

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

Serving Today:

Worship Leader: Rodney Ensz

Hosts: Don & Judy Jantzen

Audio: Larry Thimm

Ushers: Lynn Gerber & Bill Thimm

Last Sunday: Attendance: 82 Offering: FMC \$4,116

Today's Offering: MDS Next Week's Offering: FMC

Coming Up this Week:

Sunday, January 11

9:30 am Adult, Youth Sunday School
Baptism Class

Tuesday, January 13

10:30 am Worship
1:30 pm WMS
6:00 pm Education Council, old & new
7:00 pm Church Board, old & new mbrs
9:30 am Adult, Youth Sunday School
10:30 am Worship

Thursday, Jan 15

Sunday, January 18

6: Ryan Hohensee
8: Doris Claassen
10: Jan Reimer
14: John Regier
17: Ron Janzen
21: Robbyn Hohensee
29: Randall Ensz

January Birthdays

2: Christina Lyons

7: Barb Thimm

9: Jim Wiebe

11: Beckett Heinz

15: Clara Trantham

19: Kent Hohensee

26: Don Esau, John Thimm

*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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**Welcome to First Mennonite Church
January 11, 2026**

Welcome

Call to Worship

L: We come together in the name of the God who dwells with us — not distant, but near.

**P: God meets us in our streets, in our homes, in our gatherings.
God is with us.**

L: We worship the One whose Spirit moves among us, making ordinary places holy.

P: We praise the Living God who walks with us by day and by night.

L: Let us open our eyes and hearts to God's presence here and now.

P: For God is here with us and calls us to notice and to trust.

All: Come, let us worship the God who is near!

Prayer

Hymn 10: "Here in This Place"

Confession & Assurance

L: Holy One, we confess that too often we act as if you are far away, as if your presence is reserved for distant places, extraordinary events, or spectacular acts.

P: Forgive us for ignoring the ways you are at work in our homes, our neighborhoods, and our daily lives.

L: We confess that we rush past ordinary moments, missing opportunities to see your mercy, care, and beauty around us.

P: Forgive us for our blindness and our reluctance to notice your Spirit moving in the everyday.

L: We confess that we rely on our own strength and overlook your nearness, forgetting that you desire to dwell with us, to walk alongside us, and to be fully present in our lives.

P: Forgive us, God, and draw us close to your heart.

L: Hear these words of assurance: the God who came to Nazareth, who dwelt with Jesus, who walks with us in every ordinary place, is with us still.

P: We receive your grace, we are held by your presence, and we rejoice in your nearness.

L: The Spirit who empowers, comforts, and guides us is at work here and now.

ALL: Thanks be to God! In Christ, we are forgiven, restored, and invited to dwell in your presence always. Amen.

Offering Hymn 64: "As Long As Jesus' Reign Goes On"

Offering for MDS

Children's Story

Scripture: Luke 4:14-22, Revelation 21:1-4

Sermon: "God's Place is Here"

Pastor Josh

Hymn 545: "Here I am Lord"

Sharing and Prayer

Benediction

Sending Song 810: "Go My Friends in Grace"

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Children's Sunday School resumes today, January 11, at 9:30 a.m.

Last Chance! Please inform the office of any changes in names address, phone numbers, or emails before the 2026 Directory is printed next week.

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.

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.

Birthday Card Shower for Kent Hohensee's January 19 birthday! Let's shower him with cards and well wishes at his current rehabilitation address of 6309 N. 70th Plaza Omaha, NE 68104.

Education Council will meet on Tuesday, January 13 at 6:00 pm. Members going off and members coming on should attend this meeting at FMC.

WMS is inviting all women to give to the annual contribution for Mennonite Women USA. An envelope is in your church box. Please return to Lori Thimm.

Congratulations to Jay & Chelsea Reimer on the birth of Sydney Paige on January 7. Congratulations to grandparents Jerry & Jan Reimer too!

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.

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.

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.

Camp Mennoscah! Visit campmennoscah.org for more information on:

- **Summer staff applications** for the 2026 Summer Camps
- Requested items: kitchen knives, "restaurant style" hot pads, ping pong table net with clamps, plastic cutting boards (12"X18" or larger), copy paper, postage stamps, sticky notes, toilet paper, kitchen/white paper towels. Thank you to those who've donated!