

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

Serving Today:

Worship Leader: Brandon Esau

Hosts: Don & Judy Jantzen

Audio: John Thimm

Ushers: Jim Ensz & Justin Schardt

Last Sunday: Attendance: 63 **Offering:** AMBS \$1,424;

Tech Fund \$225; FMC \$2,550

New Years Eve Attendance: ?

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

Coming Up this Week:

Sunday, January 4

9:30 am Adult Sunday School

10:30 am Worship

1:30 pm WMS

7:00 pm Annual Meeting

Sunday, January 11

9:30 am Adult, Youth Sunday School

Baptism Class

10:30 am Worship

January Birthdays

2: Christina Lyons

6: Ryan Hohensee

7: Barb Thimm

8: Doris Claassen

9: Jim Wiebe

10: Jan Reimer

11: Beckett Heinz

14: John Regier

15: Clara Trantham

17: Ron Janzen

19: Kent Hohensee

21: Robbyn Hohensee

26: Don Esau, John Thimm

29: Randall Ensz

*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 4, 2026
Second Sunday after Christmas

Welcome

Call to Worship

L: The invitation has been spoken: "Come and see."
The door to a stable stands open. The way is before us.

**P: We heard the call. Now we step forward in wonder;
ready to follow, open to the unexpected.**

L: "You will see greater things than these," Jesus says.

P: We stand in amazement, waiting to be changed.

L: Come, let us worship the One who calls us by name,
who sees us as we are and leads us into new life.

All: We come, ready to follow, ready to see, ready to be amazed!

Prayer

Hymn 249: "Angels We Have Heard on High"

Advent Candle Lighting

Vern Jantzen & Randall Ensz

Reader 1: We celebrate as we reflect in amazement at what you have
done. You muted the flames of our fears with hope.

Reader 2: Glory to God in the highest! You amaze us!

Reader 1: You resurrected the dry bones of our spirits with peace.

Reader 2: Glory to God in the highest! You amaze us!

Reader 1: You quenched our thirsty souls with living water of joy.

Reader 2: Glory to God in the highest! You amaze us!

Reader 1: You came to be among us, to show us the way in love.

Reader 2: Glory to God in the highest! You amaze us!

Reader 1: You have called us to follow you and walk the path of mercy
and grace.

Reader 2: Glory to God in the highest! You amaze us!

**All: Lead us forward so that we too may carry your Christ-light into
the world!**

Responding Hymn 211: "Hope Is a Candle"

Children's Story

Offering Hymn 267: "What Child is This"

Offering for FMC

Scripture: John 1:35-51

Sermon: "Be Amazed: Come and See!"

Pastor Josh

Hymn 540: "Will You Come and Follow Me"

Sharing and Prayer

Benediction

Sending Song 273: "Arise! Your Light Has Come"

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 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.

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.

The annual congregational meeting is this Wednesday, January 7 at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Copies of the meeting agenda, election slate, and annual report are available for you to pick up in front of the mailboxes. **Agenda:** approve previous minutes, election of Deacon (Sue Gerber is the only candidate), pass the board/committee ballot as presented by the Nominating Committee, pass the 2026 budget, and an Everence report. There are no special recommendations to bring before the congregation. If you pick up a report, please bring it with you to the meeting.

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.

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 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.