

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

**Serving Today:** Pastor: Josh Janzen  
Worship Leader: Kyle Riesen Pianist: Erin Vanderschaaf  
PowerPoint: Eli Vanderschaaf Audio: Larry Thimm  
Hosts: Gayland & Marci Regier Video: Henry Trantham  
Ushers: Jim Ensz, Bill Thimm Children's Story: Doug Casey  
**New Year's Eve Attendance:** 34 **Dec 29 Attendance:** 57  
**Dec 29 Offering:** FMC General Fund: \$3,762  
**January 5:** Service canceled due to weather.  
**Today's Offering:** MDS **Jan 19 Offering:** FMC

**Coming Up:**

Sunday, Jan 12 9:30 am Sunday School for all ages  
10:30 am Worship  
Tuesday, Jan 14 1:30 pm WMS Quilting & Tying  
6:00 pm Education Council  
Wednesday, Jan 15 6:30 pm **Community Event with meal**  
Thursday, Jan 16 7:00 p.m. Church Board meeting for old & new  
Sunday, Jan 19 9:30 am Sunday School for all ages  
10:30 am Worship

**January Birthdays**

2: Christina Lyons 6: Ryan Hohensee  
7: Barb Thimm 8: Doris Claassen  
9: Jim Wiebe 10: Jan Reimer  
11: Beckett Heinz 14: John Regier  
15: Clara Trantham 17: Ron Janzen  
19: Kent Hohensee 21: Robbyn Hohensee  
26: Don Esau, John Thimm 29: Randall Ensz

- Ask an usher for assistance with a **hearing device**.
- **We collect** Best Choice labels & used cards and envelopes.
- **Food Pantry** items may go in the box in the narthex. Cash donations may be given to Dolores Jantzen.
- Have a project for Men's Brotherhood? 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.

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Welcome to First Mennonite Church  
January 12, 2025

Welcome

Call to Worship

- L: We come before you, God of all creation, seeking refuge not in the illusions of control, but in the embrace of your love.
- P: You are our rock, our fortress, our ever-present help in times of trouble.**
- L: We confess our idolatry, the ways we have sought security in things that cannot ultimately satisfy.
- P: Forgive us, O Lord, for clinging to our own strength and for trusting in the fleeting promises of the world.**
- L: Let us cast our anxieties upon you, and find rest in your unwavering presence.
- P: We come to worship, to praise, and to receive the grace that sets us free.**

Prayer

Hymn: *"Come Away from Rush and Hurry"*

VT 9

Confession and Assurance

- L: Lord, we confess our fear. We fear the unknown, the unexpected, the loss of control. We build walls around ourselves, hoarding our resources, and striving for security in a world that constantly shifts and changes. We trust in our own strength and wisdom, forgetting that we are but dust. Forgive us, O God, for our idolatry.
- P: We have strayed from your path, seeking security in fleeting idols – wealth, power, possessions, and our own limited abilities. We have traded your peace for the anxious pursuit of control.**

L: But you, O Lord, are our refuge and our strength, a very present help in trouble. You are the source of all true security, a love that never fails, a grace that abounds.

**P: We turn to you now, acknowledging our need for your forgiveness and your guidance.**

L: Hear our confession, O Lord, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. You are faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**P: Thank you, Lord, for your boundless grace and unwavering love. We receive your forgiveness with joy and turn our hearts toward you with renewed hope.**

L: Hear the Good News! Our God liberates us! Live in the freedom that comes from knowing you are deeply loved and unconditionally accepted by God.

**Offering Hymn: "Come Thou Fount"** VT 563  
Offering to Mennonite Disaster Service

### Children's Story

**Scripture Readings: Genesis 3:1-13, Proverbs 3:3-6**

**Sermon: "An Anti-dote to the Quest"** Pastor Josh

**Hymn: "Be Thou My Vision"** VT 549

### Sharing and Prayer

### Benediction

**Sending Song: "The Lord Lift You Up"** VT 832

### Passing the Peace

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**Welcome!** Glad you're here! Our services can be found on YouTube. Search for FMC Beatrice. Follow along with the bulletin which is on our website: fmcbeatrice.org. We hope to see you again soon!

**Pastor Josh's phone number is changing!** It is his personal number of 402-631-3481. The 402-228-2052 will be disconnected. You will receive an email when that happens but please start using 402-631-3481 now.

All are invited to FMC this Wednesday evening, January 15 to attend the **Community Event** at 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Bring an appetite!

**"Thank You** to all my family and church friends for your kindness shown to me during this Christmas Season. I appreciate the many visits, phone calls and cards I received. Blessings to you all. - **Maggie Boyce**"

**Education Council** meets Tuesday, January 14 at 6:00 pm with old and new members.

***The "I Wonder?" sermon series returns in January!*** As in the past, this is your chance to ask the questions, wonderings, doubts, and struggles you have about God, faith, Jesus, the Bible, and anything and everything in between. You put your name to the question or leave it anonymous. Send me an email or text or leave a note in my office and I'll do my best to preach on it! -Pastor Josh

Bellwood Mennonite Church and Central Plains Conference invite you to **Prayer School** with Brian Zahnd, Feb. 28 & March 1, 2025, in Milford, NE. Zahnd is the founder and lead pastor of Word of Life Church in St. Joseph, Missouri, and the author of 11 books. In three sessions, participants will learn about prayer practice and gain practical ideas for deepening their relationship with God through prayer. Prayer School is at 7 pm Friday, Feb. 28, and 9 am on Saturday, March 1; wrapping up with lunch at 12:30 p.m. There is no cost for the Prayer School, but registration is required. Please register by Feb. 14th at [bellwoodchurch@gmail.com](mailto:bellwoodchurch@gmail.com). Participants are responsible for making their own lodging arrangements. All are welcome to worship with the Bellwood congregation on Sunday, Mar. 2, with Michael Danner, MC USA Associate Executive Director for Church Vitality, preaching

Please **turn off all lights** if you are the **last to leave** the building. Thanks!

**The 2025 KNOW JESUS** overnight youth conference for grades 6-8, is February 22-23 at Hesston College. This year's theme is "Who am I? Jesus Knows!" The event will feature input from Derek King, lead pastor at Eden Mennonite Church. The registration deadline is Feb 1.

**Camp Mennoscah Hoodies available for ordering online at** <https://forms.gle/QmPwMxrxD8ii9tRH6>). Youth & adult S-XL are \$40. Adult 2XL - 4XL are \$45. **Ordering closes January 20** and a minimum of 15 hoodies must be ordered to proceed. Contact Camp at 620-297-3290 with questions or [olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org](mailto:olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org).