

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

Serving Today:

Worship Leader: Katie Jantzen
Hosts: Justin & Linsey Schardt
Audio: John Thimm
Kid's Time: Jake & Symantha Janzen

Pastor: Josh Janzen
Organist: Karen Wiebe
Power point: Christina Lyons
Video: Pam Kunzman
Ushers: Lynn Gerber & Bill Thimm

Last Sunday: Attendance: 68 Offering: FMC \$ 2,440; Tech Fund \$225

Today's Offering: Western District Conference

Next Week's Offering: FMC

Coming Up this Week:

Sunday, January 25	9:30 am Kids & Youth Sunday School and Baptism Class
Tuesday, January 27	10:30 am Worship 1:30 pm WMS
No Wednesday evening activities this week	
Sunday, Feb 1	9:30 am Adult, Kids, Youth Sunday School and Baptism Class 10:30 am Worship

Late January Birthdays

15: Clara Trantham	17: Ron Janzen
19: Kent Hohensee	21: Robbyn Hohensee
26: Don Esau, John Thimm	29: Randall Ensz

February Birthdays

2: Doug Casey	4: Jim Ensz
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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Sue Gerber (402-239-8857). **Church Chair:** Brett Esau (402-520-9100)



**Welcome to First Mennonite Church
January 25, 2026**

Welcome

Call to Worship

L: We gather from the ordinary places of our lives — at work, at home, along the routines of our days.

P: We come with tired hands, busy minds, and hearts that long for presence.

L: God meets us not only in the extraordinary, but in the mundane, in the rhythms of our labor and our rest.

P: We open ourselves to God's nearness, trusting that the sacred can stir even in ordinary moments.

L: Come, let us encounter the One who steps into our boats, our lives, and our hearts.

P: We will lean in, listen, and be present to the God who comes close.

Prayer

Hymn 22: "What is This Place"

Confession & Assurance

L: God of nearness, we confess that we keep distance from others.

P: We skim conversations, hurry past one another, and protect our space.

L: We confess that we sometimes expect you only in dramatic moments or perfect conditions.

P: We fail to notice you in the ordinary, in the routines, in the quiet presence of life itself.

L: Forgive us for our weariness, our distraction, our avoidance of proximity.

P: Heal us, God. Open our eyes to your presence in everyday life.

L: Hear the good news: God steps into the boat of our ordinary days, not waiting for perfection, not demanding readiness.

P: God comes close, and we are invited to be changed.

L: In the nearness of Jesus, our skills, our routines, our time,
even our fatigue, are not wasted.

P: Our lives are reframed for love, for relationship, for mission.

ALL: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Offering Hymn 759: "Take My Life and Let it Be" Offering for WDC

Children's Story

Scripture: Luke 5:1-11

Sermon: *"Closer Than You Think"*

Pastor Josh

Hymn 283: "Lord, You have Come to the Lakeshore"

Sharing and Prayer

Benediction

Sending Song 810: "Go My Friends in Grace"

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.

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.

Andrew S. Dungan of Summit Street Church is being ordained today at 9:30 a.m. by Associate Conference Minister Kathy Neufeld Dunn. Congratulations and God's Blessings to Andrew Dungan on his ordination! The Adult Sunday School class of FMC is attending his ordination.

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

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

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.

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.

First Mennonite Church December General Fund Summary

General Fund Balance 11/30/25	-11,635.66
December revenue	22,595.46
December expenses	-15,044.57
Net revenue for December	7,550.89
General Fund Balance 12/31/25	-4,084.77

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.