

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

Serving Today:

Pastor: Josh Janzen Pianist: Karen Wiebe
Live Stream: John Thimm Children's Story: Neal Trantham
PPT: Doreen Janzen Audio: LeRoy Janzen
Hosts: John & Zella Penner Ushers: Jim Hamm & John Regier
Greeters: Duane & Doris Claassen

Last Sunday Offerings: Bethel College \$1,490; FMC \$100

Last Sunday Attendance: 84

Happening this week:

Sunday, September 4 9:30 a.m. Sunday School for **Adults only**
 10:30 p.m. Worship with Pastor Josh
Tuesday, September 6 1:30 p.m. WMS Quilting & Tying
Thursday, Sept 8 6:00 p.m. Worship Council meeting
Sunday, September 11 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School
 9:45 a.m. Grandparent Breakfast with
 Sunday School children
 10:30 a.m. Worship with Installation of
 Pastor Josh Janzen
 5:00 p.m. Church Picnic at Chautauqua Pk

September Birthdays

3: Dan Crawford 4: Liana Stutzman
5: Norm Reimer, Maggie Boyce 6: Asha Jantzen
8: Marilyn Kroeker 12: Graham Schardt
15: Anders Baade 16: Betty Esau
18: Judy Jantzen, Kylie Scherling, Denise Jantzen
20: Jim Hamm, Kari Janssen 23: Shana Ensz
24: LeRoy Janzen 26: Lori Crawford, Marcia Regier

- Ask an usher for assistance with a **hearing device**.
- **We collect** Sun Mart receipts, Best Choice labels & used cards/envelopes
- **Food Pantry donations:** Please put them in the narthex box or give cash donations to Dolores Jantzen.
- **Shop at smile.amazon.com** to support Mother to Mother Ministries with your Amazon purchases!
- If you would like a **PDF of the church directory** to keep on your phone, please contact the office.

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Welcome to First Mennonite Church
September 4, 2022

Welcome

A Call to Worship

L: If you are delighted to be here, or if you are tired and troubled

P: You are welcome here.

L: If your faith is strong, or if your faith is battered and frail

P: You are welcome here.

L: If you are eager to praise God, or you need to be quiet

P: You are welcome here.

ALL: God welcomes us all to worship today and promises to meet us here.

Prayer

Hymn: "There is a Name I Love to Hear"

on screen

Affirmation of Faith

L: We are not alone, we live in God's world.

P: We believe in God:

**who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

L: We trust in God.

P: We are called to be the Church:

**To celebrate God's presence,
To live with respect in Creation,
To love and serve others,
To seek justice and resist evil,
To proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.**

L: In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

P: We are not alone.

ALL: Thanks be to God. Amen.

— posted on *The United Church of Canada* website: <http://www.united-church.ca/beliefs/creed>

Children's Story Neal Trantham

Song: "Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelu" Diller Children & FMC Children

Old Testament Scripture: Isaiah 52:6-10 OT page 835

New Testament Scripture: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21 NT page 221

Sermon: "What's Shalom Got to Do With it?" Pastor Josh

Song: "Our God is an Awesome God" Diller Family

Sharing and Prayer

Blessing

Offering for First Mennonite Church in the narthex

Welcome! We're glad to have you worshiping with us either in person or online. We live stream at <https://www.youtube.com/c/fmcbeatrice>.

From FMC:

Welcome to Pastor Josh and Stephanie Janzen!

Pastor Josh will be **installed and licensed** next Sunday, September 11. WDC Associate Minister Kathy Neufeld Dunn will be here for the service. We will have a chance to get to know Josh and Stephanie at the church picnic Sunday, Sept 11 at 5 p.m. at the Chautauqua Park Tabernacle. Please bring your own table service. Food and drinks will be provided. .

The immigrant families FMC helped with groceries in August have been invited to attend our church picnic so you can get to know them.

Our new website has launched! You will still find it at fmcbeatrice.org.

Take a look around the website and you should find all that was available on the old website is there (plus more!) but maybe in a different place. New info will be added as it's received. Please be patient as training is ongoing for adding and updating the website! Thank you! And Thank You to Dan Kunzman and SOCS for their work and help!

Don & June Diller celebrated their 75th wedding anniversary on August 29. They thank the Lord for His Grace and Mercy that has given them all these years. Their family is here this weekend to help them celebrate. We **thank their family** for providing special music during our service today. Congratulations, Don & June!!

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL: No SS on Sept 4

Sept 11: We'll have a Grandparents Day Breakfast! Please join your grandchild at 9:45 a.m. in the basement for coffee, juice, and rolls and time together.

Adult Sunday School (room 10 in the basement) is continuing discussion on the introduction to the book Reawakened today. Next week we'll begin talking about chapter 1. If you'd like to join us, please let Vicki Hinz Ensz know, and she'll order more copies of the book.

MDS project near Greenwood, NE on Friday, September 9th and Saturday September 10th to put steel on the roof and walls of a pole building. We will start each day at 8:00, lunch will be provided. Please let LeRoy know when you can go so we can plan accordingly. Questions please call Wes Reil @ (402) 641-1198 or LeRoy Janzen @ (402) 806-0094.

Thank you to Johnny's Welding! Because of the business they get from church members and the community services that our church provides, Johnny's Welding did the repairs on the church elevator winch at no charge. So a big Thank You to them! – The Building Committee

The final date to make donations to **Pastor's Housing Fund** is October 1.

NAMETAGS! Adults, please use the name tags provided in your mailbox to help Pastor Josh and Stephanie get to know us. They are magnetic, not disposable, and can be kept in your mailbox.

