

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

**Serving Today:** Pastor: Josh Janzen  
Worship Leader: Rodney Ensz Piano: Erin Vanderschaaf  
PowerPoint: Christina Lyons Audio: Larry Thimm  
Hosts: Brad & Amanda Thimm Video: Kathy Casey  
Ushers: Justin & Brandon Children's Story: Grace Tegtmeier

**Last week's Offering:**

**Last week's Attendance:**

**Today's Offering:** Mother to Mother **Feb 16 offering:** FMC

**Coming Up:**

Sunday, Feb 9 9:30 am Children, Youth,  
& Adult Sunday School  
10:30 am Worship  
Tuesday, Feb 11 1:30 pm WMS Quilting and Tying  
Wednesday, Feb 12 6:30 pm Peace Club & Prayer Partners,  
Youth Group  
Sunday, Feb 16 9:30 am Children, Youth & Adult Sunday  
School  
10:30 pm Worship

**February Birthdays**

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

**Check out job openings with MCC: summer intern jobs & canner operator.**

- 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](http://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 9, 2025

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship** (based on Proverbs 3:5-8)

L: Beloved ones, may we learn to trust in the Lord with our whole hearts!

**P: No more will we rely solely on our intelligence.**

**ALL: We will trust in the Lord! With wholehearted resolve, we will employ our minds and our intelligence in the service of the Lord.**

L: Brothers and sisters, may we come to know the Lord in all our paths;

**P: for it is the Lord who will keep our ways straight.**

L: Trusting the Lord will mean we're not puffed up with our wisdom.

**P: We will trust in the Lord. We will not be puffed up with our rightness or wisdom, but in fear and awe of the Lord, we will turn away from evil.**

**ALL: Then our bodies will be healthy, and our bones will be strengthened. Thanks be to God.**

**Prayer**

**Hymn: "Come, We that Love the Lord"**

VT 31

**Responsive reading: (Jeremiah 17:5-8 (CEB))**

L: The Lord proclaims: *Cursed are those who trust in mere humans, who depend on human strength and turn their hearts from the Lord.*

**P: They will be like a desert shrub that doesn't know when relief comes. They will live in the parched places of the wilderness, in a barren land where no one survives.**

L: Happy are those who trust in the Lord, who rely on the Lord.

**P: They will be like trees planted by the streams, whose roots reach down to the water. They won't fear drought when it comes; their**

leaves will remain green. They won't be stressed in the time of drought or fail to bear fruit.

**Offering Hymn: "Lord, I am Fondly, Earnestly Longing"**

Offering to Mother to Mother; sung by Sunday Singers

**Children's Story**

**Scripture Reading: Matthew 18:1-5, John 15:1-11**

**Sermon: "Surrendered in Joy"**

Pastor Josh

**Ritual of Water**

**Hymn: "I Bind My Heart This Tide"**

VT 556

**Sharing and Prayer**

**Benediction**

**Sending Song: "You Shall Go Out With Joy"**

VT 847

**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](http://fmcbeatrice.org) under the documents tab.

**Peace Club and Prayer Partners** will meet on Feb 12 at 6:30-7:30 pm to make Valentines, a STEM craft, and decorate cookies.

**FMC Ladies Aid Quilting Blitz!** Thursday, March 13, 5 pm – 8 pm at FMC. Pizza will be served at 6 p.m. Come for the fun!

**Mennonite Disaster Service 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration** at Ridgepoint Church, 8000 West 21st North, Wichita, Kansas on Friday evening, February 14! It begins at 5:30 with dinner (free) followed by a program of guest speakers, highlights from past decades, and choirs from Bethel, Hesston, and Tabor Colleges. (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 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary history book, "Many Hands."** Saturday activities include area tours, corn-hole and volleyball competitions. Register at [MDS.org/annual-celebration](http://MDS.org/annual-celebration).

**The MCC Central States Board Annual Meeting** is Saturday, March 1, 2 - 3:30 p.m. at MCC Central States in North Newton, KS. All are welcome!

**Camp Mennoscah online registration is open** for the Spring Scrapbook & Crafts Retreat and the **Summer Youth Camps!**

Bellwood Mennonite Church and Central Plains Conference invite you to **Prayer School** with Brian Zahnd, Feb. 28, 7 p.m. & March 1, 9 a.m. in Milford, NE. to learn about prayer practice and practical ideas for a deeper relationship with God through prayer. Registration is required at [bellwoodchurch@gmail.com](mailto:bellwoodchurch@gmail.com) for the free event by Feb. 14.

**4-H Building Inc.** invites you to their annual **Pancake Feed and Silent Auction, TODAY, 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.

**First Mennonite Church December & January General Fund Summary:**

General Fund Balance 11/30/24	(14,149.06)
December general fund offerings	23,105.22
December expenses	(14,228.49)
General Fund Balance 12/31/24	(5,272.33)
January general fund offerings	25,397.30
January expenses	(15,885.47)
General Fund Balance 1/31/25	\$ 4,239.50

**Official Meeting Notice of the MC USA Delegate Assembly, July 11, 2025** at the Koury Convention Center in Greensboro, North Carolina. We'll reflect on how God has been at work in our church for 500 years and will continue into the future. FMC can send 2 delegates plus 1 youth delegate.

**SOUP LUNCHEON: Sunday, February 16, 11:30 to 1:30** at Holy Cross Lutheran Church. Chili, Chicken Noodle, and Vegetable Beef Soup, Dessert, Coffee, Tea, or Water. Free Will Offering.

**MCC Webinar** - February 12, 1:00 pm CST, for individuals and congregations who want to learn how to support immigrants in their congregations and communities. We'll learn under the expertise of Saulo Padilla, MCC U.S. Migration Education Coordinator, and Rachel Diaz, MCC East Coast Immigration Attorney, how can we offer hospitality and love to our immigrant neighbors? How should we react to newly promised increased immigration enforcement, family separation, and racial discrimination? Join us to learn from the expertise of [Go to mennowdc.org](http://Go to mennowdc.org); in the search bar type: **Immigrant Communities Webinar** to register.