



# First Mennonite Church

## Midweek E-Newsletter

September 27, 2023

### To All Brothers and Sisters In Christ:

#### Next Steps in our Journey - *Latest leadership plans and decisions*

- **Tonight from 7-8:15 pm** the whole church family is invited to come and discuss your insights about the church. Come share your thoughts to the following questions:
  - What are your favorite practices for the church? (Communion, Advent, ...)
  - What do you see as the purpose for these practices?
  - What communicates to you that you are cared for?
  - What does FMC have to uniquely offer to our community?
- **This coming Sunday:**
  - Worldwide Communion Sunday.
  - Pray for Alene Ratzlaff as she will be bringing us a message about God's Presence.
  - Special music by Phil Duerksen on violin, Tom Voth on guitar, and Sue Buchholz on piano.
- **Bring your Bibles!** Deryll Amstutz will be gone for the month of October, so we will not be having visuals projected on the wall. We will use our hymnals.
- **Ministry council** will meet at 5 pm on Monday, October 2 with Kathy Neufeld Dunn from Western District Conference to discuss an interim pastor possibility.

#### Verse for Pondering: **Matthew 28:20b** (NRSV)

“And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

## Among Our Friends and In Our Prayers

- **Praise God for new members to FMC.** What a joy to receive 10 believers into our fellowship!
- Pray for **interim minister possibilities.**
- We received a thank you note from **CORE** for our support. Pray for their ministry!
- **WDC request:** Pray for pastors beginning ministry assignments in WDC congregations, as they offer leadership and get to know new faith communities.

## Upcoming Events

- **Tabor College** invites you to attend **Exaudio 2023**, the Tabor Lectureship in Vocation Service on Monday, Oct. 2. The speaker will be John Fea, PhD, distinguished professor of history at Messiah University. He will speak on "Taking Risks, Seeking Wisdom: God's Call on the Christian College Student" at 10 a.m. and on "Was America Found as a Christian Nation?" at 7 p.m. Both lectures will be in the Richert Auditorium in the Shari Flaming Center for the Arts.
- **Mark chapter 10** this week.
- **Special offering:** October 8 for [MCC Meat Canning](#)
- **Tabor College Homecoming Musical** will be this Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Check their website for tickets.
- **Prayer time** in the sanctuary – [October 4, & 18 at 7:00pm.](#)
- **Discussions about the church** for the whole body – [Tonight, October 11, & November 1.](#)
- Next **Ministries Council meetings:** Oct. 2 at 5 pm and October 12 at 7 pm.

## Other Announcements

- **Camp Mennoscah M&M Project Update: We've made it to \$80,000!**  
The monies that have been brought in for the Mission and Maintenance Project (M&M) now total more than \$80,000! Gifts, small and large, continue to be given to the fund drive, and we are getting closer weekly to our goal of matching the generous gift of \$100,000 that started this matching drive. **Thank you all so much!**

One such gift was given to Camp last Sunday during the 75th Anniversary Kick-Off. Members of the Primetime Sunday School Class, a class for ages 70-90, at **Whitestone Mennonite Church**, Hesston, KS. The class has been gathering funds and presented Camp with a check for \$1000 on Sunday, making them the latest of a long list of Fire Keepers. Marlin and Betta Kym brought the check to Camp on behalf of the class. Whitestone Primetimers, thank you for helping us reach our goal! You are appreciated!

There are **several events** coming up, the income from which will go to support M&M. **Hoffnungsaus** Mennonite Church, Inman, KS, is holding its annual Mission Supper on October 21 with proceeds to go to the M&M Project, and **First Mennonite Church in Beatrice, NE**, is planning to host a breakfast event to raise funds on October 29.

We are almost there! Now is the time to make your donation and become part of the M&M Project and the promise it represents. What better way to celebrate the beginning of the new school year and the end of a great summer of Camp?

You can contact Tammy at the addresses below. Checks can be made to Camp with "M&M" in the memo line, or you can give your gifts online.

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