

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

Serving Today:

Pastor: Roger Neufeld Smith Worship Leader: Neal Trantham
Pianist: Jan Reimer Children's Story: Dan Kunzman
PPT: Debbie Goossen Live stream: Henry Trantham
Hosts: Lynn & Sue Gerber Audio: Marv Goossen
Ushers: Kent Hohensee & Kyle Riesen

Last Sunday Offerings: FMC \$4,525; Pastor's Housing Fund \$1,500.

Last Sunday Attendance: 56

Happening this week:

Sunday, July 10 9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all
 10:30 a.m. Worship
 4:00 p.m. Inurnment for Carol Epp
Tuesday, July 12 1:30 p.m. WMS Quilting and Tying
Sunday, July 17 9:30 a.m. Sunday School,
 10:30 a.m. Worship

July Birthdays

7: Tracy Crawford 11: Dan Kunzman
13: Marv Goossen, Larry Thimm
14: Maria DeBloc, Mary Jane Zimmerman
15: Alexandra Goossen 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** 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.
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- Shop at smile.amazon.com to support Mother to Mother Ministries with your Amazon purchases!
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Please contact the following with concerns or questions:

- **Special Needs: Deacons** Vern Jantzen (402-230-0011), Don Esau (402-223-9210), Vicki Hinz-Ensz (402-239-4174)
 - **Church related concerns:** Chair Dorothy Zimmerman (402-239-9437)
 - **Bulletin items:** Vicki Frerking (402-239-5312 or the church phone/ email)
 - **Prayer Requests:** Pastor Roger, 785-220-1968 or rogerneufeldsmith@gmail.com
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Welcome to First Mennonite Church
July 10, 2022

Welcome

Neal Trantham

A Call to Worship (Inspired by Romans 12:2, John 17:14-19)

L: We are called to be people of faith in the midst of the world,

**P: and so we mix our worship and our work,
our faith and our life.**

L: We gather here as people who live in the world and yet,

**P: we gather as people who have been called to see the world
from a different viewpoint.**

L: God has called us together,

P: God has called us to be part of a community.

L: In this time together, may God open our hearts, minds
and eyes,

P: allowing us to see deeper,

L: helping us to live in the world

P: while still offering a challenge to the ways of the world.

ALL: We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

~ posted by Rev Gord on his blog, **Worship Offerings**. <http://worshipofferings.blogspot.ca/>

Prayer

Neal Trantham

Hymn: "Guide My Feet"

VT 816

New Testament Reading: Matthew 28:16-20

NT page 41

Children's Story

Dan Kunzman

Hymn: "This Little Light of Mine"

VT 762

Affirmation of Faith:

L: We are a pilgrim people, always on the way towards the
promised goal;

**P: on the way, Christ sustains us with his presence and his
word.**

L: We have the gift of the Spirit

P: in order that we may not lose the way.

L: We will live and work within the faith and unity of the one Church of Jesus Christ,

P: bearing witness to that unity which is both Christ's gift and his will.

L: We affirm that every member of the church is engaged to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

P: Together with all the people of God, we will serve the world for which Christ died,

ALL: as we await with hope the day of the Lord Jesus.

~ adapted from the *Basis of Union of the Uniting Church in Australia*.

Posted on David Beswick's **Worship and Preaching** website. <http://www.beswick.info/>

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 42:5-12, 16

OT page 821

Sermon: "Singing a New Song"

Hymn: "Summoned by the God Who Made Us"

VT 1

Sharing and Prayer

Blessing

Offering for Western District Conference in the narthex

Go to <https://www.youtube.com/c/fmcbeatrice> for a **live stream** of the service. The service is also available on FM 107.5 in our parking lot.

Join us for Sunday School this summer! All generations meet together at 9:30 a.m. for informal sessions to connect through social time, encounter God's Word through a Bible Story, explore the story further through activities and games, and close with prayer.

Family and friends are invited to attend the **inurnment of Carol Epp today at 4 p.m.** in the church cemetery. **Please note the time change.**

First Mennonite Church members: Thanks for all the food and monetary gifts you give to the Community Food Pantry. Your generosity is truly appreciated. We are serving more people than ever and our shelves are getting empty. –Karen Mains, Food Pantry Coordinator

WANTED! In Person or Virtual Delegates for the WDC Annual Assembly July 29-31 at Camp Copass, TX. Please talk to Dorothy Zimmerman if you are interested. You can travel in a van leaving from North Newton, KS.

To Give Away! Oak credenzas in Sunday School Room 31 are available for the taking until July 23. Any left at that time will be taken to Habitat for Humanity Restore. There are also **electronic items** downstairs on a table to be given away. They will be available until July 23. After that, they will be taken to an electronic recycling facility.

WMS is in need of new flat twin sheets to use as backing for tied quilts. If you can supply any, please put them on the west counter in the kitchen.

Mary Jane Zimmerman continues to convalesce at Tabitha at the Landing, 6208 S 34th St, #6126, Lincoln, NE 68516.

Gerald Jantzen continues to recuperate at the Good Samaritan, 401 S 22nd St, #309, Beatrice, NE 68310. We keep Gerald and Rogena in our prayers.

Church Picnic! September 11, 5 p.m. Chautauqua Tabernacle.

MCC Golf Sign up: It's time to sign up for the MCC Golf Tourney held at the Kearney Country Club in Kearney, NE on July 30th. It's a 2 Person Scramble with Cart, Lunch, Awards, and Flag Prizes included. Look for the poster in your church or at [facebook.com/NebraskaMCCGolf](https://www.facebook.com/NebraskaMCCGolf) for details. Email NebraskaMCCGolf@gmail.com or contact Glen at 402-560-7818 via voice or text to sign your team up. Sign up prior to July 15 preferred.

