

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

Serving Today: Pastor: Josh Janzen
Worship Leader: Jerry Reimer Hosts: Gayland & Marci Regier
Piano: Karen Wiebe Power point: Lori Thimm
Video: Jane Esau Audio: Marv Goossen
Ushers: Brandon Esau & Doug Casey
Last Sunday: Attendance: 92 Offering: Diaper Bank \$3,394; FMC \$2500
Today's Offering: First Mennonite Church **Next Sunday:** FMC

Coming Up:

Sunday, June 8 9:30 am Adult SS
10:30 am Worship
Tuesday, June 10 1:30 pm WMS Quilting & Tying
Sunday, June 15 9:30 am Dad's & Donuts
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

- 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.
- **Our service is viewed** at <https://www.youtube.com/c/fmcbeatrice> and **heard on FM 107.5**, but only reaches 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.
- 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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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



Welcome to First Mennonite Church

June 8, 2025

Pentecost

Welcome

Call to Worship

L: On this Pentecost Sunday, we welcome the howling Spirit,

P: who brings peace.

L: We receive the fierce Spirit,

P: who leads us to gentleness.

L: We are surprised by the sudden Spirit movement

P: that opens a patient place within us.

L: We wait with expectation for the fire of the Spirit

P: to kindle a bright spark of faithfulness.

L: The Spirit among us flames with kindness.

P: She alights on each of us with joy,

L: fills us with God's goodness,

P: Forms us into people who act with intention and wisdom.

L: In the power of the Spirit, let us speak the language of love

P: in this sacred space of worship.

Prayer

Hymn: "**Holy Spirit, Come with Power**"

VT 57

Prayer of Thanksgiving

L: Divine Creator, who is with us in abundance and when we experience lack, we thank you. We know you as the sower of seeds, the nurturer of life, and the sustainer of every season. In times of plenty, you remind us to share with open hands, and in times of need, you show us that your grace is always enough. Holy Spirit, pour into us the fruits you have promised:

P: May LOVE blossom within us when hate seeks to take root.

May JOY rise in us amid our sorrow.

May PEACE be our guide when chaos surrounds us.

May PATIENCE stretch wide within us when the weight of waiting feels unbearable.

May KINDNESS flow from our hearts when the world feels harsh and unkind.

May GOODNESS ground us when temptation whispers otherwise.

May FAITHFULNESS keep us steady when doubt clouds our vision.

May GENTLENESS soften our spirits when life feels rigid and rough.

And may SELF-CONTROL reign in us when our impulses try to rule.

L: God, who waters the seeds you have planted in us, let our lives reflect your harvest.

ALL: May the FRUITS OF YOUR SPIRIT bear witness to your presence in us, that we might nourish the world with your love and generosity. Amen.

Offering Hymn: *“There are Many Gifts”* VT 374

Offering is for First Mennonite Church

Scripture Reading: Acts 2:1-4, Galatians 5:22-25

Sermon: *“What is the Spirit for?”* Pastor Josh

Hymn: *“Spirit, Open My Heart”* VT 636

Sharing and Prayer

Benediction

L: You have tasted the goodness of God.

P: Let us now bear fruit in the world.

L: Go in the power of the Spirit –

P: to love boldly, live joyfully, walk patiently.

L: Let your life show kindness, your words speak goodness, your heart remain faithful.

P: We will walk in step with the Spirit,

ALL: until all creation is filled with the fruit of Christ. Amen.

Sending Song: *“Move in Our Midst”* VT 827

Passing the Peace

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

Summer Faith Formation Resources- This year, there is no Summer Sunday School for children and youth. Below are two resources to weave faith forming into your summer!

- **It's a Party!** Announcing Summer Story Days 2025. Join WDC Resource Library staff for 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/8DnWnLs64VkJoeB6. 
- **“Follow the Peace Path” Cards:** Peace with God. 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!**

Dads and DONuts- Kids! On Sunday, June 15th, bring your Dad and have a donut to celebrate Father's Day at 9:30 in the Fellowship Hall!

A celebration of life for Ruth Eby Penner is Wednesday, June 12 at 11 a.m. in the Chapel at Kidron Bethel Retirement Center, North Newton, KS. Ruth passed away March 30, 2025.

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. **Other needs** --maintenance, custodial, musician/guitarist. **Small needs:** allergen-free chocolate chips (gluten-free and dairy-free), scratch-free scouring pads, regular scouring pads, toilet paper & white kitchen paper towels (we use A LOT of these!) You can bring or send these items to camp.

FMC General Fund Summary April-May 2025

General Fund Balance 3/31/25	- 7,732.33
April general fund revenue	16,221.83
April expenses	-17,428.36
Net revenue for April	- 1,206.53
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.