

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

**Serving Today:**

Worship Leader: Rodney Ensz  
Piano: Vicki and Stella Ensz  
Audio: Marv Goossen  
Children's Story: Jerry Reimer

Pastor: Josh Janzen  
Hosts: Gayland & Marci Regier  
Power point: Symantha Janzen  
Video: Lisa Goossen  
Ushers: Jim & Gayland Regier

**Last Sunday: Attendance:** 96  
**Today's Offering:** FMC

**Offering:** FMC \$3,340  
**Next Sunday:** Mother to Mother

**Coming Up:**

Sunday, April 6

9:30 am Children, Youth, Young Adult &  
Adult Sunday School

Tuesday, April 8

10:30 am Worship

Wednesday, April 9

1:30 pm WMS Quilting & Tying

**Palm Sunday**, April 13

6:30 pm Peace Club & Youth Group

9:30 am Children, Youth, & Adult Sunday  
School

**Maundy Thursday**, April 17

10:30 am Worship

6:00 pm Soup meal, foot washing,  
Worship Service

**Easter Sunday**, April 20

9:30 Intergenerational Sunday School  
10:30 Worship

**April Birthdays**

2: Ella Crawford

5: Sylvia Crawford

7: Henry Trantham

9: Elsie Riesen

13: Blake Thimm & Jacob Janzen

13: Anita Reimer

17: Vicki Hinz-Ensz

20: Sloan Esau

- Ask an usher for assistance with a **hearing device**.
- **We collect** Best Choice labels & used cards and envelopes.
- **Food Pantry items** go in the box in the narthex. Checks go in the offering.
- **Men's Brotherhood Project?** Contact Dan Kunzman or LeRoy Janzen.
- **Our service is viewed** at <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.
- Please **turn off all lights** if you are the **last to leave** the building. Thanks!

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Welcome to First Mennonite Church  
"Christ Collides" April 6, 2025

**Call to Worship**

L: As we worship, Christ collides with our blinders.

**P: We want to know you and follow you, O Christ.**

L: Will you cry to God? Will you climb a tree?

**P: We will journey, scanning the horizon for signs of the kingdom.**

So much is hidden, and at times we do not grasp what God is  
saying.

L: Jesus, show us mercy.

**P: Seek and save us.**

**All: Jesus, show us mercy.**

**Prayer**

**Hymn: "Mountain of God"**

VT 11

**Confession and Assurance**

**All: Loving and merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against  
you.**

L: We have not loved you with all our thoughts, words, and actions.

**P: We have sinned through what we have chosen to do and what  
we have chosen to neglect.**

L: We have not fully accepted your love for us.

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

**P: We walk through our days with blinders on, unable to see or  
understand clearly.**

**All: We repent before each other and before you, our loving God.**

**Please help us open our hearts to society with open hands so  
we may better share your peace in your world, rejoicing in  
your name. Amen**

L: Now hear these **WORDS OF ASSURANCE:** God tells us that we are  
created in God's image. God created us for relationship with  
God and each other. In this, we know that God will never break  
our relationship. God's steadfast love endures forever.

**Offering Hymn: “Will You Come and Follow Me”** VT 540

Offering to First Mennonite Church

### Children’s Story

**Scripture Reading: Luke 18:31-19:10**

**Sermon: Seeing Jesus**

**Hymn: “Open My Eyes That I May See”** VT 738

**Sharing and Prayer**

**Benediction**

**Sending Song: “Christ Has No Body Here but Ours”** VT 568

**Passing the Peace**

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**Welcome!** We're glad you're here and hope to see you again! Our services are on YouTube. Search for FMC Beatrice. The bulletin is on our website: [fmcbeatrice.org](http://fmcbeatrice.org) under the documents tab.

