

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

Serving Today: Pastor: Josh Janzen
Worship Leader: Vern Jantzen Pianist: Vicki Ensz & Kathy Casey
Hosts: Gayland & Marcia Regier Power point: Lori Thimm
Audio: Jim Ensz Video: John Thimm
Ushers: Doug Casey & Gayland Regier Kid's Time: Erin VanderSchaaf

Last Sunday Attendance: 71 Offering: FMC \$4,956

Christmas Eve Attendance: 115

Today's Offering: Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary

Next Week's Offering: FMC

Coming Up this Week:

Sunday, Dec 28	9:30 am Adult Sunday School 10:30 am Worship
Wednesday, December 31	6:00 pm New Year's Eve Communion Service
Sunday, January 4	9:30 am Adult Sunday School 10:30 am Worship

December Birthdays:

4: Maxson Esau	6: Kristin Ruiz
9: Cara Esau, Vern Jantzen, Bill Thimm	10: Gene Penner
11: Lori Thimm	13: Laura Baade, Bill Epp
14: Paula Heinz	
17: Rogena Jantzen, Wendy Kyser, Dick Goertzen	
20: Ann Reimer, Brett Esau	25: Dick Penner
29: John Penner	

*You can find our services on YouTube (search for FMCBeatrice).
The bulletin is at fmcbeatrice.org under documents.

*If you use the **nursery**, please clean up after using it. Thanks!

*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 for the food pantry may go in the offering plate.

***Men's Brotherhood Project?** Contact Dan Kunzman or LeRoy Janzen.

*Last to leave the church? Please **turn off all lights!**

*Visit mennowdc.org to see what's new at Western District Conference.

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Vicki Hinz-Ensz (402-239-4174), **Church Chair:** Jerry Reimer (402-239-2716)



Welcome to First Mennonite Church
December 28, 2025
First Sunday after Christmas

Welcome

Call to Worship

Leader: In the wilderness, a voice cries out: "Prepare the way of the Lord!"

P: We have heard the call; we have watched for the light.

L: The One we waited for has come – a gentle dove, a vulnerable child.

P: We have seen the Christ child among the poor; we have heard the soft flutter of wings.

L: This is how God arrives among us – not in power and might, but in vulnerable love.

P: Your ways are not our ways, O God.

L: Come, let us worship the One who has come among us, the Lamb of God, the light of the world.

All: We stand in amazement – Christ has been revealed!

Prayer

Hymn 261: "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

Advent Candle Lighting

Don & Judy Jantzen

Reader 1: We have been waiting in the long, dark night, waiting for your light of hope, peace, joy, and love to reveal itself and shine on us. Shine in us.

Reader 2: Come, Light of the world. Amaze us!

All: May your light shine through the dark, illuminating your path, illuminating our souls.

Responding Hymn 211: "Hope Is a Candle"

Children's Story

Offering Hymn 248: "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"

Offering for AMBS

Scripture: John 1: 19-34

Sermon: “Be Amazed: God Among Us Still”

Pastor Josh

Hymn 220: “Prepare the Way! The Prophet Called”

Sharing and Prayer

Benediction

Sending Song 252: “Go Tell it on the Mountain”

Passing the Peace

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WMS has extra nuts to sell: Pecans \$13, English Walnuts \$8.50, Black Walnuts \$10.50. Contact Lori Thimm, 402-239-3611.

Children’s Sunday School is on winter break and resumes on January 11, at 9:30 a.m.

Please inform the office of any changes in address, phone numbers, or emails before the 2026 Directory is printed in January.

MDS Nebraska Unit is in immediate need of a **Treasurer/Secretary AND a Board Chair** to serve Nebraska residents in need of hope after a disaster. In this role board members would help lead the unit in projects and represent the unit at both Regional and National MDS gatherings. Please prayerfully consider serving those recovering from disasters in one of these important MDS positions. Contact LeRoy Janzen (leroyjprecisefab@gmail.com 402.806.0094) if you are interested in serving MDS or would like to nominate someone you feel would do well in one of these roles.

Amanda Abdunazarov passed away Saturday, December 27, following a long battle of declining health. She attended our church for a short time a number of years ago.

Winter/Spring Faith Formation Schedules have been emailed and are available by the mailboxes.

Parents, caregivers, and grandparents are invited to join a **book study of *Woven* by Meredith Miller**, facilitated by Western District Conference. The book explores how to nurture healthy faith in children. The group will meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month from 7:30–8:30 p.m., beginning January 13 and concluding April 7. If you are interested, please talk with Pastor Sarah.

Community Food Pantry struggles to keep shelves full this time of year with additional community family needs. Please consider donating food, hygiene items, or money to them.

MCC’s Great Winter Warm-up! From January to March, the goal is 10,000 comforters to help spread warmth, joy and comfort to people around the world.

Bethel College Kauffman Museum has available to view through December 31 a 17th century Bible from the family of the last Jake T. Friesen and a medallion made by John P. Klassen to commemorate MCC’s war and famine relief in Ukraine in the early 1920’s. Holiday hours: closed Mondays; Christmas Eve and New Year’s Eve, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.; Christmas Day and New Year’s Day, closed; non-holiday weekdays, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; weekends, 1:30-4:30 p.m. Small fee for museum admission. For more information, visit kauffmanmuseum.org or the museum’s Facebook page.

Camp Mennoscah needs: (visit their website for more information)

- **Summer staff applications** for the 2026 Summer Camps are open.
- **A volunteer to work with the camp website.** This would include regularly updating information and potentially a complete overhaul of the website itself. The details of the work would depend on the skills of the volunteer and time they have available. Please contact office@campmennoscah.org or call 620-297-3290 to start the conversation.
- **Thank you to everyone who has gifted us wish list items!** We would be happy to receive kitchen knives, "restaurant style" hot pads, replacement ping pong table net with clamps, and plastic cutting boards (no smaller than 12"X18", larger is fine). Office-related items include copier paper, postage stamps, and sticky notes. Toilet paper and kitchen/white paper towels are always welcome! Contact office@campmennoscah.org with questions.