

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

Serving Today: Pastor: Josh Janzen
Worship Leader: Vern Jantzen Piano: Erin Vanderschaaf
PowerPoint: Christina Lyons Audio: Larry Thimm
Hosts: Don & Judy Jantzen Video: Kathy Casey
Ushers: Justin & Brandon Children's Story: Grace Tegtmeier

Feb 2 attendance: 84 Offerings: FMC \$4,616.50; MTM \$ 400;
SheepGate \$400

Feb 9 attendance: 80 Offerings: MTM: \$1,520; FMC \$400

Today's Offering: FMC Feb 23 offering: SheepGate

Coming Up:

Sunday, Feb 16 9:30 am Children, Youth & Adult Sunday
School
10:30 pm Worship
Tuesday, Feb 18 1:30 pm WMS Quilting and Tying
5:00 pm Warren's Table (Church Bd serves)
Wednesday, Feb 19 6:30 pm Peace Club, Prayer Partners meet,
Youth Group game night
Young Adult Bible Study
Thursday, Feb 20 7:00 pm Church Board meeting
Sunday, Feb 23 9:30 am Children, Youth & Adult Sunday
School
10:30 am 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, 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 16, 2025

Welcome

Call to Worship

L: Let the hungry come to the table.

P: Let the poor be fed!

L: Let the thirsty come to drink.

P: Share my wine and bread.

L: The table is set.

P: Come and eat.

L: Drink from the cup freely offered to you.

ALL: Share the life of God!

Prayer

Hymn: "Let's Walk Together"

VT 6

Apostles' Creed with the Anabaptist Comma (David Augburger)

P: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,

Leader: [welcomed by shepherds,

greeted by magi,

pursued by Herod,

sheltered in Egypt,

taught by Joseph,

baptized by John,

tempted by Satan,

followed by disciples,

heard by multitudes,

understood by simple,

despised by clergy,

*praised by lepers,
hosted by outcasts,
seen by the blind,
touched by the ill,
obeyed by psychotics,
rejected by siblings,
rebuked by Martha,
embraced by Mary,
anointed by a prostitute,
cheered by crowds,
loved by John,
hated by the Powers,
abandoned by all,
grieved in Gethsemane
betrayed by disciple,
denied by Peter,
arrested by Herod,]*

P: Suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; on the third day he rose again; he ascended in heaven, he is seated on the right hand of the Father, he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,* the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Offering Hymn: “Put Peace Into Each Other’s Hands” VT 485
Offering to First Mennonite Church

Children’s Story

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Sermon: “Being Real at the Table” Pastor Josh

Preparing our Hearts (2 Corinthians 5:18-20)
(Silent prayer)

L: Trusting in God’s grace, let us confess our sin.

All: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

L: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. In the name of Jesus, we are forgiven, loved, and free. Amen.

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution

Communion

Hymn: “I am the Bread of Life”

VT 480

Sharing and Prayer

Benediction

Sending Song: “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

VT 812

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.

New Date! Feb 19, 6:30-7:30 pm: PEACE CLUB AND PRAYER PARTNERS will meet; **YOUTH GROUP** will have a game night; and **YOUNG ADULTS** will have Bible Study.

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!

Church Cleaning Dates: March 20, 5 pm & March 21, 8 am. .

The Middle School Youth will attend the “Know Jesus” Conference next weekend, Feb 22 & 23.

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!**

Official Meeting Notice of the MC USA Delegate Assembly, July 11, 2025 at the Koury Convention Center in Greensboro, North Carolina.. FMC can send 2 delegates plus 1 youth delegate.

MCC USA along with more than two dozen Christian and Jewish denominations and associations **filed a lawsuit February 11, 2025 to protect religious freedoms** in response to the Trump Administration's rescission of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) "sensitive locations" policy that had restricted Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) from conducting immigration raids, arrests, and other enforcement actions at houses of worship. The new administration's policy greenlights enforcement actions that could interrupt religious services to carry out the Administration's mass deportation plans. "The extreme actions of our government call us to step up as we recognize that our practice of loving our neighbor outweighs our traditional stance of non-resistance. Today, we stand together as followers of Jesus, shaped by his life and teachings as revealed in scripture, honoring the cloud of witnesses that stood before us against state interference in the right of religious freedom during the Radical Reformation." said, Rev. Iris de León-Hartshorn, associate executive director of Operations for [Mennonite Church USA](#).

Soup Luncheon: TODAY!! 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.

The NE MCC Sale is just around the corner – **March 28-29 at the Holthus Convention Center in York, NE!** It's time to start crafting, building, sewing, baking, and all the other things this congregation is so good at!

- **Register** all items online at www.nebraskamccsale.org. **Quilts must be registered by March 1; all other items by March 23.**
(Text or email Wendy Kyser with questions about quilt registrations.)
- **My Coins Count** collections will be March 2, 9, 16, and 23. A "**My Coins Count 30 Days of Giving Calendar**" will be in mailboxes next Sunday so you can begin saving up those coins (and bills!) for the kids to collect.



Nebraska
Mennonite Relief Sale

Feb. 5, 2025

Dear Camp Mennoscah Family,

We wanted to reach out to let you know about a change in staffing at camp and what it means for the future.

Jordan Miller, who has been our maintenance director for the past several years, will be leaving his position at Camp Mennoscah, effective immediately. We would like to thank Jordan for his years of service at camp in this role.

While this change will not be easy, we are hopeful for the future at camp and will be working diligently over the next several months to continue to shape a vision for how to mold the wonderful mission of Camp Mennoscah for another 75 years.

If you are wondering how you can help during this time of transition, please know that we always appreciate your prayers for our staff, the board, and of course, our campers and guests. We are also continuing to seek funds to complete the renovation project on the Retreat Center, as well as other projects around the campgrounds to prepare for a summer of youth camps. And if you are able, we appreciate your willingness to volunteer, whether that is for the big, construction-type projects or smaller ones. Please reach out to us if volunteering is something you feel led to do in the coming weeks and months.

We appreciate all of your love and support for Camp Mennoscah. While we find ourselves in a valley at the moment, especially with the financial hardships we are facing, we have faith that we will persevere to a brighter tomorrow.

With love,

Lindsey Young

On behalf of the Camp Mennoscah Board of Directors