Peace Club with Prayer Partners! September 14, 2022

Note the time: 6:10-7:30 p.m.

A great time for Peace Club members and their Prayer Partners as we play games and have supper together! Please **RSVP** if you **CANNOT** come. Looking forward to seeing everyone! – Kathy, Judy, Barb, Sue

Please keep in your prayers, Margaret Boyce (returned home from the hospital this week) and Gerald Jantzen (and Rogena).

From the Community:

Orphan Grain Train Fish Feed Sunday, Sept. 4, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at First Trinity Lutheran Church, West St. Hwy 4. Fish, potatoes, onions, salads, desserts, drinks. Carry out available. Free will offering benefits Orphan Grain Train. Supplemental funds provided by Thrivent Action Team Grant.

BIG GIVE GAGE: September 8! Mother-to Mother-Ministry and Sewing for Babies are among the non-profits participating Gage County Big Give! Read more about their designated projects and donate at www.biggivegage.org

**Friday, Sept 2, From Pastor Roger:
Hello First Mennonite friends,**

As you know, Jackson, MS, is in the news these days. I thought I would send an update from what we know from our friends from Open Door Mennonite in Jackson, where Cynthia and I served with Mennonite Mission Network's Service Adventure program.

We heard a bit from Pastor Horace McMillon this morning. You may remember that the two McMillon households (Horace's mother Lena and Horace & Monique) had to briefly evacuate from their northeast Jackson neighborhood in 2020 due to flooding. The same thing happened this past week. Fortunately Pastor Horace reported this morning that they were allowed to return to their neighborhood and found that both houses had no damage. None of the other ODMC people had to evacuate. However, all ODMC folks who live in Jackson have been boiling water to drink, cook, wash dishes and brush teeth with.

Pastor Horace did say that the Service Adventure unit people (two volunteers and the unit leader) are filling all of the containers they can with boiled water. South Jackson, where the unit house is located, has the most severe water shortage. The New Horizon Church, which is about 1 mile away from the unit house, is a major emergency water distribution center. (A Service Adventure volunteer worked at New Horizon Church a few years ago, and New Horizon was the church that located the unit house for ODMC when the SA unit was first opened.)

Working Together Jackson is the largest peace and justice organization in Jackson. Pastor Hugh Hollowell, Outreach Pastor for Open Door MC, works part time for Working Together Jackson and wrote the attached update about the water situation in Jackson. If you are interested in helping with the current water situation, Working Together Jackson would be a good organization to make contributions to. I think there is a donate button on their website. See their statement below.

As far as I know, the new church roof did NOT leak. ODMC has resumed in person worship, which will help the new SA unit people get acquainted with the folks at ODMC.

Thanks for your interest and prayers. - Roger Neufeld Smith.

Statement Urging All Elected Officials to Work Together Seek Federal Relief for the Water Crisis: The city of Jackson is in crisis. And there is no end in sight.

A large number of households in Jackson (as well as other areas of the state and country) are currently without water – ANY water. No Jackson household has SAFE drinking water, because the entire city is under a boil water notice. This has been true for two weeks now, and this crisis looks to continue indefinitely. There is no public timeline for restoration, and Mayor Lumumba says the City does not have exact numbers of those without water. The hardship on families is immense, and residents are rightfully angry and frustrated, even as many of them are working to relieve the suffering of their extended families and neighbors. (continued on other side)

For years now, Working Together Jackson, a broad-based organization consisting of more than 30 faith-based and nonprofit institutions, has been intimately involved in the work to address the systemic infrastructure deficiencies found in Jackson. In 2014, Working Together Jackson, along with the City of Jackson and the Greater Jackson Partnership, led the passage of the sales tax with the support of 90% of the voters. In 2018 and 2019, we led the fight to get our water billing crisis under control, working with the Mayor and the former Director of Public Works. Obviously, there is much more that must be done.

Our institutions, like so many others in Jackson, have worked diligently to respond to this crisis over the last two weeks by providing and distributing clean water and performing wellness checks with priority given to the elderly and the disabled. But mutual aid is not enough to get us through an acute crisis that is a result of a systemic failure.

What Jackson needs right now is leadership and resources. While failures of public trust need to be, and will be, held accountable, right now finger pointing – even where there is merit – is unproductive. We appreciate the work local and state elected officials have done thus far to remedy the situation and to meet the urgent needs of residents without water, but there is much yet to do, and lives literally hang in the balance. WTJ is willing to work with the Mayor Lumumba, Governor Reeves, and any other public officials to move beyond any political squabbles and posturing to establish short- and long-term solutions to this problem.

At this point it is abundantly clear that we need every resource that can be made available brought to bear to restore water to the residents of Jackson. Working Together Jackson calls upon all elected officials within the City of Jackson, Hinds County, and the State of Mississippi, to exhaust every option for relief, and to work together to secure all options at the state and federal level available to them. We stand ready to assist in this effort.

From the Greater Mennonite Community:

Camp Mennoscah is considering moving camps to a Sunday to Friday schedule. We'd be interested in hearing parents thoughts. Please email olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org or call 620-297-3290.

Announcements: (www.campmennoscah.org; 620-297-3290)

Sept 10-11: Women and Girls Retreat on September 10-11

Sept 18: Annual Meeting and Dedication of the Renovated Amphitheater

Oct 28-30: Fall Scrapbook and Crafts Retreat

The 2022 Delegate Session Minutes from the 2022 WDC Annual Assembly are posted on the bulletin board. They are also posted on the WDC Assembly website under delegate information.

The MCC building in North Newton continues to make necessary repairs and reconfiguring spaces on the building. Soon the new sewing room will be added, and we cannot wait to host more volunteers at MCC!