

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

Serving Today:

Pastor: Josh Janzen	Worship Leader: Katie Jantzen
Piano: Vicki Hinz-Ensz	Hosts: Gayland & Marci Regier
Power point: Lori Thimm	Audio: Larry Thimm
Ushers: Gayland Regier & Jim Ensz	Video: John Thimm

Last Sunday Attendance: 122 **Offering:** WDC \$1,884; FMC \$2,300

Today's Offering: FMC **Next Sunday:** Mother to Mother

Coming Up:

Sunday, July 20	9:30 am Adult Sunday School only
	10:30 am Worship
Tuesday, July 22	1:30 pm WMS Quilting & Tying
Sunday, July 27	9:30 am Adult Sunday School
	10:30 am Worship

July Birthdays:

5: Grace Tegtmeier	6: Leona Jantzen
7: Tracy Crawford	11: Dan Kunzman
13: Marv Goossen, Larry Thimm	
14: Maria DeBloc, Mary Jane Zimmerman	
18: Amanda Thimm	22: Zella Penner
25: Marjorie Epp	28: Lisa Goossen

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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 may go in the offering plate.
 - **Men's Brotherhood Project?** Contact Dan Kunzman or LeRoy Janzen.
 - Please **turn off all lights** if you are the **last to leave** the building.
 - Visit mennowdc.org to see what's new at Western District Conference.
 - **WDC Annual Assembly** August 8-9 at Hesston Mennonite Church.

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Pastors: Josh Janzen; 402-631-3481; pastorjosh@fmcbeatrice.org
Sarah Neher; 507-993-6820; sarah@fmcbeatrice.org. Her office hours are generally, Sundays & Tuesdays, 9-12; Wednesdays, 1-8; Fridays 9-2

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Deacons: Sue Gerber (402-239-8857), Don Esau (402-223-9210),
Vicki Hinz-Ensz (402-239-4174), **Church Chair:** Jerry Reimer (402-239-2716)

Please let the office know when **members marry or have new births** so it can be put in the bulletin and entered in the church historical book.



Welcome to First Mennonite Church

July 20, 2025

Welcome

Call to Worship

L: Come, all who seek God's presence—those weighed down by fear, pain, or loneliness.

P: We come, longing to be seen, heard, and known by the God who sees.

L: Come, all who carry complicated stories, tangled relationships, and unanswered questions.

P: We come, trusting that God's mercy embraces us in our messiness and our hope.

L: Come, all who thirst for justice, compassion, and healing for the broken.

P: We come to worship the God who meets us in the wilderness and calls us into life.

L: Let us worship God together—El Roi, the God who sees.

Prayer

Hymn: "Longing for Light"

VT 715

Confession and Assurance

L: We confess that like Sarah, we have feared being forgotten, and in our fear, we have acted in ways that hurt others.

P: Forgive us, God, for the harm we have caused, whether in anger, jealousy, or despair.

L: We confess that like Hagar, we have felt invisible, abandoned, and cast aside.

P: Heal us, God, and remind us that we are seen and loved, even in our wilderness places.

L: We confess that we often want clear answers and neat stories, but your truth is complex and boundless.

P: Help us, God, to live with humility, compassion, and the courage to hold both grace and justice.

L: Hear the good news: Our God is El Roi—the God who sees, hears, and blesses us.

P: Thanks be to God, who meets us where we are and will never abandon us. Amen.

Offering Hymn: “O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

VT 203

Offering is for First Mennonite Church

Scripture: Genesis 16:1-16

Sermon: “Entangled”

Pastor Josh

Hymn: “Rain Down”

VT 703

Sharing and Prayer

Benediction

Sending Song: “Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

VT 831

Passing the Peace

Welcome to all worshiping with us here and on YouTube (search for FMCBeatrice). The bulletin is at fmcbeatrice.org under the documents tab.

Join us this summer as we explore the powerful stories of **women in Scripture**—courageous, faithful, complex, and often overlooked. From prophets and peacemakers to mothers and outsiders, these women bear witness to God's work in unexpected places. Each week, we'll reflect on how their lives speak to our own journeys of faith, justice, and discipleship today. Come and be inspired by the fierce grace and quiet strength found in the **Women of the Bible!**

Summer Faith Formation Resources to weave into your summer!

- **It's a Party!** Sign up for **virtual WDC Library Summer Story Days** for ages 3-8 at forms.gle/8DnWnLs64VkZJoeB6.
- **“Follow the Peace Path” Cards** are available by the mailboxes. Ideal for family time at home. 1 per family please.

The Decorating Committee invites you to **share your garden flowers or special occasion bouquets** in church. Contact Zella Penner with questions.

Congratulations to Chris Riesen and Katie Schmidt who were married May 25, 2025 at Dyck Arboretum of the Plains in Hesston, Kansas. God's Blessings on your marriage.

Congratulations to Kyle Riesen and Jerica Baumert who were married June 7, 2025 at St. Lawrence Catholic Church in Scribner, Nebraska. May God bless your marriage.

Pastor Sarah will be out of the office from July 19-26 for vacation.

Have a little extra time? **The Beatrice Youth to Youth Center** is always looking for volunteers. Contact them at youth2youthcenter@gmail.com. The center is also available to rent for parties.

WDC Annual Assembly Aug 8-9 at Hesston Mennonite Church, Hesston, KS. **If you would like to be a delegate**, please talk to Jerry Reimer.

Camp Mennoscah needs a nurse for July 27-Aug. 1 (Senior High camp) and a music leader (or guitar player to help the music leader) for July 20-24. Contact Olivia at olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org with questions or to claim a week, or call 620-297-3290.

Camp T-shirt comforter raffle and one for sale for \$500. Raffle tickets are available for purchase through Aug 3, (\$5 each or 5 for \$20) at <https://www.zeffy.com/ticketing/camp-mennoscah-t-shirt-comforter-affle>. If you want to be guaranteed to get a Camp Mennoscah tee shirt comforter, without the chance of a raffle, one is for sale for the flat price of \$500 (the amount that the past two comforters sold have raised in silent auctions). Contact us at office@campmennoscah.org or 620-297-3290.

If you're not attending Western District Conference Annual Assembly, but would like to order a **WDC “Looking Back, Living Forward” T-shirt**, go to mennowdc.org and in the search box put T-shirt order form.

They are \$10 each with orders due July 27. These will be available for pickup at the WDC Office after Aug 9. If you are at a distance, we will connect about mailing yours to you.



The 2025 issue of Mennonite Life, Bethel College's annual online journal, can be found at ml.bethelks.edu, with articles and reviews by Susan Fish, Ardie Goering, Don Goertzen, Peter Goertzen, Jeff Gundy, Michele Hershberger, Melanie Howard, Melanie Springer Mock, Justina Neufeld, Ken Rodgers, Mary Schertz and John D. Thiesen.

Support Local Farmers at the Beatrice Farmers Market every Thursday through October 9 from 4:00 to 6:30 p.m. at the corner of 6th and High!