

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

Serving Today: Pastor: Josh Janzen
Worship Leader: Brandon Esau Organ: Karen Wiebe
PowerPoint: Christina Lyons Audio: Jim Ensz
Hosts: Gayland & Marci Regier Video: Kathy Casey
Ushers: Justin & Brandon Children's Story: Grace Tegtmeier

Last week's Offering: WDC \$1,937; FMC \$7,200

Last week's Attendance: 94

Today's Offering: FMC **Feb 9 Offering:** Mother to Mother

Coming Up:

Sunday, Feb 2 9:30 am Children, Youth, Young Adult,
& Adult Sunday School
10:30 am Worship
Tuesday, Feb 4 1:30 pm WMS Quilting and Tying
Wednesday, Feb 5 6:30 pm Community Event with meal
Sunday, Feb 9 9:30 am Children, Youth and Adult Sunday
School

February Birthdays

2: Doug Casey 4: Jim Ensz
7: Bryan Heinz 9: Ross Reimer
16: Samantha Tegtmeier 26: Eli Vanderschaaf

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- 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 in the offering.
 - **Men's Brotherhood Project?** Contact Dan Kunzman or LeRoy Janzen.
 - Our service is on <https://www.youtube.com/c/fmcbeatrice> and heard on FM 107.5 in our parking lot. The bulletin is at fmcbeatrice.org, under the More tab; select documents; church docs, minutes & bulletins.
 - Please **turn off all lights** if you are the **last to leave** the building. Thanks!

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Welcome to First Mennonite Church
February 2, 2025

Welcome

Call to Worship (based on Mark 1:14–15; 2 Chronicles 7:14)

L: Jesus came into Galilee announcing God's good news, saying: "Now is the time."

P: Now is the time?

L: "Now is the time! Here comes God's kingdom? Change your hearts and lives."

P: Change our hearts and lives?

L: Yes, Repent, and come clean with what you've done wrong and the sin that weighs you down.

P: And this is good news?

L: God said, "If my people who belong to me will humbly pray, seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, forgive their sin, and heal their land."

ALL: Ah, this is good news! God's kingdom is now. Now is the time to humbly pray, seek God's face, and turn from our wicked ways. Then we will be forgiven and our land will be healed.

Prayer

Hymn: "Brethren, We Have Met to Worship"

VT 25

Responsive reading (*Revelation 3:14–22 (CEB)*)

L: "Write this to the angel of the church in Laodicea:

Men: These are the words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the ruler of God's creation. I know your works. You are neither cold nor hot. I wish that you were either cold or hot.

Women: So because you are lukewarm, and neither hot now cold, I'm about to spit you out of my mouth. After all, you say, 'I'm rich, and I've grown wealthy, and I don't need a thing.' You don't realize that you are miserable, pathetic, poor, blind, and naked.

Men: My advice is that you buy gold from me that has been purified by fire so that you may be rich, and white clothing to wear so that

your nakedness won't be shamefully exposed, and ointment to put on your eyes so that you may see.

Women: I correct and discipline those whom I love. So be earnest and change your hearts and lives.

ALL: *Look! I'm standing at the door and knocking. If any hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to be with them, and will have dinner with them, and they will have dinner with me. As for those who emerge victorious, I will allow them to sit with me on my throne, just as I emerged victorious and sat down with my Father on his throne. (VT 862 adapted)*

L: If you can hear, listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches."

Pause for a brief time of silent reflection.

Offering Hymn: "Jesus Calls Us" VT 30
Offering to First Mennonite Church

Children's Story

Scripture Reading: Luke 19: 1-10; Luke 3: 8-14

Sermon: "Renewal and Repentance" Pastor Josh

Ritual of Confession

Hymn: "What A Friend We Have in Jesus" VT 628

Sharing and Prayer

Benediction

Sending Song: "Christ, Be All Around Me" VT 848

Passing the Peace

Welcome! We're glad you're here and hope to see you again! Our services are on YouTube. Search for FMC Beatrice. The bulletin is on our website: fmcbeatrice.org under the documents tab.

Peace Club and Prayer Partners will have their first meeting Feb 12 at 6:30-7:30 pm to make Valentines, a STEM craft, and decorate cookies.

February Community Event is this Wednesday, Feb 5. Come one, come all! The meal begins at 6:30 p.m.

FMC is one of 10 churches nationally partnering with Shine Curriculum to help shape and test resources designed to be used at home for families with elementary-aged kids. In return, FMC will offer feedback to Shine. For the first six months, families will receive a trifold resource that covers one of the six practices that best form faith at home. In *Families at the Center of Faith Formation* by Lifelong Faith Associates, a research survey suggests these six. We have shared January "Shine Families Learn" via email last week to use it with the young people in your life to model commitment, curiosity and a willingness to stretch yourself to learn to be like Jesus.

You're Invited! **Mennonite Disaster Service 75th Anniversary Celebration** at Ridgepoint Church, 8000 West 21st North, Wichita, Kansas on Friday evening, February 14! Hear stories from the past 75 years of MDS volunteers living into our mission to respond, rebuild and restore hope after disasters. It begins at 5:30 with dinner (free) followed by a program of guest speakers, highlights from the past decades, and the combined choirs from Bethel, Hesston, and Tabor Colleges. Register by Feb 2 to attend the free dinner. (No need to register if you plan to attend the program only.) Join us Saturday, February 15 as we unveil the **new MDS children's book, "Mended"** and the **new 75th Anniversary history book, "Many Hands."** Saturday activities will include area tours, corn-hole and volleyball competitions. Register at MDS.org/annual-celebration.

Bellwood Mennonite Church and Central Plains Conference invite you to **Prayer School** with Brian Zahnd, Feb. 28 & March 1, 2025, in Milford, NE. to learn about prayer practice and practical ideas for a deeper relationship with God through prayer. Prayer School is at 7 pm Friday, Feb. 28, and 9 am on Saturday, March 1; with lunch at 12:30 p.m. Registration is required at bellwoodchurch@gmail.com for the free event by Feb. 14.

Kiwanis Pancake Feed TODAY to benefit "Mother to Mother" in Beatrice, February 2, 7:30 am – 1:00 pm at the Veteran's Club, 701 Dorsey St, Beatrice. Adults are \$10, children age 4-12 are \$5.

4-H Building Inc. invites you to their annual **Pancake Feed and Silent Auction**, Sunday, **February 9** from 9 a.m. to 12:30 pm. at the 4-H building at the fairgrounds. Pancakes, biscuits and gravy, scrambled eggs, sausage and drinks with free will offering. Proceeds go to building improvements. Silent bidding auction closes at 12:15 p.m.

Today: Annual meeting of the Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum at Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church, 2:00 p.m. Faspa (free) follows the meeting and 500th Anniversary program by Dale Schrag.