

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

Serving Today: Pastor: Roger Neufeld Smith
Worship Leader: Brett Esau Piano: Vicki Hinz-Ensz
Children's Story: Neal Trantham PPT: Lori Thimm
Hosts: Lynn & Sue Gerber Audio: Jim Ensz
Ushers: John Regier & Jim Hamm Live stream: John Thimm
Greeters: **NEEDED** Speaker: Samuel Sarpiya
Guest Pianist: Ignacio Francisco Ramos

Last Sunday Offerings: FMC \$8300.99; Camp Fund \$100;
Cemetery Fund \$500

Last Sunday Attendance: 97

Happening this week:

Sunday, June 19	9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all 10:30 a.m. Worship with Communion 11:30 a.m. Congregational Vote for Pastoral Candidate
Tuesday, June 21	1:30 p.m. WMS Quilting & tying
Sunday, June 26	9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all 10:30 a.m. Worship with MDS Report

June Birthdays

3: Dorothy Zimmerman	4: Dave Stutzman
8: Neal Trantham	14: Edna Ensz
16: Van Vanderschaaf, Kollyns Hohensee	
20: Gayland Regier	22: Rikki Hohensee
27: Debra Goossen	28: June Diller

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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

June 19, 2022

Communion Sunday

Welcome

Brett Esau

A Call to Worship for Communion Sunday

L: Today we gather around God's table from near and far

P: We are the People of God!

L: Though we differ in language, custom, and tradition

P: We are brothers and sisters in Christ!

L: For there is one Lord, one faith, and one baptism

P: We are One in God's Spirit!

L: We are one and together we remember our Lord Jesus

P: For we are the people of Redemption!

L: He gave himself up for us, so we could be reconciled to God.

P: Come, let us worship the God of our Salvation!

Prayer

Hymn: "In Christ there is no East or West"

VT 390

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 133

Brett Esau

Children's Story

Neal Trantham

Special Music by Ignacio Francisco Ramos

Gospel Reading: selected verses from John 13

Sermon: "The Way of Peace in Our Polarized World"

Recorded message from Samuel Sarpiya
given at MC USA Special Session

COMMUNION CELEBRATION

Sunday Singers: "Seeds, Scattered and Sown"

Invitation to Communion

VT 939

L: The table has been prepared, as Jesus requested, and we are invited to the meal.

P: Come to the table –

L: like Peter, with more enthusiasm than resolve, like James and John, dismayed by the priorities of of God’s reign.

P: Come to the table –

L: like Martha, hosting, and leading with confidence, like Mary, full of love and grief.

P: Come to the table –

L: like Judas, disillusioned and rebellious, like Mary Magdalene, faithful to the end.

P: Come to the table –

L: Jesus offers the bread and the cup.

P: Come to the table of Christ.

Pledge of Love

VT 937

L: Friends, as we gather to eat the bread and drink the cup, let us respond with the pledge of love:

Will you love God before all things, in the power of God’s living Word, and join yourself to God’s way?

ALL: By the grace of God, I will.

L: Will you love and serve our neighbors, and lay down your life through the power of Jesus Christ, who laid down his life for us?

ALL: By the grace of God, I will.

L: Will you support and challenge one another, speak and hear the truth, cease what causes harm to our neighbors, and do good to our enemies?

ALL: By the grace of God, I will.

L: May the Spirit of God who calls the church to Christ’s Supper give us the grace, strength, and patience to live this pledge of love.

ALL: Amen

Words of Institution

Receiving the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Response Hymn: “*Sent Forth by God’s Blessing*”

VT 812

Sharing and Prayer

Blessing

VT 1050

L: From where we are to where you need us:

P: Jesus, now lead on.

L: From the familiarity of what we know to the wonder of what you will reveal:

P: Jesus, now lead on.

L: To transform the fabric of this world until it resembles the shape of your kingdom:

P: Jesus, now lead us.

L: Because good things have been prepared for those who love God:

ALL: Jesus, now lead us.

Offering to First Mennonite Church on your way out.

Following the service today, we will hear from the **Pastoral Search Committee** as they formally recommend to the congregation to extend an offer to Pastoral Candidate Josh Janzen to be our full time pastor. **A vote** will be taken and if Josh is approved by the congregation, he will begin at FMC on Monday, August 29.

