

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

Serving Today: Pastor: Josh Janzen
Worship Leader: Rodney Ensز Organist: Erin VanderSchaaf
Hosts: Gayland & Marci Regier Powerpoint: Symantha Janzen
Audio: Daryl Riesen Video: Kathy Casey
Ushers: Brandon Esau & Jake Janzen Kid's Time: Grace Tegtmeier

Last Sunday: Attendance: 70 **Offering:** WDC \$1,397; FMC \$ 210
Today's Offering: First Mennonite Church
Next Week's Offering: Mother to Mother

Coming Up this Week:

Sunday, February 1	9:30 am Kids & Youth Sunday School and Baptism Class
	10:30 am Worship
Tuesday, February 3	1:30 pm WMS
Wednesday, Feb 4	6:30 pm Community Meal Event for All
Sunday, Feb 8	9:30 am Adult, Kids, Youth Sunday School and Baptism Class
	10:30 am Worship

Late January Birthdays

26: Don Esau, John Thimm 29: Randall Ensز

February Birthdays

2: Doug Casey 4: Jim Ensز
7: Bryan Heinz 9: Ross Reimer
16: Samantha Tegtmeier 26: Elijah VanderSchaaf

*You can find our services on YouTube: www.youtube.com/c/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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Welcome to First Mennonite Church
February 1, 2026

Welcome

Call to Worship

L: Come, walk the road with God. Come, and let your hearts burn within you.

P: We come, seeking the presence of Christ along the way.

L: Come, listen for the One who meets us in our sorrow, our questions, and our hopes.

P: We come, ready to recognize Christ in our midst.

L: Come and open your eyes and your hearts to the ordinary moments where God is revealed.

P: We come, ready to see God at the table, in our homes, and in our streets.

ALL: Come, let us worship the God who walks with us, who listens, and who breaks bread with us.

Prayer

Hymn 6: "Let's Walk Together"

Confession & Assurance

L: Holy God, we confess that we often miss You along the road.

P: We hurry through our days and fail to notice Your presence.

L: We cling to certainty, yet You meet us in the ordinary and unexpected.

P: Forgive us for the times we overlook Your work in our neighbors and in our lives.

L: We forget to slow down, to pay attention, to invite You to stay.

P: Forgive us, O God, and teach us to linger, to welcome, to see You at the table.

L: Hear the good news! Christ meets us even when we do not recognize Him. Christ walks with us, listens to us, and opens our eyes.

P: In Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

Offering Hymn 743: "Just a Closer Walk with Thee" Offering for FMC

Children's Story

Scripture: Luke 24: 13-35

Sermon: "Walking and Breaking"

Pastor Josh

Hymn 592: "How Firm a Foundation"

Sharing and Prayer

Benediction

Sending Song 847: "You Shall Go Out with Joy"

Welcome to all worshipping with us here and on YouTube: www.youtube.com/c/fmcbeatrice. Bookmark this link for easy access. "Like" it and subscribe. The bulletin is at fmcbeatrice.org under the documents tab.

Peace Club Families: We are excited to begin the spring session of Peace Club. We kick off the sessions on Wednesday, February 11, with prayer partners and members. The upcoming meeting dates are February 11, 25, March 11, 18, 25, April 8, 15, 22 with the final session on April 29 with prayer partners. The meeting time is 6:30-7:30 pm at FMC. Please mark your calendars. – Kathy Casey, Barb Thimm, Sue Gerber, Jane Esau.

We're updating names and numbers on the Prayer Chain. If you would like to be on the Prayer Chain, please text or call Sue Gerber, 402-239-8857

Members of the church who are interested in helping plan for **FMC's 150th celebration** in 2027 should contact Debbie Goossen or Vern Jantzen.

If you would like a pdf of the 2026 directory emailed to you, please send an email request to office@fmcbeatrice.org.

Dwelling Near-In this new year, you are invited to notice God's presence where you live, work, and move each day. Over six weeks, we'll explore how Jesus meets us in *this place*, among *these people*, and calls us into faithful living through *proximity and presence*. Each week, Scripture and simple spiritual practices will help us pause, pay attention, and recognize God at work before us. This series is a gentle but intentional invitation to practice discipleship close to the ground—preparing our hearts for the journey toward Lent.

First 2026 Wednesday Community Event, this week, Feb 4, 6:30 p.m...
We will eat a meal together, have an opportunity to write/create valentine cards for others, and visit and enjoy time together. We invite all age groups to come; the evening is very informal and provides an opportunity to catch up with each other.

Ways to help support our Wednesday Community Event

- Ø Help set up tables and chairs (9 tables with 8 chairs).
- Ø Donate toward the cost of food (a basket will be available the evening of the event, or you can put a donation in the offering plate with a memo indicating for the Wednesday Community Event)
- Ø Contact Vicki Hinz-Ensz or Lori Thimm if you would like to help prep the meal (this would mostly involve picking up items/supplies needed for the meals)
- Ø Pray for our community events
- Ø Come join in!

Andrew S. Dungan's Ordination has been rescheduled for next Sunday, February 8 at 9:30 at Summit Street Church is being ordained February 8 at 9:30 a.m. Associate Conference Minister Kathy Neufeld Dunn will be conducting the Ordination. Congratulations and God's Blessings to Andrew Dungan on his ordination! The Adult Sunday School class of FMC is attending his ordination.

Camp Mennoscah has a few specific needs that remain toward completion of the retreat center! Care to help with attic insulation? exterior concrete pads? carpet? IT materials and installation? Lighting upgrades? To express your church's, interest in crossing these last few items off the list by March 31, text our Development office at 620.755.2583.

Kiwanis Pancake Feed to benefit BHS's Family Consumer Science program next Sunday, Feb 1, 7:30 am – 1:00 pm at the Veteran's Club, 701 Dorsey St. Students will be participating and learning our secrets! Adults \$10, children to age 12 \$5, 3 & under free.

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

You are invited to the **MCC Central States annual meeting** on Saturday, March 7 at 11 a.m. at MCC Central States, 121 E. 30th St, North Newton

Celebrating 50 years of More-with-Less! Share stories of food, joy, and resilience to help celebrate the 50th anniversary of the *More-with-Less* cookbook. Go to <https://bit.ly/MoreWithLess50> to learn more and to submit stories, blessings or ideas for simple approaches to sharing food and fellowship. Please share your story by Feb. 15 for a chance to be featured in the upcoming 50th anniversary edition or additional digital resources—and receive a chocolate oatmeal cake recipe as thanks!