

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

Serving Today: Pastor: Josh Janzen
Worship Leader: Erin Vanderschaaf Pianist: Vicki Hinz-Ensz
PowerPoint: Eli Vanderschaaf Audio: Larry Thimm
Hosts: Gayland & Marci Regier Video: Henry Trantham
Ushers: Jim Ensz, Bill Thimm Children's Story: Jane Esau

Last week's Offering: FMC \$12,057.30; MDS \$2805.50; WDC \$300

Last week's Attendance: 105

Today's Offering: FMC **Jan 26 Offering:** Western Dist. Conf.

Coming Up:

Sunday, Jan 19 9:30 am Sunday School for all ages
10:30 am Worship
Tuesday, Jan 21 1:30 pm WMS Quilting & Tying
Sunday, Jan 26 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** 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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Peace Club will begin on Wednesday, February 12, 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the church basement. We'll **meet with our Prayer Partners** to make valentines, do a STEM craft, do word searches, and decorate cookies to eat! See you then!



Welcome to First Mennonite Church
January 19, 2025

Welcome

Call to Worship

L: Come, let us gather in the presence of the One who gently shapes us in love.

P: We come as we are, open to the Spirit's work within us.

L: Let us be still and trust that the Kingdom of God grows in its perfect time.

P: We release our need to control and rest in divine wisdom.

L: Before we speak, let us first listen; before we act, let us first reflect.

P: Search our hearts, O Holy One, and lead us in the way everlasting.

L: In humility and faith, let us worship the One who transforms us by grace.

ALL: We come to worship, seeking the Spirit to guide and renew us.

Prayer

Hymn: "Summoned by the God Who Made Us"

VT 1

Confession and Assurance

L: You invite us to self-reflection and humility, yet we too often judge others without examining our own hearts.

P: Forgive us when we speak before we listen and act before we understand.

L: Transform us by Your Spirit, that we may trust Your timing and walk in Your ways.

ALL: Renew us, O God, and lead us in the path of love and grace.

Assurance

L: Hear the good news: God's Spirit is at work within you, patiently shaping and renewing you.

P: In Christ, we are forgiven and made whole.

L: Trust in the gentle power of God's love and know that you are being transformed day by day.

All: Thanks be to God, who is faithful to complete the good work begun in us.

Offering Hymn: "Take My Life, and Let It Be" VT 759
Offering to First Mennonite Church

Children's Story

Solo: "Dear God" Stella Ensz

Scripture Readings: Matthew 7:1-6

Sermon: "Pearls and Pigs" Pastor Josh

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

Sharing and Prayer

Benediction

Sending Song: "Blest Be the Tie that Binds" VT 831

Passing the Peace

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

Pastor Josh's phone number has changed to 402-631-3481, his personal cell number. The 402-228-2052 has been disconnected.

Early deadline for January 26 bulletin: Please have all items to the office by Tuesday, January 21 if possible. Thank you!!

FMC is one of 10 churches in the country 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 are sharing the resource digitally with the wider congregation if you'd like to use it with the young people in your life. The "Shine Families Learn" January resource is available in the congregational email. Of all the Six Practices that Grow Faith at Home, this is the one that is mainly about how you will be a role model. Learning to be like Jesus requires commitment, curiosity, and a willingness to stretch yourself. Grown-ups who model these qualities will naturally create an atmosphere of learning and growing for children.

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. 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; with lunch at 12:30 p.m. There is no cost for the Prayer School, but registration is required at bellwoodchurch@gmail.com. By Feb 14. All are welcome to worship on Sunday, Mar. 2, with Michael Danner, MC USA Associate Executive Director for Church Vitality preaching

Camp Mennoscah Hoodies available for ordering online until January 20 at <https://forms.gle/QmPwMxrxD8ii9tRH6>. Youth & adult S-XL are \$40. Adult 2XL - 4XL are \$45. A minimum of 15 hoodies must be ordered by Jan 20 to proceed. Contact Camp at 620-297-3290 with questions or email olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org. These will NOT be for sale at camp.

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.

Alzheimer's Support Group meets monthly on the second Tuesday of every month at 2 pm at the Senior Center, 101 N 25th St.

"Anabaptism at 500 Anniversary Celebration" is Jan. 21 @ 6 pm CT and will be **virtual via livestream**. Follow the *Anabaptism at 500* Facebook page for updates and a Livestream link posted there on the day of the event.

Hesston College Music Department will host **Anabaptism at Five Hundred: Hymn Festival** on Sunday, Jan 19, 3:00 pm at Hesston Mennonite Church. The Hymn Festival coincides with the 500th anniversary of the first Anabaptist adult baptisms in Zurich, Switzerland in 1525. The program's core will be a historical narrative by Ken Rodgers tracing important hymns and texts throughout the past five centuries. **View online at www.hesston.edu/academics/departments/fine-arts/livestream**