

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

Serving Today: Pastor: Josh Janzen
Worship Leader: Kyle Riesen Piano: Karen Wiebe
PowerPoint: Symantha Janzen Audio: Jim Ensz
Hosts: Gayland & Marci Regier Video: John Thimm
Children's Story: Pastor Josh Ushers: Doug & Jake

Last Sunday's Attendance: 96 **Offering:** WDC \$1,818.00
Today's Offering: FMC **Next Sunday:** MMN and My Coins Count
My Coins Count: \$523.12. Jim & Vicki Ensz will match this.

Coming Up:

Sunday, March 16 9:30 am Adult Sunday School only
10:30 am Worship
Tuesday, March 18 1:30 pm WMS Quilting & Tying
7:00 pm Church Board meeting
Wednesday, March 19 6:30 pm Peace Club, Youth Group Games,
Young Adult Bible Study
Thursday, March 20 5:00 pm Church Cleaning. Bring a covered dish.
Friday, March 21 8:00 am Church Cleaning
Saturday, March 22 Young Adult Retreat
Sunday, March 23 9:30 am Children, Youth & Adult Sunday School
10:30 am Worship

March Birthdays

4: Daryl Riesen, Karen Wiebe 8: Kyle Riesen, Darcy Esau
14: Josh Janzen 15: Bev Claassen
16: Rodney Ensz 17: Stella Ensz, Doug Penner
21: Hannah Tegtmeier 24: Roger Claassen
25: Parker Williamson 26: Callan Baade
28: Navy Esau 29: Baker Esau, Pastor Sarah
30: Sue Gerber

- 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 go in the offering.
- **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** 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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Welcome to First Mennonite Church
March 16, 2025

Welcome

Call to Worship

L: Christ collides with our thoughts to condemn others.

P: Put them in their place.

L: Who is more guilty of wrongdoing?

P: Do you condemn? Should I condemn?

All: For your reign, O God, transform us as we worship you.

Prayer

Hymn: "Let's Walk Together"

VT 6

Confession and Assurance

All: Loving and merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you.

L: We have not loved you with all our thoughts, words, and actions.

P: We have sinned through what we have chosen to do and what we have chosen to neglect.

L: We have not fully accepted your love for us. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

P: We are quick to pass judgment and to assume your authority to condemn others.

All: We repent before each other and before you, our loving God. Please help us open our hearts to your love. Help us shake free from our quickness to condemn so we may better share your peace in your world, rejoicing in your name. Amen.

L: **Now hear these WORDS OF ASSURANCE:** God tells us that we are created in God's image. God created us for relationship with God and each other. In this, we know that God will never break our relationship. God's steadfast love endures forever.

Offering Hymn: "O Lord My God" VT 436
Offering to First Mennonite Church

Children's Story

Scripture Reading: Luke 13:1-9

Sermon: "Condemnation and Fig Trees" Pastor Josh

Hymn: "My Hope is Built" VT 621

Sharing and Prayer

Benediction

Sending Song: "Christ Has No Body Here but Ours" VT 568

Passing the Peace

Welcome! We're glad you're here and hope to see you again! Our services are on YouTube. Search for FMC Beatrice. The bulletin is on our website: fmcbeatrice.org under the documents tab.

Easter Lily orders are due March 19. The price is \$20 without a bow and \$23 with a bow. Forms & envelopes (by the mailboxes) go in Zella's mailbox.

Church Cleaning is this week March 20, 5 pm & March 21, 8 am (with Semmel)! Please bring a covered dish for the evening meal on the 20th. We'll do some cemetery cleanup that day too, if we have help.

Pastor Sarah's office hours are shifting to accommodate childcare. Her new scheduled hours are Sundays 9-12, Tuesday mornings 9-12, Wednesdays 1-8, and Fridays 9-2. Her hours are subject to shift depending on other meetings and events.

Save the Date! April 27 for an FMC Youth Group Fundraising Lunch here.

Safe Sanctuary Training- Save the date of **April 27th** for safe sanctuary training. It will take place after the youth fundraiser. Annual training is required for all adults and youth in the congregation who are involved in care and activities for infants, children, youth, and handicapped individuals, including volunteers and employees. The training is encouraged for all congregants!

Mother To Mother is having a **Mother's Brunch fundraiser** on Saturday, May 3, 2025, at 11:00 AM at Vintage Venue in Beatrice. We are looking for corporate or individual sponsorships. If you are interested please contact Lori Thimm or Josh Janzen. Individual tickets will go on sale in April.