**Pastor Sarah's office hours:** (subject to change due to meetings, etc)  
Sundays & Tuesdays, 9-12; Wednesdays, 1-8; Fridays 9-2

**April 27: FMC Youth Group Fundraising Lunch** at noon, followed by **Safe Sanctuary Training-** Come support the youth fundraiser, then attend the Safe Sanctuary training, required annually for all volunteering adults and youth in the congregation involved in care and activities for infants, children, youth, and handicapped individuals .All congregants are encouraged to come.

**“Kids Meet Christ”,** the new grant-funded worship initiative from Western District Conference, will launch on Saturday, May 3, 11-3 at First Mennonite Church, Newton, KS. Debbie Goossen is attending. **If you would like to attend, please contact Debbie.** Participants will receive a kit of ready-to-use materials for children in worship. This is for anyone (pastors, Sunday School teachers, etc.) who's passionate about children's faith.

**VBS! A volunteer sign up sheet** is in your mailbox. Please consider helping during VBS May 27 - 30. Please **return to Lori Thimm by April 13.**

**Online VBS Registration** and parental consent forms are now available at [fmcbeatrice.org](http://fmcbeatrice.org). - VBS Committee of Lori, Linsey, and Laura

**Maundy Thursday, April 17: 6 p.m.** soup meal, followed by foot washing, and a Tenebrae service. See the food signup sheet on the bulletin board. .

**WMS sent 26 comforters** to the MCC Relief Center in Newton along with 50 bags to be used for school kits. **Thanks to everyone** who came to our quilt blitz and helped tied comforters. It was a great evening!

**CampMennoscah.org:** Register online for **Summer Camp!** FMC will pay for your registration and a T-shirt. Put FMC Beatrice in the sponsorship line.

**Mother To Mother’s “Mother’s Brunch” fundraiser** is Saturday, May 3, at 11:00 am at Vintage Venue in Beatrice. We are looking for corporate or individual sponsorships. If you are interested, please contact Lori Thimm or Josh Janzen. Individual tickets will go on sale in April.

**Ruth Eby Penner**, 86, of N. Newton, KS, passed away on March 30 after a long struggle with Alzheimer's Disease. She and her husband Marvin raised their family on the family farm near Beatrice before moving to central Kansas. She was a registered nurse and later in life an ordained Mennonite pastor. In her ministry, she served as interim pastor at several churches in Colorado and Kansas and as pastor of New Creation Mennonite Church, Newton, KS. The memorial service will be held at Kidron Bethel Retirement Center in North Newton at 11:00 am on June 12, 2025. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts can be made to MCC and Kidron Bethel Village. Condolences may be sent to Marvin at 3001 Ivy Drive, Apt 303, N. Newton, KS 67117. Her obituary can be read at Petersen Funeral Home, Newton.

**Summit Street Church (SSC) invites you** to our **Community Garage Sale April 10-12** in our parking lot & fellowship hall. If you have items to donate, let us know. On **May 04**, at noon, we'll host a **Taco Bar**. With a free-will offering. All are welcome. If you have questions, please call Pastor Andrew at 402-320-8759 or [andrewsdungan@gmail.com](mailto:andrewsdungan@gmail.com). We hope to see you at both events as we raise money to replace our aged HVAC's.

**The final MONDAYS-IN-LENT** service is April 7 at noon with lunch at 12:30 pm at First Christian Church with Fr. Joseph Faulkner.

**Fish Fry's every Friday**, March 7 – April 11, 5:30 – 7:00 pm at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 6<sup>th</sup> & High. (Enter at NE School Doors). Baked & fried fish, sides, desserts & drinks \$12 Adults, \$6 kids 4-10, families \$40 max.

The annual **Mayor's Prayer Breakfast** is April 8, with breakfast at 6:00 am and program beginning at 7:00 am at the Vintage Venue, 620 Court St. Tickets are \$15 and available at Uhl's Sporting Goods or by emailing [karenditbrenner@gmail.com](mailto:karenditbrenner@gmail.com). Speaker is Haven Fields, Husker Athletics Deputy Athletic Director/Chief Operating Officer.