

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

Serving Today: Pastor: Josh Janzen
Worship Leader: Jerry Reimer Organist: Karen Wiebe
Hosts: Brad & Amanda Thimm PowerPoint: Symantha Janzen
Audio: Daryl Riesen Video: Kathy Casey
Ushers: Brandon Esau & Jake Janzen Kid's Time: Grace Tegtmeier

Last Sunday: Attendance: 87 **Offering:** FMC \$ 8,178; WDC \$50
Today's Offering: Mother to Mother
Next Week's Offering: FMC

Coming Up this Week:

Sunday, February 8 9:30 am Kids & Youth Sunday School
and Baptism Class
10:30 am Worship
Tuesday, February 10 1:30 pm WMS
Wednesday, Feb 11 6:30 pm Peace Club, SYF, JYF
Sunday, Feb 15 9:30 am Adult, Kids, Youth Sunday
School
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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Sue Gerber (402-239-8857). **Church Chair:** Brett Esau (402-520-9100)



Welcome to First Mennonite Church
February 8, 2026

Welcome

Call to Worship

L: We gather in familiar places – sanctuaries, pews, and prayers we know by heart. We come carrying memories, expectations, and habits formed over time.

P: We come with gratitude for the places that have shaped us.

L: God meets us not only in comfort, but in challenge. Not only in what we know, but in what stretches us.

P: We come open to the Spirit's movement, even when it unsettles us.

L: Jesus calls us to listen, to discern, and to follow – whether the path feels familiar or new.

ALL: Let us come worship the God who is always on the move. Amen.

Prayer

Hymn 10: "Here in this Place"

Confession & Assurance

L: Holy God, we confess that familiarity has made us comfortable. We cling to what we know and resist what asks us to change.

P: We have confused tradition with faithfulness and comfort with obedience. We have closed ourselves to voices that challenge us and to grace that stretches beyond our boundaries.

L: Forgive us when fear shapes our decisions and control replaces trust.

P: Open our hearts again to your living, moving Spirit.

L: Hear the good news: God's mercy is not limited by our resistance. Grace moves freely, calling us back to life, truth, and hope. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and set free.

P: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Offering Hymn 409: "For We are Strangers No More"

Offering for Mother to Mother

Children's Story

Scripture: Luke 4:20-30

Sermon: "Too Close to Hear"

Pastor Josh

Hymn 156 : "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

Sharing and Prayer

Benediction

Sending Song 841: "As You Go Out from Here" (sing through twice)

Welcome to all worshiping with us here and on YouTube: www.youtube.com/c/fmcbeatrice. Bookmark this link for easy access. "Like" it and subscribe. The bulletin is at fmcbeatrice.org under the documents tab.

Peace Club Families: We are excited to begin the spring session of Peace Club. We kick off the sessions on Wednesday, February 11, with prayer partners and members. The upcoming meeting dates are February 11, 25, March 11, 18, 25, April 8, 15, 22 with the final session on April 29 with prayer partners. The meeting time is 6:30-7:30 pm at FMC. See you kiddos this week! – Kathy Casey, Barb Thimm, Sue Gerber, Jane Esau.

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.

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

Ash Wednesday service is February 18 at 6:30 p.m. Plan to attend!

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.

Congratulations to Andrew S. Dungan on his Ordination today.

Associate Conference Minister Kathy Neufeld Dunn will be conducting the 9:30 am service. FMC's Adult Sunday School class will attend.

Church Cleaning will be Thursday, March 5, beginning at 5:00 p.m. & Friday, March 6, 8:00 a.m. (with semmel). Please bring a covered dish for Thursday's evening meal. Cemetery cleanup will take place then too, if we have help.

Lent at Home 2026 is available! Lent begins on Feb.18, Ash Wednesday, and MC USA invites you to deepen your worship at home with our 2026 **Lent at Home** guide. This year's theme, "Dwelling in Dissonance," follows Pastor Josh's current sermon theme and the Lent theme. It offers daily and weekly reflections and practices for individuals, families and households of all ages to deepen the experience of the season. The resource is free for all congregations and families of Mennonite Church USA. The worship guide and Daily Lent Ritual Calendar can be downloaded at www.mennoniteusa.org under the resources tab.

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 Improvement Committee.

Community Food Pantry struggles to keep shelves full this time of year with additional community needs. Please consider donating food, hygiene items, or money.

For more news about Mennonite organizations, visit www.mennonitemission.net; www.mennoniteusa.org; www.mcc.org; www.mennowdc.org; www.ambs.edu; www.mennonitemen.org; www.mennonitewomenusa.org; and www.mds.org.

The 47th Annual NE MCC Sale March 27 & 28 Holthus Convention Center, York, NE

Key Information and Dates:

- **Register online at nebraskamccsale.org**
- **March 1, 2026** is the deadline to register quilts for them to be printed in the quilt guide.
- **March 22, 2026** is the deadline to register any item online (including quilts).
- **Additional donations not registered online** will still be accepted the day of the sale.

For quilt registration, include

- **Size:** baby, lap, twin, full, queen, king. Width and length measurements also.
- **Description**, including name of the pattern and author's name if it is not your original design.
- When submitting a project for the fat quarter color challenge, include that in your description.
- **Photos** should be uploaded during the registration process (at least 250 KB in size). Include:
 - One picture of the full quilt
 - One with a corner folded back
 - One with up close detail
- **Print** the final registration page **and pin** it to the quilt so it can be identified at the sale.
- **If you need assistance** with registering quilts, please talk with Becky Riesen (402-239-9363).

There will be a **“Quilts and More” booth** this year for donations of clean fabric (please indicate how many yards or dimensions of each piece), sewing notions, sewing/embroidery/quilting kits, patterns, and unfinished projects.

Meals:

- Friday night: Windsor Loin and BBQ meals available
- Saturday lunch: Taco Bar and Verinica.
- Pork sandwiches will be available both days.

Start saving your coins for **“My Coins Count”!**

*Committee Members, Larry & Kathy Thimm, Daryl & Becky Riesen,
Mike and Debbie Goossen*