Hope Crisis Center **'Put Your Foot Down Against Sexual Assault'** 10K/2 Mile virtual Fun Run/Walk entry forms are available at hopecrisiscenter.org. **Kids! FMC will pay your fees to attend Camp Mennoscah this summer!** Please register online by April 1 if possible. Put FMC Beatrice on the scholarship line. Let the office know you've registered.

You're invited! **Holmesville Church of the Brethren** 150th Anniv. Celebration. Open House weekend is March 29 & 30. Saturday's open house is from 9-6, with historical displays and refreshments available. A catered meal follows Sunday's 9:30 worship. RSVP for the meal at holmesvillebrethrenchurch@gmail.com.

Greetings from Summit Street Church (SSC)! We invite you to two upcoming events, both will help us raise funds for our 28-year-old HVACs. **April 10-12**, SSC Community Garage Sale in our parking lot & fellowship hall. If you have items to donate, let us know. We hope to see you! **May 04**, at noon, we'll host a Taco Bar. A free-will offering will be accepted. All are welcome. If you have questions, please call Pastor Andrew at 402-320-8759 or andrewsdungan@gmail.com

MONDAYS-IN-LENT is a weekly series of ecumenical worship services at several churches of Beatrice. The series is March 10th - April 7. Worship is at noon at each church, with a light lunch at 12:30 pm. The free-will offering for the luncheon goes to the host's choice. The remaining host churches are:
--Mar. 17, at First Presbyterian, by Rev. Robert Schlismann
--Mar. 24, at Christ Church Episcopal, by Pastor Doris Martin
--Mar. 31 at Centenary UMC, by Rev. Dr. Renae Koehler
--April 7, at First Christian, by Fr. Joseph Faulkner

Homestead Harmonizers 2025 Spring Show, *The Crooners- Songs of Sinatra and Crosby* is on Saturday, March 22, 7 pm and Sunday, March 23, at 2 p.m. at the Hevelone Center. Special guest performers are *the Storm Front*. Advance adult tickets are \$10; \$12 at the door. 18 and under are free.

Pancake Feed at Ellis Methodist Church, Sunday, March 30, 11 am – 1 pm. Free Will donation.

Fish Fry's every Friday, March 7 – April 11, 5:30 – 7:00 pm at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 6th & High. (Enter at NE School Doors). Baked & fried fish, sides, desserts & drinks \$12 Adults, \$6 kids 4-10, families \$40 max.

The 2025 NE MCC Sale is March 28-29 at a new location: The Holthus Convention Center, York, NE!

- **Register** sale items online **by March 23**. Instructions and forms are at www.nebraskamccsale.org. After you submit your registration online, scroll down and click Print Registration Form. Attach the form to your item. If you'd like help registering items, fill out the paper registration forms on the display tables beginning March 16. Becky Riesen (402-239-9363) will then register information from the paper forms online. All items must be at FMC by Thursday, March 27 at 4 p.m. so the committee can load them for transport to the sale.
- **My Coins Count** collections are March 2, 9, 16, and 23. A "**My Coins Count 30 Days of Giving Calendar**" is in your mailbox. Follow the calendar and save your coins (and \$ bills!). **Let the Committee know if you want to match any Sunday's collection.**
- **MCC Kit Collection: We're collecting NEW** baby sleepers and onesies, sizes 6-12 months, in the narthex for MCC kits. The onesies and sleepers are part of the Infant Care Kits given to families who have been displaced by conflict or disaster. Last year MCC shipped 8,641 Infant Care Kits to Malawi, South Sudan, Ukraine, and Zambia. The onesies and sleepers are needed to complete the kits being assembled in Newton. More information about Infant Care Kits is at MCC.org. All items must be new.
- Please sign up to **help with** serving, setup, and/or cleanup for the **Windsor Loin Dinner** on the sheet on the bulletin board.
- Please sign up on the bulletin board to **bring pies, bread and jam or jelly.**
- **NE MCC Room Reservations:** You may still be able to book rooms at the Hampton Inn and Holiday Inn Express in York. Both are very close to the sale site.
 - Hampton Inn: 402-362-0222. 2 queens \$149; 1 Queen \$139.
 - Holiday Inn Express: 402-745-6272. 2 queens \$140.

**--Committee Members: Marv & Lisa Goossen,
Larry & Kathy Thimm, Daryl & Becky Riesen**

*Nebraska Mennonite Relief Sale is a 501(c)(3) tax-deductible charitable organization

MCC Blessing Bids for 2025

Looking for giving options? MCC Blessing Bids allow you to donate online. Visit mcc.org/donate; designations can be noted in the "comments and instructions" box that is part of the online donation form. MCC follows Christ's example of love and compassion by responding to basic human needs and working for peace and justice. MCC works in 45 countries, partnering to respond to disasters, provide food, water, health, and education, and promote peace where conflict divides.



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