



# FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

*In Christ -  
Making Disciples through  
Loving Relationships.*

Worship 10:30 a.m.  
**August 27, 2023**

## Celebrating the Harvest/Celebrating Abundance

*The celebration called the **Festival of Booths** or **Feast of Tabernacles** or **Sukkot** points to God's abundant provision for the people: the abundance of time to take a break and rest; the abundance of food in the harvest; the abundance of resources that allows for people to give offerings; and the reminder of the wilderness time when God provided manna and quail from heaven and water in the desert.*

Gathering Music  
Welcome, Announcements

Jenny Epp  
Deryll Amstutz

Focus Music  
\*Call to Worship

Jenny  
Responsive

Let anyone who is thirsty come!  
**We come to receive the living water.**  
Let anyone who is hungry come!  
**There is enough food for all.**  
Let anyone who is tired come!  
**God calls us to a time of holy rest.**  
Let anyone who is grateful come  
**And join this celebration!**  
Thirsty and hungry, tired and grateful,  
**we come together now in worship.**

\*Prayer  
\*Hymn

*"Uyai mose (Come All You People)"*

Deryll  
VT 2

Focus on the Book of Mark – chapter 6

Jan Amstutz

Moment of Wonder/Time for God's Children

Deryll

Scripture 1	Leviticus 23	Glen Diener & Jan
Hymn	<i>“God of the Fertile Fields”</i>	VT 750
Scripture	John 7:1-46	Glen & Jan
Sharing and Prayer		Deryll
*Bringing Our First Fruits: <i>“We Plow the Fields and Scatter”</i>		VT 747
Special Music		Jenny
Scripture Message	Matthew 23	Deryll
Hymn	<i>“Rain Down”</i>	VT 703
*Challenge –		Deryll
*Benediction		
Sending Music		Jenny
<i>*Stand if you are able</i>		

### **Among Our Friends and in Our Prayers:**

- Praise God for the abundance of peppernuts and hard workers this past week!
- Back surgery went very well - praise God!
- Remember in prayer those with the challenges of cancer.
- Listen for God’s direction about your participation with the FMC body of Christ in coming fall events: Arts & Crafts Fair ministry, Prayer times, and “Church, Why?” discussions.
- New Member Sunday will be September 24. Stay after for a short reception to welcome our new brothers and sisters!

### **Announcements:**

- We are studying Mark chapter 7 this week!
- The women’s retreat is Sept. 9-10 at Camp Mennoscah. See Norma Duerksen for registration. (Sat. only or spend the night)
- The office administrator will be gone Aug. 30–Sept. 5. Working remotely, feel free to contact.

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