

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

Serving Today:

Worship Leader: Kyle Riesen

Hosts: Brad & Amanda Thimm

Audio: John Thimm

Ushers: Lynn Gerber & Bill Thimm

Last Sunday: Attendance: 95 **Offering:** MDS \$3,616 FMC \$723.22
WDC \$50 MMN \$150

Today's Offering: FMC **Next Week's Offering:** Western Dist. Conf.

Coming Up this Week:

Sunday, January 18	9:30 am Adult, Youth Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 1:30 pm WMS
Tuesday, January 13	No Wednesday evening activities this week
Sunday, January 25	9:30 am Adult, Youth Sunday School and Baptism Class 10:30 am Worship

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

6: Ryan Hohensee

8: Doris Claassen

10: Jan Reimer

14: John Regier

17: Ron Janzen

21: Robbyn Hohensee

29: Randall Ensz

*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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Sue Gerber (402-239-8857). **Church Chair:** Brett Esau (402-520-9100)



Welcome to First Mennonite Church
January 18, 2026

Welcome

Call to Worship

L: Come, all who carry names shaped by love and by loss.

P: We come, called and known by God.

L: Come, all who have been labeled, misnamed, or overlooked.

P: We come, trusting God sees us as we truly are.

L: Come, all who long to be known and welcomed.

P: We come, ready to meet the One who calls us by name.

L: Let us worship the God who stops, looks up, and calls us home.

ALL: We come with joy, for we are known and loved.

Prayer

Hymn 30: "Jesus Calls Us"

Confession & Assurance

L: Faithful God, You know our names before we speak them. You know our stories before we tell them. And yet we confess that we often hide in the crowd, afraid to be seen, afraid to be known.

P: We confess that we have sometimes forgotten who we are in your love.

L: We confess that we label others instead of seeing them, that we turn people into categories instead of neighbors, that we rush past those who are longing to be noticed.

P: We confess that we have failed to love as you love.

L: We confess that we have been silent when you were calling us to speak and distracted when you were calling us to pay attention.

P: Forgive us, O God. Call us back to ourselves and to one another.

L: Hear the good news: The God who called Zacchaeus by name still calls each of us today. Grace still comes first. Welcome still comes before worthiness. And love still reaches us where we are.

P: Thanks be to God. We are seen, known, and forgiven.

Offering Hymn 621: "My Hope is Built"

Offering for FMC

Children's Story

Scripture: Luke 19:1-10

Sermon: "Called By Name"

Pastor Josh

Hymn 778: "Will You Let Me Be Your Servant"

Sharing and Prayer

Benediction

Sending Song 832: "The Lord Lift You Up"

Welcome to all worshiping 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.

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

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.

An ordination service for Andrew S. Dungan will be held January 25, 2026 at Summit Street Church at 9:30 a.m. The service will be led by Associate Conference Minister Kathy Neufeld Dunn. Congratulations and God's Blessings to Andrew Dungan on his upcoming ordination!

Tri County Fellowship of Christian Athletes is looking for individuals or groups **willing to provide a meal/snack for student huddles**. You do not need to have a student involved in FCA to participate—this is a wonderful opportunity to serve. If you're interested in helping, you can sign up on the MealTrain link on their Facebook page (Tri County FCA) or contact Shauna Van Winkle at 402-239-5331

This week is your last chance to get tickets for the KWBE **Rallies for Teammates** event on January 29. This fundraiser will benefit the Beatrice, Tri County and Freeman Teammates Chapters. There will be NE volleyball players giving autographs, John Baylor is speaking, a silent auction and a delicious meal at Vintage Venue. Tickets are available at schools or KWBE for \$30 Contact Christina Lyons if you have any questions. 402-806-7783 or clyons@bpsnebr.org. Get your ticket and support the Teammates programs at Beatrice, Tri County, and Freeman!

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!