Now that the Special Session of the Delegate Assembly is over, and the resolutions have passed, you may have questions about what it all means. Join Mennonite Church USA Executive Board and staff members for the **"Special Session of the Delegate Assembly: What now?" webinar**, July 18 at 6 p.m. CDT for answers. Register here: mennoniteusa.org/webinar-whats-next

July 11-15th is Family Fun Week @ Summit Street Church

This family fun week of activities is for kids through to the 5th grade, with a guardian/family member staying and participating alongside them! We will meet from nine to noon on Monday July 11th to Friday July 15th. There will be fun, singing, crafts, nature learning, games, snacks, and interactive Bible stories!

Our theme "You Are..." will explore who we are in the eyes of Jesus.

You are... loved, unique, kind, peacemaker, loving.

You can learn more about this event on our facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/SummitStreetChurch>

MCC School Kit season is right around the corner! MCC is working to fulfill requests for school kits from partner organizations in Jordan, Ukraine, Malawi, Syria, Iraq, and Haiti.

Here are some things to keep in mind when making school kits this year:

-Sewn school kit bags may be requested from the MCC Material Resources Center if needed.

-MCC in North Newton has a large supply of pink erasers, so feel free to skip erasers and they'll be added when the kit is checked at MCC.

-The pencil sharpeners need to be metal, not plastic.

-You can find the directions for school kits at mcc.org, or reach out to Kate at katemast@mcc.org or 316.283.2720 with any questions.

As a way to assist the new immigrant families in our community get established, we are working to arrange a 'grocery drop-off' for each household during the third week of each of the months of June, July, and August. This will give us an opportunity to briefly meet them when you drop the groceries by as well as give them encouragement as they are working hard to provide for their families. If you are interested in helping, please put your name under the household/month you want to bring groceries. There is an envelope below the sign-up sheet that gives you contact information, process for delivering, and some ideas of staples that would help the family. Basically, this is what it would involve:

- Purchase some of the staples listed for the family on the information sheet
- Call Kathy Linsenmeyer (402-806-0111) to arrange a time you can deliver the groceries during the 3rd week of the month (she knows their working schedules and will arrange it with the families)
- She will text them when you are coming and they will either meet you at the door or come out to where you park to receive the groceries
- You do not need to feel like you have to speak Spanish to drop the groceries by – Kathy will arrange all of that

Please give Jim Ensz a call (402-239-0062) if you have questions. Thank you for all you have already done to help welcome the newcomers to our community.

Conflict is a normal part of life, but learning how to work through it is key. MCC has a resource to help you work through divisive issues, a new adult Sunday school curriculum, [Peaceful Practices: A guide to healthy communication in conflict](#). It invites churchgoers to follow Jesus' call to peacemaking through dialogue with each other. To follow up on the Peaceful Practices curriculum, MCC has two conversation guides, to help congregations dialogue on sensitive topics. *#BlackLivesMatter: Can we have a conversation?* and *Critical Race Theory: How should race education be taught in schools?* are available for download.

Register for MCC's July 26th, 3pm CDT webinar: **Creative Housing Solutions for Refugees & Asylum Seekers**. When refugees and asylum seekers first arrive in the United States, they need a safe place to call home. The affordable housing crisis has greatly impacted this. Learn about different ways the faith community is offering creative housing solutions.

Your donations to help send FMC young people to camp may be put in the offering plate, marked **"FMC Camp Fund"**.

"Why should I take part in WDC Annual Assembly?" I've heard this question over and over. I get it. Many of us are tired. We're assessing if we have the energy to participate, especially after attending the MC USA Special Delegate Session. Others are working very hard and wonder if we can take time off. Then there are the financial considerations.

Your Annual Assembly Planning Team has heard your concerns. We are doing our best to make WDC Annual Assembly 2022 inspiring, inexpensive, and energizing. Here are some highlights to expect:

- Time for fellowship and conversation over comforter tying, a cup of coffee, around delegate tables, or on the way to prayer by the lake
 - Space for fun activities together—swimming, basketball, horseshoes, puzzles, mini golf, board games, fishing, gaga ball, giant coloring pages, and Menno Jeopardy (and more!)
 - Delegates will consider inviting into WDC membership a congregation from outside of the US, have table discussions, release another congregation, and consider next year's budget and slate of volunteers
 - Inspiring worship and communion with preachers Dianne Garcia, Pastor of Family Ministry, San Antonio Mennonite Church, and Heidi Regier Kreider, Conference Minister
 - Workshops with themes to challenge and inspire you. Here are just a few: Church planting, the danger of Christian Nationalism, communion, why healthy boundaries are important, and more
 - Discounted costs thanks to generous underwriters and donors. Five meals for \$28! Housing for two nights for \$135 (or even less if you bring your camper). Youth get special discounts of \$25 for the whole weekend! Bring your kids, youth, and non-delegate friends.
 - Lots of hearty food and "table talk." Want to talk about faith formation? Sit down at the Resource Commission or Resource Library table. Want to learn more about disaster relief? Join Tim at the MDS table. Saturday lunch and supper will have many options for conversation partners. You can also join friends at a table without a set theme.
 - You can choose whether to participate virtually or in-person. Virtual delegates will have access to online workshops and prerecorded videos, as well as the delegate sessions (including conversation in break-out rooms).
- Anyone may join worship virtually by going to YouTube Live "Western**

District Conference (MC USA). Consider a “watch party” with members of your congregation who won’t be at Camp Copass.

Whether virtually or in-person, we hope you’ll join us for WDC Annual Assembly 2022 as we are “United in Purpose, Together in Love.” Wherever two or three are gathered in Christ’s name, the risen One is with us. We look forward to being together with God and each other!

-Kathy Neufeld Dunn, WDC Associate Conference Minister and Annual Assembly Coordinator