

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

Serving Today: Pastor: Josh Janzen
Worship Leader: Brett Esau Piano: Kathy Casey & Vicki Ensz
Hosts: Justin & Linsey Schardt Video: Jane Esau
Audio: Van VanderSchaaf PowerPoint: Eli VanderSchaaf
Ushers: Gayland Regier & Bill Thimm Kid's Time: Paula Heinz
Last Sunday: Attendance: 89 Offering: MMN: \$1,632; FMC: \$2,300
Today's Offering: FMC **Next Week's Offering:** FMC

Coming Up this Week:

Palm Sunday, March 29 9:30 am Sunday School for all ages
10:30 am Worship
Tuesday, March 31 1:30 pm WMS
Maundy Thursday, Apr 2 6:00 p.m. Meal; 6:30 Worship service
Good Friday, Apr 3 12:00 & 7:00 pm Online services
Easter Sunday, April 5 9:30 am Easter Breakfast, kids'
scavenger hunt, Intergenerational Activities
10:30 am Worship

Remaining March Birthdays

25: Parker Williamson 26: Callan Baade
28: Navy Esau 29: Baker Esau, Sarah Neher
30: Sue Gerber

April Birthdays

2: Ella Crawford 5: Sylvia Cross
7: Henry Trantham 9: Elsie Riesen
13: Blake Thimm & Jacob Janzen 16: Anita Reimer
17: Vicki Hinz-Ensz 20: Sloan Esau

- Our services are on **YouTube:** www.youtube.com/c/fmcbeatrice
- The **bulletin** is at fmcbeatrice.org under documents.
- If you would like to be on the **Prayer Chain**, see Sue Gerber
- If you use the **nursery**, please clean up after using it. Thanks!
- 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 for the food pantry may go in the offering plate.
- **Men's Brotherhood Project?** Contact Dan Kunzman or LeRoy Janzen.

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Welcome to First Mennonite Church
March 29 , 2026
Palm Sunday

Welcome

Call to Worship

P: We gather to worship God and to look back on where we've been;

L: we see old hopes, plans, and dreams, remembered "Hosannas!"
and all these weeks of Lent.

P: We gather to worship God and to look at where we are now,

L: at Jesus re-defining triumph; and the king on the cross instead of a
throne.

P: We gather to worship God and to wonder at this mystery,

L: of salvation that comes so strangely; of life that comes through death;
of brokenness meeting grace.

All: Come, let us worship together!

L: Come, not as the people we imagine ourselves to be,
but as the people we truly are.

Prayer

Hymn 217: "Hark! The Glad Sound!" (children's palm procession)

Confession & Assurance

L: God of the cross, you have written your truth in love—
clear for all the world to see.

P: And still, we struggle to receive it.

L: You come to us in humility, in vulnerability,
in a love that does not force but gives itself away.

P: And we confess: we long for a different kind of power.

**We want strength without sacrifice, victory without suffering,
glory without the cross. Forgive us for resisting the way of Jesus.**

L: We wave our palms with hope and joy, yet we turn away when the
road grows costly. We have tried to rewrite what you have declared:
to soften it, to reshape it, to make it easier to bear.

**P: Forgive us when we say, "Don't write that," when your truth
unsettles us. Hold us in your mercy and lead us again to the cross.**

L: Hear the good news: what God has written, no one can erase.
And what God has written is mercy.

P: Even at the cross, love remains.

In Christ, we are met with forgiveness and peace.

L: "It is finished," he says— and the work of love is complete.

P: We are forgiven. We are held. We are restored.

L: Thanks be to God.

All: Amen.

VT 316: "Ride On, Ride On in Majesty" Offering for FMC

Children's Story

Reader's Theater

Scripture: John 19:16b-30, John 12:12-26

Sermon: "Palms, Nails, and Tetelestai"

Pastor Josh

Hymn 323: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

Sharing and Prayer

Benediction

Sending Song 329: "Were You There" v. 1-5

Passing the Peace

Welcome to all worshiping with us here and on YouTube. For easy access, bookmark this link: www.youtube.com/c/fmcbeatrice and "Like" it and subscribe. The bulletin is at fmcbearice.org under the documents tab.

"My Coins Count" March 22 total: \$799.10 matched by Larry and Kathy Thimm. 2026 total was \$7,301.39 exceeding last year's total by \$175.26! 50 towels & 135 soap bars were donated. *Thank you to the congregation for their contributions and willingness to participate in raising funds for MCC.*

Save the date of June 7th for the upcoming baptisms. The service will be at Baade's Pond. More details to come.

Get Out Your Recipes! FMC would like to publish an updated version of the FMC cookbook incorporating adaptations of modern cooking methods but still focusing on traditional recipes that may be unique to our families and congregation. Please contact Paula Heinz or Debbie Goossen to contribute your recipes. Submissions are not needed immediately but fairly soon.

Are you missing a 9x9 cake pan, a white bowl or a plastic lid to a casserole dish? These items have been in the kitchen for a long time. They are on the counter in the fellowship hall, please claim them by April 1.- WMS

Holy Week Schedule:

Thursday, April 2, 6 pm - Maundy Thursday/Good Friday service.

Soup Supper 6:00pm, Service 6:30pm

Friday, April 3, Noon & 7:00 pm-- Good Friday services online (see below)

Sunday, April 5, 9:30 am-- Easter Breakfast and kids' scavenger hunt and Intergenerational Activities

10:30 am- Easter Worship Service

Good Friday Online Services:

Pastor Sarah's Pastor Peer Group is offering a Good Friday Service on Zoom Friday, April 3rd at 7:00 pm. All are welcome to attend! A link is in the bulletin email with the meeting id and passcode.

Pastor Josh is participating in an Ecumenical Good Friday service from 12-3pm. All are invited to watch the livestream @ kmlchurch.org

Sign-up on the bulletin board to **bring soup/bread** for **Maundy Thursday/Good Friday** meal at 6:00 p.m. The service is at 6:30 pm.

Congratulations to Duane Claassen on being named "**Barbershopper of the Year**" at The Homestead Harmonizers Spring Show last weekend.

Register now for Camp Mennoscah Summer Camps! FMC will again pay the registration fee for one Mennonite camp per year plus a T-shirt for FMC youth! Register at campmennoscah.org. Put First Mennonite, Beatrice on the application as your sponsor. Please let our office know if you've registered. **Please register by April 1 if possible.**

Mennonite Disaster Service offers the **MDS Family Program** this summer in Central Kansas! There are projects for anyone of any age and skill! Held in Hesston, KS, the weeks of June 14-20, June 21-27, June 28-July 4, volunteers will have opportunities to assist in projects including building cabinets, toolboxes, assembling MCC kits, and preparing campus for fall students. Visit www.volunteer.mds.org to learn more.