

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

Serving Today:

Worship Leader: Katie Jantzen

Piano: Erin VanderSchaaf

Audio: Symantha Janzen

Ushers: Lynn Gerber & Gayland Regier

Pastor: Josh Janzen

Hosts: Brad & Amanda Thimm

Power point: Lori Thimm

Video: John Thimm

Last Sunday: Attendance: 79 **Offering:** FMC \$6,709; Tech \$225

Today's Offering: MCC **Next Sunday:** FMC

Coming Up:

Sunday, June 28

9:30 am Adult Sunday School

10:30 am Worship

Tuesday, June 30

1:30 pm WMS Quilting & Tying

5:00 Youth serve at Warren's Table

Wednesday, July 1

Youth Day of Service

Sunday, July 5

9:30 am Adult Sunday School

10:30 am Worship with

Homestead Harmonizers

Late June Birthdays:

22: Rikki Hohensee

27: Debbie Goossen

Early July Birthdays:

1: Grace Tegtmeier

6: Leona Jantzen

7: Tracy Crawford

11: Dan Kunzman

13: Marv Goossen, Larry Thimm 14: Maria DeBloc, Mary Jane Zimmerman

- 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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Vicki Hinz-Ensz (402-239-4174), **Church Chair:** Brett Esau (402-520-9100)

Welcome to First Mennonite Church
June 28, 2026



Welcome and Call to worship

L: There are many gifts, but one Spirit.

P: There are many kinds of service, but one Lord.

L: There are many ways of working, but one God who works through all of them.

P: We are many members, yet one body in Christ.

L: Today we gather not to rank our gifts, but to learn the more excellent way.

P: Let us worship the God who is patient, who is kind, who binds us together in love.

All: Come, let us worship together.

Prayer

Hymn 6: "Let's Walk Together"

Confession and Assurance

L: Gracious God, we confess that we have not loved as you have called us to love.

P: We have envied the gifts you gave to others and grown quietly proud of the gifts you gave to us.

L: We have insisted on our own way and kept careful count of the wrongs done against us.

P: We have ranked the members of this body, honoring what is loud and visible, overlooking what is quiet and faithful.

All: Forgive us, Lord. Teach us patience. Teach us kindness. Teach us the more excellent way.

Assurance of Pardon

L: Hear the good news. Love is patient with us, even now. Love is kind to us, even here. God does not keep a record of our wrongs, but bears with us, believes in us, hopes for us, and endures with us until we are made whole.

P: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God.

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

(Offering for Mennonite Mission Network)

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 13:4-7

Sermon- “The Most Excellent Way”

Pastor Josh

Hymn 374: “There are Many Gifts”

Sharing and Prayer

Benediction

Sending Song 831: “Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

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.

My summer sermon series is focused on favorite Bible verses, exploring what those beloved verses mean in the context of the whole chapter and story of Scripture. Submit your verse suggestions during the next weeks and into the summer! You can email, text, call, or write them down and place them in the offering plate. I look forward to hearing what Scripture has been meaningful to you. - Pastor Josh

Sept 13, 11:30 am: A congregational meeting to introduce the proposed constitution and by-law changes to be voted on at the annual meeting. The changes pertain to the Safe Church policy as well as other proposed changes being reviewed by Pastor Josh and a committee.

10 FMC Youth are registered to attend Mennonite Camps this summer. We pray for safe travel and a faith growing experience for them.

June 21- Beckett, Pre-Junior @ Camp Mennoscah

June 25- Sam, Navy, Stella, Piper, First-Camp @ Camp Mennoscah

June 29- Maxson @ Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp

July 12- Eli & Rikki, Junior High, @ Camp Mennoscah

July 26- Clara & Henry, Youth Camp @ Camp Mennoscah

FMC pays for kids' registration and a T-shirt. **If you'd like to contribute to the Camp Fund, please put Camp Fund on the memo line.**

Education Council will meet on Tuesday, July 7 at 7:00 p.m.

Next Sunday, our service will be presented by **Homestead Harmonizers**. A potluck dinner for them and their families will follow. Please keep this in mind when planning what you will bring for the potluck.

If you are interested in **helping Kent & Robbyn** when Kent comes home, please contact Vicki Hinz-Ensz (402-239-4174) as she can put you in touch with someone who can explain what home care will involve. This would give you an opportunity to understand exactly what the expectations are before you decide if helping with supervision and physical care of Kent is something you can do. If it's not, please remember, our church community will continue to make you aware of other opportunities that the church community can do to help support the Hohensee family.

First Mennonite Church General Fund Summary May 2026

General Fund Balance 4/30/2026	\$ 13,455.44
May revenue	23,215.60
May expenses	<u>(15,881.55)</u>
Net income for May	7,334.05
General Fund Balance 5/31/2026	\$ 20,789.49

Funeral services for Norman Frerichs of Summit Street Church, who passed away June 25, will be Tuesday, June 30 at Summit Street at 11:00 a.m. Burial is at First Mennonite Church cemetery after lunch at Summit St.

Want to represent FMC at the WDC Annual Assembly? – Registration is open until July 26! Visit mennowdc.org to learn more about it and register. No lodging arrangements offered except WDC has a block of rooms reserved until July 24 for the Annual Assembly at Iglesia Luz del Evangelio, Dallas, TX August 7-9. **Talk to Chair Brett Esau**. FMC will pay your registration fee.

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 conservations 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.

Beatrice Farmer's Market: Thursdays thru October 8, 4-6:30 pm, 6th & High St, Beatrice. Kids can earn POP\$'s to spend at the market!