

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

Serving Today: Pastor: Josh Janzen
Worship Leader: Vern Jantzen Organist: Karen Wiebe
Hosts: Justin & Linsey Schardt PowerPoint: Symantha Janzen
Audio: Daryl Riesen Video: Kathy Casey
Ushers: Brandon Esau & Jake Janzen Kid's Time: Grace Tegtmeier

Last Sunday: Attendance: 77 **Offering:** MTM \$1,984; FMC \$ 700;
Today's Offering: FMC **Next Week's Offering:** SheepGate

Coming Up this Week:

Sunday, Feb 15 9:30 am Adult, Kids, Youth Sunday
School
10:30 am Worship
Tuesday, February 17 1:30 pm WMS
Wednesday, Feb 18 6:30 pm Ash Wednesday Service
Thursday, Feb 19 7:00 pm Church Board meeting
Sunday, Feb 15 9:30 am Adult, Kids, Youth Sunday
School, Baptism Class
10:30 am Worship

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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Sarah Neher; 507-993-6820; sarah@fmcbeatrice.org. Her office hours are generally, Sundays & Tuesdays, 9-12; Wednesdays, 1-8; Fridays 9-2

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Deacons: Don Esau (402-223-9210), Vicki Hinz-Ensz (402-239-4174), Sue Gerber (402-239-8857). **Church Chair:** Brett Esau (402-520-9100)

If you would like a copy of the 2026 directory emailed to you, please send an email request to office@fmcbeatrice.org.



Welcome to First Mennonite Church
February 15, 2026

Welcome

Call to Worship

L: Come to the mountain.

P: We come to see with new eyes.

L: Come to the mountaintop of God's presence.

P: We come to witness glory, to hear the voice, to follow the Son.

L: Come, not to escape life below,

but to be equipped for the journey ahead.

**P: We come to be renewed, reoriented,
and ready to live the way of Christ.**

L: Let us worship the One whose glory shapes our seeing,
our knowing, and our loving.

P: Let us worship Christ, the radiance of God's glory.

Prayer

Hymn 11: "Mountain of God"

Confession & Assurance

L: God of radiant glory,

we confess that we often try to live in the shadow of our fears.

P: We cling to certainty and resist being transformed.

L: We confess that we can interpret the world through scarcity,
resentment, or doubt, rather than through Christ's love.

P: Forgive us, God, and open our eyes to see your glory.

L: We confess that we sometimes long for mountaintop experiences to
remain, while ignoring the valleys of life.

P: Teach us to carry your light into ordinary days.

L: Beloved ones, hear this assurance:

Christ's glory is not a moment to capture. It is a gift to guide us.

**P: In Jesus, our vision is renewed, our courage restored,
our hope unshaken.**

All: Thanks be to God.

Offering Hymn 95: "Praise the Lord! Sing Hallelujah"

Offering for First Mennonite Church

Children's Story

Scripture: Luke 9:28-36

Sermon: "Seeing Glory"

Pastor Josh

Hymn 301 : "Jesus on the Mountain Peak"

Sharing and Prayer

Benediction

Sending Song 70: "Praise God"

Welcome to all worshiping 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 fmcbearice.org under the documents tab.

Peace Club Dates: Peace Club, SYF, and JYF met Feb 11, with Prayer Partners. Other meeting dates are February 25, March 11, 18, 25, April 8, 15, 22, and April 29 with Prayer Partners. They meet from 6:30 to 7:30 pm.

We're updating names and numbers on the Prayer Chain. If you would like to be on the Prayer Chain, please text or call Sue Gerber, 402-239-8857.

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

Ash Wednesday service this Wednesday, Feb 18 at 6:30 p.m. Peace Club, SYF and JYF will not meet but we'd like to see them attend as a family.

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.

Church Cleaning is Thursday, March 5, 5:00 p.m. & Friday, March 6, 8:00 a.m. (with semmel). Please bring a covered dish for Thursday's evening meal. Outdoor cleanup projects will take place if we have enough help.

On February 20-21, **the Menn. Disaster Service Nebraska Unit** will host a project in rural Gretna. Volunteers will put insulation into a new home of someone who lost their home in the 2024 Arbor Day Tornado. The more volunteers, the quicker it gets done! For more information, please reach out to Wes Reil at 402-641-1198. If you are interested in going to help at the end of the week **please call Vern Jantzen at 402-230-0011**.

Lent at Home 2026 is available for download at www.mennoniteusa.org under the resources tab. The materials offer daily and weekly reflections and practices for individuals, families, and households of all ages to deepen the experience of Lent. It is free for all congregations and families of MC USA.

You are invited to the **MCC Central States annual meeting** on Saturday, March 7 at 11 a.m. at MCC Central States, 121 E. 30th St, North Newton

A **Pancakes with Purpose Fundraiser** will be held Saturday, February 21, 2026, from 8 am to 1 pm at the American Legion Club, 701 Dorsey Street. Freewill donation. Sponsored by Holy Cross Lutheran Church.

St. Joseph's Friday Fish Fries: Feb. 27, March 6, 13, & 20, at 5:30-7:00pm, in the Parish Center at 6th & High Street. Enter at the northeast school doors. Fried and baked fish, coleslaw, french fries, green beans, mac and cheese, baked potato, and deserts. \$12 per adult, \$6 kids 4-10 (under 4 eat free), \$40 max price per family. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council 1723.

"Bridges Out of Poverty" workshop will be April 8, 8:30-11:30 am at the Beatrice Public Library. Registration is required (so a required book is available for you) by emailing pastordorismartin@gmail.com. The Bridges training is a community framework that helps people better understand how economic status shapes experiences, decision-making, and access to resources and how communities can respond more effectively and compassionately. Facilitated by Georgann Roth of Food Bank of Lincoln and presented by CASA of Gage County and the Beatrice Ministerial Association.

First Mennonite Church General Fund Summary for January

General Fund Balance 12/31/25	- 4,084.77
January revenue	11,696.32
January expenses	<u>-18,776.79</u>
Net loss for January	-7,080.47
General Fund Balance 1/31/26	-11,165.24