

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

Serving Today:

Worship Leader: Brett Esau

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Audio: Daryl Riesen

Ushers: Rick Brethouwer & Bill Thimm

Pastor: Josh Janzen

Hosts: Justin & Linsey Schardt

Power point: Katie Jantzen

Video: Henry Trantham

Last Sunday: Attendance: 85 **Offering:** WDC \$1,200; FMC \$2,771;
School Kits/Backpack \$300; Tech \$225; Mother to Mother \$600

Today's Offering: Mother to Mother **Next Sunday:** FMC

Coming Up:

Sunday, July 26

9:30 am Adult Bible Class

10:30 am Worship

Tuesday, July 28

1:30 pm WMS Quilting & Tying

Sunday, August 2

9:30 am Adult Bible Class

10:30 am Worship

Late July and Early August Birthdays:

July 18: Amanda Thimm

22: Zella Penner

25: Marjorie Epp

28: Lisa Goossen

August 1: Miles Esau

6: Steph Janzen, Rebekkah Stutzman

7: Mitch Williamson

11: Debbie Keeney, Scarlett & Raelynn Heinz

- Our services are on **YouTube:** www.youtube.com/c/fmcbeatrice
- The **bulletin** is at fmcbeatrice.org under documents.
- If you would like to be on the **Prayer Chain**, see Sue Gerber
- 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 be put in the offering plate.
- **Men's Brotherhood Project?** Contact Dan Kunzman or LeRoy Janzen.
- **Farmer's Market**, Thursday's 4-6:30 pm, 6th & High Streets

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Welcome to First Mennonite Church
July 26, 2026



Welcome and Call to Worship

L: We gather this morning from many different places: from quiet weeks and from hard ones, from rest and from worry, from homes where things are well and from homes where things are not.

P: We come as we are, and we come together.

L: The Lord is not far from this place or from any of us. He is not waiting for us to have it together before he draws near.

P: The Lord is near. We do not come to Him across a great distance.

L: So we do not have to pretend this morning. We do not have to perform our peace or manufacture our joy.

P: We bring what we actually have: our worry, our gratitude, our questions, our praise.

L: This is the invitation of the gospel: come honestly, give thanks anyway, and receive what only God can give.

P: We come. We worship. We trust that the God who is near is also enough.

All: Let us worship the Lord our God together.

Prayer

Hymn 9: "Come Away from Rush and Hurry"

Confession and Assurance

L: Lord, we confess that we have carried our worry alone, as though you were not near. We have lain awake rehearsing what could go wrong without once bringing it to you.

P: We have prayed for outcomes more than we have prayed for your presence. We have read your promises and still believed, quietly, that we had to manage things ourselves.

L: We confess that we have used your word as a measuring stick against ourselves, hearing "do not be anxious" as an accusation rather than an invitation, and concluding that our fear is evidence of failure rather than proof of our need for you.

P: Forgive us for the prayers we did not pray, the gratitude we forgot to offer, and the peace we refused to receive because we were too busy trying to fix what only you can hold.

Assurance of Pardon

L: Hear the good news of the gospel: the God to whom you confess is the same God who, while we were still far off, came near. He does not wait for our anxiety to be resolved before he forgives. He does not require our

worry to be conquered before he welcomes. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, fully, freely, and without condition.

P: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Offering Hymn 703: “Rain Down”

(Offering for Mother to Mother)

Scripture: Philippians 4:6-7

Sermon: “Don’t Be Anxious?”

Pastor Josh

Hymn 605: “My Life Flows On”

Sharing and Prayer

Benediction

Sending Song 839A: “Go Ye Now in Peace”

Passing the Peace

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

Thank you for your contributions to the Camp Fund, enabling 11 FMC youths to go to Mennonite camps this summer! Clara & Henry will begin Senior High Camp today at Camp Mennoscah

Want to represent FMC at the WDC Annual Assembly? – Registration is open until July 26! Agenda for the delegate session (in-person and on zoom) will include an introduction to a new church plant and a recommendation to receive a new congregation into membership in WDC, reports from WDC commissions, greetings from MC USA ministry partners, discernment on the 2026-2027 budget, electing new leaders, and more. Come join in the work of our conference at WDC Annual Assembly, August 7-9, at Iglesia Luz del Evangelio, Dallas, TX. **Talk to Chair Brett Esau if you are interested in representing FMC.** Currently Debbie Goossen is our only delegate. We can have seven. FMC will pay your registration fee.

MCC’s School Kit Challenge is back! MCC has a goal of providing 30,000 school kits for 30,000 kids this summer. School kits provide essential supplies to children and families navigating war, displacement or financial struggles. MCC collects school kits from June - August. To learn more visit mcc.org/school-kit-challenge and download a free activity guide,

The annual **Mennonite Women in Mission** Women’s & Girls (age 8 + up) Retreat at Camp Mennoscah is on September 12-13. Schedule and registration is at www.mennonitewomeninmission.org.

Soil & Soul, a two-part series featuring Thomas Eisenbarth, founder of GROUNDED, a rural resilience initiative focused on practical conversations surrounding stress, mental well-being, and community support in agriculture, will be at the Hilton Garden Inn, Hutchinson, KS Friday, July 31. This first part of the series is designed for agriculture’s Front-Line professionals: lenders, farm dealers, vets, agronomists, insurance, healthcare providers, Coop’s and employees, etc. A larger producer-focused second event will be November 14, 2026. Brochures are available below the bulletin board.

Art, Improv, and Legos are Worship, Too! Kids Meet Christ event!

Talashia Keim Yoder, pastor at College Mennonite Church, Goshen, IN will guide all ages in exploring worship that engages everyone. Sept 12, 9:30-2:30 at First Mennonite Church, Hutchinson, KS.

Register at mennowdc.org under the Kids Meet Christ tab.

Kiwanis Pancake Feed to benefit BHS’s FFA Chapter next Sunday, August 2, 7:30 am – 1:00 pm at the Veteran’s Club, 701 Dorsey St, Beatrice. Students will be helping! Adults \$10; children to age 12, \$5. Age 3 and under eat free.

Ellis Methodist Church Ice Cream Social August 9, 4-6 pm. Free Will Donation for BBQ Sandwiches, chips, ice cream, desserts.

The Bethel College International Students Club is asking for help to welcome international students to Bethel by providing them with essential items that are difficult or impossible to bring in their luggage. If you would like to help these students feel cared for and at home from the moment they arrive, donations may be made to Bethel College with “International Students Fund” in the memo line. Donations will be used to buy bedding, laundry supplies, towels, etc.

The **MCC U.S. Immigration Network** invites you to our upcoming webinar **Welcoming the stranger: Stories of faith, immigration and hope** on **July 28, 2026 at 1pm Central Time**. In this webinar, we will hear stories from Anabaptist churches and leaders like us who are putting faith into action — welcoming and supporting immigrants, learning about the different challenges in their communities, building congregations that respond with compassion and courage, and practical ways churches can respond to the reality’s immigrant families are facing. Register at mcc.org under events.