Our prayers are with Pastor Roger at the death of his mother, Evelyn Penner Smith, who passed away Tuesday morning, June 14, in Newton, KS after a long battle with dementia. She was 92. Services are being held tomorrow at First Mennonite Church in Newton, KS at 11:00 a.m.

Please accept our **heartfelt thanks** for all the ways you assisted in helping us care for our wife, mother and grandmother **Arylis Goertzen**. You were there with us in so many different ways with your prayers, visits, phone calls, texts and food. We cannot say thank you enough. We appreciated your thoughtfulness and it meant so much to us to have you help us out along the difficult journey we just completed. Thanks so very much. **-Dick and the families of Candace, Holly and Robbyn.**

“We were supposed to spend the rest of our lives with her.

And then we realized... she spent the rest of her life with us.

We smile because we know She Loved us till the day she went away.

And she will keep loving us... till the day we’re together again.”

Our guest pianist for the prelude and offertory is Ignacio Francisco Ramos who is the son-in-law of Mil and Ruth Penner. The Penner family is gathering for a family reunion here this weekend.

Join us for Summer Sunday School! It's arranged to have **all generations** meet together for an informal sessions where we will connect through social time, encounter God's Word through a Bible Story, explore the story further through activities and games, and close with prayer. Every Sunday this summer at 9:30 in the fellow ship hall.

There are containers on the west cupboard in the kitchen that need to be picked up. Please check if any belong to you.

Gerald Jantzen is recuperating at Beatrice Good Sam following his gall bladder surgery. His address is 401 S 22nd, Room 309, Beatrice, NE.

Let's Learn to Sew! Have you wanted to learn how to sew? Meet us in Burwood Books on Monday, July 11 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. to learn some basic hand sewing. Bring something that needs mended; a button on a shirt, something that has a rip or needs hemming. Please RSVP in Burwood Books or Face book by July 5th so we have enough teachers. This will be a mom only event. FMC is partnering with MTM to teach this basic sewing class. Anyone that is interested is welcome. Please contact Lori Thimm or Vicki Hinz-Ensz if you have any questions.

We ask God to guard and protect the young people from FMC who are attending Mennonite camps this summer. Please consider donating to the **FMC Camp Fund** to help send seven FMC young people to Camp Mennoscah this summer and two young adults to Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp. You may put your donation in the offering plate, with the notation "**FMC Camp Fund**".

2022 Nebraska Mennonite Relief Sale Golf Tournament will be Saturday, July 30, 9 a.m. at the Kearney Country Club. Register by July 15 for the two person scramble at nebraskamccgolf@gmail.com

WDC Annual Assembly July 29-31, 2022 at Camp Copass, Denton, TX: in person and virtual. Speakers include Conference Minister Heidi Regier Kreider and Dianne Garcia, Pastor of Family Life at San Antonio Mennonite Church who will speak on how their church ministers to those who pass through their community. **Drivers are needed for 15 passenger vans** to go to the Assembly. Email Kathy at kathynd@mennowdc.org or call 316-283-6300 for more information.

This service is being live streamed on **You Tube** at <https://www.youtube.com/c/fmcbeatrice>. The service is also available on FM 107.5 in our parking lot.

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) or contact him if you have questions. Thank you for all you have already done to help welcome the newcomers to our community.

The Mennonite World Conference Assembly, July 5-10, 2022, in Indonesia, is a space to learn about our brothers and sisters from different parts of the world. All will have the opportunity to gather online or in person, to worship, fellowship and study the Bible together while learning about how Jesus invites us to overcome barriers," says Jardely Martínez, Youth Program Coordinator. "This year we learn about the Mennonite churches in Indonesia, their culture and their worldview on community, faith and discipleship."

Registration through the virtual hub at <https://mwc-cmm.org>, gives you an all-access pass to the virtual Assembly. Here you can access live streams of the daily plenary sessions, participate in hybrid and online workshops and discussions, as well as follow the Assembly on-site through short videos highlighting what is happening in each moment throughout each day. You will also be able to participate in mixed online and on-site small groups, where interpreters will facilitate conversations between languages so you can discuss with people throughout the world. This is a wonderful opportunity to connect with fellow Mennonites across the world.