

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

Serving Today:

Pastor: Josh Janzen

Piano: Vicki Hinz-Ensz

Video: Jane Esau

Ushers: Brandon Esau & Doug Casey

Hosts: Brad & Amanda Thimm

Power point: Christina Lyons

Audio: Marv Goossen

Last Sunday: Attendance: 81 **Offering:** FMC \$2,589; Diaper Bank \$110

Today's Offering: First Mennonite Church **Next Sunday:** MCC

Coming Up:

Sunday, June 15

9:30 am Dad's & Donuts

9:30 am Adult Sunday School only

10:30 am Worship

Tuesday, June 17

1:30 pm WMS Quilting & Tying

Thursday, June 19

7:00 pm Church Board meeting

Sunday, June 22

9:30 am Adult Sunday School only

10:30 am Worship

June Birthdays:

3: Dorothy Zimmerman

4: Missionary Dave Stutzman

8: Neal Trantham

16: Van Vanderschaaf, Kollyns Hohensee

20: Gayland Regier

22: Rikki Hohensee

27: Deb 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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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)

Beatrice Farmer's Market – Thursdays, 4-6:30 pm, corner of 6th & High Sts. Shop for high-quality fresh food, and enjoy fun activities for kids

The Worship Council invites you to **share your garden flowers in church** any Sunday!



Welcome to First Mennonite Church

June 15, 2025

Happy Father's Day

Welcome

Call to Worship

L: Come, all who long for belonging – all who know grief, all who seek hope.

P: We come, trusting that God meets us in ordinary days.

L: Come, not because your faith is perfect, but because God's love is steadfast.

P: We come, with questions, with weariness, with open hearts.

L: Let us worship the One who weaves redemption through everyday faithfulness.

P: We lift our voices to the God of Ruth, who calls us home.

Prayer

Hymn: "Summoned by the God who Made Us"

VT 1

Prayer of Confession

L: God of Ruth and Naomi, we come confessing our struggles with faithfulness.

P: Forgive us when we turn away from those in need.

L: We confess that we often seek comfort instead of courage.

P: Forgive us when we avoid the hard work of love.

L: We confess our resistance to welcoming those who are different from us.

P: Forgive us when we close our hearts and cling to safety.

L: God of mercy, teach us to stay when it would be easier to leave, to trust when the road ahead is uncertain, to love in the ordinary moments of life.

P: Make us more like Ruth. Make us more like Christ. Amen.

Assurance

L: Hear the good news: God meets us in our brokenness and walks with us on the journey. Even when we fall short, God's love holds firm.

P: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

L: Even in ordinary time, God is doing something extraordinary in us.
P: Thanks be to God. We are loved, we are claimed, we are set free.
Amen.

Offering Hymn: "There is a Line of Women"

VT 546

Offering is for First Mennonite Church

Children's Story

Scripture Reading: Ruth 1:1-16

Sermon: "Faithful Love in a Fractured World"

Pastor Josh

Hymn: "The Love of God"

VT 162

Sharing and Prayer

Benediction

Sending Song: "The Lord Lift You Up"

VT 832

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.

Dads and DONuts- Kids! Bring your Dad to the Fellowship Hall TODAY, Father's Day, at 9:30 and have a donut to celebrate Father's Day!

Summer Faith Formation Resources- There is no Summer Sunday School for children and youth this summer but below are two resources to weave faith forming into your summer!

- **It's a Party!** Summer Story Days 2025 at WDC Resource Library! Staff has stories and come & go activities for ages 3-8 and their caregivers. **New this year: Virtual participation with mailed craft kits available**--sign up for virtual participation at forms.gle/8DnWnLs64VkZJoeB6.
- **"Follow the Peace Path" Cards:** Built around the "Peace with God" Peace Path in *The Peace Table: A Storybook Bible*, they are packed with ideas for families to do at home together. **Decks are available by the mailboxes. Please limit one deck per family!**



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!**

WMS requests donations of **flat single size sheets** in blues, browns, tan, grey, or red, but **no light colors**, to use for backing comforters. They may be left in the basement on the counter. Thank you for your donations of sheets which help us show love to those who receive them!

FMC General Fund Summary May 2025

General Fund Balance 4/30/25	- 8,938.86
May general fund revenue	11,569.00
May expenses	- 16,627.88
Net revenue for May	- 5,058.88
General Fund Balance 5/31/25	- 13,997.74

2025 MCC NE MCC Golf Tournament – Saturday, July 12 at Hidden Acres Golf Course, 5536 West Lilac Road, Beatrice. Open to the Public. 9:00 a.m. shotgun start. 2-person scramble, \$140 per team includes cart & lunch. Register by emailing nebraskamccgolf@gmail.com.

Camp Mennoscah's BIG Needs: head cook for June 22-26; nurses for June 26-28, July 13-18, and July 27-Aug. 1. Contact Olivia at 620-297-3290 or olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org with questions or to claim a week. **Small needs:** allergen-free chocolate chips (gluten & dairy-free), scratch-free scouring pads, regular scouring pads, toilet paper & white paper towels.

WDC Annual Assembly Aug 8-9 at Hesston Mennonite Church, Hesston, KS. Inspiring worship Friday evening and Saturday morning with the theme of "Anabaptism @ 500: Faithfulness Then & Now." Registration is now open at <https://mennowdc.org/2025-annual-assembly/>

Orienting With the Word - Ready to read Scripture "as if your life depends on it"? This free five-month program of Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary's Faith Formation Collaborative builds community and biblical literacy through Bible study. Each participating congregation designates a small group to join with others in Confessional Bible Study. This practice helps communities make the Bible an indispensable tool for navigating daily living. Cohort One runs Aug. 1 – Dec. 21; congregations should apply by July 1 at ams.edu/orienting-with-the-word

Foreign Exchange Student Program is Seeking Host Families. Email midwest@asse.com for more information.