

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

**Serving Today:** Pastor: Josh Janzen  
Children's Time: Grace Tegtmeier Piano: Erin Vanderschaaf  
Worship Leader: Rodney Ensz Audio: Marv Goossen  
Hosts: Don & Judy Jantzen PowerPoint: Lori Thimm  
Ushers: Bryan Heinz, Doug Casey Video: Lisa Goossen

**Last Sunday** Attendance: 57  
Offering: FMC \$5,945; WDC \$300

**Offering today:** WDC **Next Sunday:** FMC

**Happening this week:**

Sunday, September 8 9:30 am Community Time and  
Children & Youth Sunday School  
9:30 am Young Adult Sunday School  
9:50 am Adult Sunday School  
10:30 am Worship  
Tuesday, September 10 1:30 pm WMS Quilting & Tying  
Wednesday, September 11 3:00 pm WMS Coffee with the Dillers  
6:30 pm 1<sup>st</sup> Community Event  
Sunday, September 15 9:30 am Community Time and  
Children & Youth Sunday School  
9:50 am Adult Sunday School  
10:30 am Worship  
5:00 pm Church Picnic at Chautauqua Pk

**September Birthdays**

3: Dan Crawford 4: Liana Stutzman  
5: Margaret Boyce, Norm Reimer 6: Asha Jantzen  
12: Graham Schardt 15: Anders Baade  
18: Judy Jantzen, Denise Jantzen 20: Jim Hamm  
23: Shana Ensz 24: LeRoy Janzen  
26: Marcia Regier, Lori Crawford 30: Tony Tegtmeier

- Ask an usher for assistance with a **hearing device**.
- **We collect** Best Choice labels & used cards and envelopes.
- **Food Pantry** items may go in the box in the narthex. Cash donations may be given to Dolores Jantzen.
- Have a project for Men's Brotherhood? Contact Dan Kunzman or LeRoy Janzen.
- Our service is on <https://www.youtube.com/c/fmcbeatrice> and heard on FM 107.5 in our parking lot. The bulletin is at [fmcbeatrice.org](http://fmcbeatrice.org), under the **More tab; select documents; church docs, minutes & bulletins**.

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Welcome to First Mennonite Church  
September 8, 2024

Welcome

**Call to Worship** (based on Psalm 25)

L: Come, let us celebrate the wondrous gifts that God has given us.

**P: Throughout all our lives, God has blessed us with love and hope.**

L: Praise be to God who provides for us.

**P: May our hearts be truly grateful, and may we show our gratitude by the ways in which we live and care for others.**

L: Hallelujah!

**P: AMEN.**

**Prayer**

**Hymn: "Now Thank We All our God"**

VT 114

**Passing the Peace**

**Children's Time**

Grace Tegtmeier

**Litany of Praise (VT 915)**

L: Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being. For your Word of life, O God,

**P: we give you thanks and praise.**

L: By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you. For your Word of life, O God,

**P: we give you thanks and praise.**

L: Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love. For your Word of life, O God,

**P: we give you thanks and praise.**

L: Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us:

**P: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you, through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**Hymn: “Come Thou Fount”** VT 563

**Scripture: Exodus 20:17**

**Sermon: “Keeping Up with the Joneses”** Pastor Josh

**Hymn: “O God, We Read the Holy Law”** VT 571

**Sharing and Prayer**

**Benediction**

**Sending Hymn: “Blessed Be Your Name”** VT 637

**Offering for Western District Conference**

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**Welcome!** We are glad you are here! We hope to see you again soon! Our service is live streamed on YouTube. Search Fmcbearice.

**We’re tapping shoulders! Yep, that’s you we’re talking to!!** We know there are people sitting in the pews who could advance power point slides during worship, and others who could assist with audio controls and video streaming. No special skills required. It’s truly easy, just sounds hard. You’ll be thoroughly trained and can rotate in the schedule with others! **Let the church office or Pam Kunzman know and we’ll train you!**

**Join Community Time**, held each Sunday morning (except this holiday weekend), beginning at 9:30 in the Fellowship Hall.

**This Wednesday:** Our first **Wednesday night community event**, September 11, 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall! **All are invited** to gather as a community for food and fellowship. The theme for our first Wednesday gathering is *‘school’*. We will be bringing items for MCC school kits to assemble but will also play old fashioned school games (e.g., jacks, pick-up-sticks, string games, yo-yos). Hope you can make it. If you have any questions, contact Vicki Hinz-Ensz

**WMS** will meet for coffee with **Don and June Diller** at Samaritan Springs on Wednesday afternoon at 3:00 pm. Please bring a treat to share.

This Sunday is the first meeting of the **Young Adult Sunday School** class. We will meet in the nursery at 9:30.

**We are collecting school supplies for MCC school kits.** The kits will be put together on Wednesday evening, September 11th. There is a collection box in the narthex for donated supplies

- Spiral or perforated-page notebooks (8.5 in x 11 in)
- New unsharpened pencils
- Ruler (flat, good quality; must indicate 30 cm. Inch markings optional)
- Colored pencils (in packaging)
- Large eraser
- New black or blue ballpoint pens
- Small all-metal pencil sharpener (one or two holes)

**Next Sunday is the Church Picnic**, September 15, 5:00 p.m. at Chautauqua Park Tabernacle. Dan has let Shepards know what each group is requested to bring to compliment pulled pork sandwiches. Come have fun!

Look for your **WMS order form for nuts!** Orders are due October 1.

**October 20.** That’s the date for the **FMC Mini Auction**. Circle it on your calendar! Start making sale items to raise \$\$\$ for MCC!

**New Kids Books donated to the Library:** *“My First Little Home Books”:* *County Fair; Going to Town; Winter on the Farm; Winter Days in the Big Woods.* Come see these great new books for kids!

**First Mennonite Church General Fund Summary for August**

General Fund Balance 7/31/24	(4,012.26)
August general fund offerings	11,238.00
August expenses	<u>(16,286.29)</u>
General Fund Balance 8/31/24	(9,060.55)

**Camp Mennoscah Annual Meeting** September 22! Details coming! **Thank you** to the many summer youth camp volunteers. We had 403 campers!

**Big Give Gage 2024** is September 12. Among the participating non-profits are Mother to Mother and Sewing for Babies. More info is at [biggivegage.org](http://biggivegage.org)

**Spaghetti Dinner today** at the 4-H Building with proceeds used for building improvements. Serving from 10:00 to 1:30 pm.

**Ice Cream Social** Sept 29, 5-7 pm at Holmesville Church of the Brethren. Proceeds to support South Gage Food Pantry, Wymore.