

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

Serving Today:

Pastor: Sarah Neher Reimer Worship Leader: Kyle Riesen
Piano: Erin VanderSchaaf Hosts: Brad & Amanda Thimm
Power point: Katie Jantzen Audio: Van VanderSchaaf
Ushers: Gayland Regier & Jim Ensz Video: Jane Esau

Last Sunday Attendance: 73 Offering: FMC \$ 6695

Today's Offering: First Mennonite Church **Next Sunday:** WDC

Coming Up:

Sunday, July 6	9:30 am Adult Sunday School only 10:30 am Worship
July 7-12	MC USA Conference
Saturday, July 12	9:00 am NE MCC Golf Tournament
Tuesday, July 8	1:30 pm WMS Quilting & Tying
Sunday, July 13	9:30 am Adult Sunday School 10:30 am Worship

July Birthdays:

5: Grace Tegtmeier	6: Leona Jantzen
7: Tracy Crawford	11: Dan Kunzman
13: Marv Goossen, Larry Thimm	
14: Maria DeBloc, Mary Jane Zimmerman	
18: Amanda Thimm	22: Zella Penner
25: Marjorie Epp	28: Lisa Goossen

- 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 may go in the offering plate.
- **Men's Brotherhood Project?** Contact Dan Kunzman or LeRoy Janzen.
- Please **turn off all lights** if you are the **last to leave** the building.
- Visit **mennowdc.org** to see what's new at Western District Conference.
- **WDC Annual Assembly** August 8-9 at Hesston Mennonite Church.

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Pastors: Josh Janzen; 402-631-3481; pastorjosh@fmcbeatrice.org
Sarah Neher; 507-993-6820; sarah@fmcbeatrice.org. Her office hours are generally, Sundays & Tuesdays, 9-12; Wednesdays, 1-8; Fridays 9-2

Church Office: 402-251-7180 **Email:** office@fmcbeatrice.org

Deacons: Sue Gerber (402-239-8857), Don Esau (402-223-9210), Vicki Hinz-Ensz (402-239-4174), **Church Chair:** Jerry Reimer (402-239-2716)

Please let the office know when **members marry or have new births** so it can be put in the bulletin and entered in the church historical book.



Welcome to First Mennonite Church

July 6, 2025

Welcome

Call to Worship

L: Come, people of God, not to seek comfort, but to seek courage.

P: We come to remember that love is not passive—it is bold, it resists, it sets people free.

L: We come to follow Jesus, who did not conform, who did not appease, who loved fiercely and truthfully.

P: We come to worship the God of Shiphrah and Puah— our God calls us to stand up, to speak out, and to choose love over fear.

L: This is the time. This is the place. Let us worship with open hearts, brave spirits, and love that transforms.

All: Amen

Prayer

Hymn: "Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing"

VT 7

Confession

L: For failing to love others as you have loved us, God of grace,

All: forgive us.

L: For wasting your gifts and hoarding our goods, God of grace,

All: forgive us.

L: For plundering the earth and abusing the planet, God of grace,

All: forgive us.

L: For fearing those who are strange to us and ignoring those in need, God of grace,

All: forgive us.

L: For losing heart and abandoning hope, God of grace,

All: forgive us.

L: For all the ways we turn from you, God of grace,

All: forgive us.

L: We offer our prayers in the name of the One who saves us, Jesus Christ.

All: Amen.

Offering Hymn: “With Mary Sing Magnificat” VT 208

Offering is for First Mennonite Church

Children’s Story Pastor Sarah

Scripture Reading: Exodus 1:8-22

Sermon: “Revolutionary Love” Pastor Sarah

Hymn: “There is a Line of Women” VT 546

Sharing and Prayer

Benediction

Sending Song: “Use Us, God” VT 811

Passing the Peace

Welcome to all worshiping with us here and on YouTube (search for FMCBeatrice). The bulletin is at fmcbearice.org under the documents tab.

Join us this summer as we explore the powerful stories of **women in Scripture**—courageous, faithful, complex, and often overlooked. From prophets and peacemakers to mothers and outsiders, these women bear witness to God's work in unexpected places. Each week, we'll reflect on how their lives speak to our own journeys of faith, justice, and discipleship today. Come and be inspired by the fierce grace and quiet strength found in the **Women of the Bible!**

Summer Faith Formation Resources to weave into your summer!

- **It's a Party!** Sign up for **virtual WDC Library Summer Story Days** for ages 3-8 at forms.gle/8DnWnLs64VkZJoeB6.
- **“Follow the Peace Path” Cards** are available by the mailboxes. Ideal for family time at home. 1 per family please.

2025 MCC NE MCC Golf Tournament – Saturday, July 12 at Hidden Acres Golf Course, Beatrice. Open to the Public. 9:00 a.m. shotgun start. 2-person scramble, \$140 per team with cart & lunch @ nebraskamccgolf@gmail.com.

Pastor Josh is out of the office for vacation June 30 to July 6. If you need pastoral care, please contact Pastor Sarah or the Deacons.

MC USA Convention is July 8-12. Our delegates to the convention are Pastor Josh and John Regier Reimer. Two FMC youth will be traveling with Pastor Sarah to the Convention. **If you need pastoral care July 7-12**, please contact a Deacon: Sue Gerber 402-239-8857; Don Esau 402-223-9210; Vicki Hinz-Ensz 402-239-4174. **Visit mennoniteusa.org** to find the Convention activities!

The Decorating Committee invites you to **share your garden flowers or special occasion bouquet** in church. Contact Zella Penner with questions.

Abby Trantham is doing well in Spain and thanks everyone for their prayers for safety. To see how her trip is going and what she is learning, see her posts at <https://abigailtrantham012.wixsite.com/the-pomegranate-diar>

Your prayers are invited for Doug and Kathy Casey & family at the passing of **Doug’s mother, Bonna Casey**, 95, on June 20. Her memorial service is Friday, July 18 at Centenary Methodist Church, Beatrice, at 2 p.m.

WDC Annual Assembly Aug 8-9 at Hesston Mennonite Church, Hesston, KS. If you would like to be a delegate, please talk to Jerry Reimer.

Camp Mennoscah needs a nurse for July 27-Aug. 1 (Senior High camp) and a music leader (or guitar player to help the music leader) for July 20-24, Contact Olivia at olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org with questions or to claim a week, or call 620-297-3290.

Camp T-shirt comforter raffle and one for sale for \$500. Raffle tickets are available for purchase through Aug 3, (\$5 each or 5 for \$20) at <https://www.zeffy.com/ticketing/camp-mennoscah-t-shirt-comforter-affle>, If you want to be guaranteed to get a Camp Mennoscah tee shirt comforter, without the chance of a raffle, one is for sale for the flat price of \$500 (the amount that the past two comforters sold have raised in silent auctions). Contact us at office@campmennoscah.org or 620-297-3290.

Sat., July 19 – The first-ever group to win the national talent competition "The Voice" is three Mennonite siblings from Pettisville, Ohio. Bekah, Joshua and Caleb Liechty, **“Girl Named Tom”**, will give a free concert at **Bethel College**. The Green “opens” at 4:30 and food and beverage trucks/vendors start serving at 5. Local favorites and Bethel alumni **“The Flannelbacks”** open the show at 7, with **“Girl Named Tom”** taking the stage at 8.