

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

Serving Today:

Worship Leader: Katie Jantzen
PowerPoint: Symantha Janzen
Hosts: Gayland & Marci Regier
Ushers: Jim Ensz, Bill Thimm

Pastor: Josh Janzen
Pianist: Vicki Hinz-Ensz
Audio: Larry Thimm
Video: Henry Trantham
Children's Story: Vern Jantzen

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

Last week's Attendance: 72

Today's Offering: Western Dist. Conf. **Feb 2 Offering:** FMC

Coming Up:

Sunday, Jan 26 9:30 am Sunday School for all ages
10:30 am Worship
Tuesday, Jan 28 1:30 pm WMS Quilting and Tying
Sunday, Feb 2 9:30 am Children, Youth, Young Adult, & Adult
Sunday School
10:30 am Worship

Late January Birthdays

19: Kent Hohensee 21: Robbyn Hohensee
26: Don Esau, John Thimm 29: Randall Ensz

February Birthdays

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

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- 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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Thanks!



Welcome to First Mennonite Church
January 26, 2025

Welcome

Call to Worship (VT 869 adapted)

L: We are a covenant people, called to God by God, generation through generation.

P: We are a covenant people, called to Jesus by Jesus, losing our life to gain our life.

ALL: We are a covenant people, called to church by the church, weaving together the strong and the weak, the stranger and the friend.

L: Renamed.

P: Reborn.

ALL: Renewed. We gather ourselves in the community of believers. We gather ourselves unto you.

Prayer

Hymn: "Here in This Place"

VT 10

Prayer of Confession (VT 862 adapted)

L: You who open doors and dismantle barriers, open our hearts to praise you, that we might live the full truth of who we are,

P: that we might live as neighbors and friends, no longer strangers and enemies;

L: open our hearts to the transforming power of your love,

P: that we might forgive and reconcile, making peace and learning war no more, that we might be your people, one body in one Spirit, to tell your grace to all the world.

ALL: We pray in the name of the One who walked among us as brother and friend. Amen.

Offering Hymn: "Christ is our Cornerstone"

Offering to Western District Conference

VT 4

Children's Story

Scripture Readings: 1 Corinthians 3:10-11

Sermon: *"Stories Built and Building"* Pastor Josh

Hymn: *"We are People of God's Peace"* VT 797

Remembering Ritual

Hymn: *"Together"* VT 389

Sharing and Prayer

Benediction

Sending Song: *"For We are Strangers No More"* VT 409

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.

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.

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!

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

Pastor Brett Klingenberg has accepted a new pastor position at Whitestone Mennonite Church in Hesston KS. He and Cassie are transferring their membership from FMC to Whitestone. We pray God will bless his pastorate there.

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.

Kiwanis Pancake Feed to benefit "Mother to Mother" in our community of Beatrice, next Sunday, February 2, 7:30 am – 1:00 pm at the Veteran's Club, 701 Dorsey St, Beatrice. Adults are \$10, children to age 4-12 are \$5.

The Great Winter Warm-Up is back! Spread warmth around the world this winter by helping MCC reach a goal of 7000 comforters by the end of March. You can sponsor, donate one (or more!) comforters, or attend a comforter event to tie in community with others! If you host an event in your home, church or community please let tinaschrag@mcc.org know about it (we've got some small gifts for those who host events!). Check mcc.org/great-winter-warm-up for instructions, coloring pages for kids and more!