdc.org); [www.ambs.edu](http://www.ambs.edu); [www.mds.org](http://www.mds.org), and [www.mennonitemen.org](http://www.mennonitemen.org).