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

Serving Today:

Pastor: Josh Janzen Organist: Karen Wiebe Worship Leader: Katie Jantzen Hosts: Lynn & Sue Gerber

Live Stream: John Thimm Audio: Jim Ensz

Ushers: Bill Thimm, Daryl Riesen Power point: Debbie Goossen Candle Lighters: Ross & Alma Reimer Children's Story: Neal Trantham

Last Sunday: Offerings: FMC: \$ 3,680; Technology Fund: \$200;

Tuition Fund: \$600; Attendance: 118

Offering this morning: AMBS Tonight: Deacon's Fund

Next Sunday, Dec. 31: First Mennonite Church

Happening this week:

Sunday, December 24 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Worship

Monday, December 25 Merry Christmas!

Sunday, December 31 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School

New Year's Eve 10:30 a.m. Worship with **Communion**

Late December Birthdays

17: Rogena Jantzen, Wendy Kyser, Dick Goertzen

20: Ann Reimer, Brett Esau

25: Dick Penner 29: John Penner

Early January Birthdays

2: Christina Lyons 2: Ryan Hohensee

7: Barb Thimm

8: Doris Claassen, Hannah Kunzman 9: Jim Wiebe

- Need a hearing device? Ask an usher for assistance.
- We collect Best Choice labels & used cards and envelopes.
- Food Pantry: Please put items in the narthex box or give cash donations to Dolores Jantzen.
- Men's Brotherhood project? Contact Dan Kunzman or LeRoy Janzen
- Our **service** is **available** on youtube.com, search for fmcbeatrice. We're also on FM 107.5 in our parking lot. You'll find the bulletin at fmcbeatrice.org; click the More tab to select Documents, Church docs, bulletins.

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Church Chair: Jerry Reimer (402-239-2716)



Welcome to First Mennonite Church December 24, 2023,

4th Sunday in Advent - Christmas Eve

Call To Worship

Katie Jantzen

L: God sent the angel Gabriel to a young woman in Nazareth named Mary. He said to her, "Greetings, favored one! God is with you."

High voices: But Mary was perplexed by Gabriel's words, Low voices: and pondered what sort of greeting this might be.

L: The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, for you have found favor with God."

People: Like Mary, we're also ordinary.
Will God really work through us?
(pause)

All: Together we ponder.

Prayer

Hymn: "God is Here Among Us"

VT 62

Children's Story

Hymn: "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

VT 216

Scripture: Luke 1:26-38

Sermon: How Will We Know: Why Me? Why Not Me? Pastor Josh

Hymn: "Poor of the Earth" VT 213

Sharing and Prayer

Advent Candle Lighting/Benediction

Ross & Alma Reimer

Leader: Together we ponder. Candle lighter: We're so ordinary.

Will God really work through us?

Leader: Do not be afraid! Nothing is impossible with God.

Go, for the mighty one has done extraordinary

things, and holy is God's name!

Sending Song: "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" VT 247

Offering to Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary (AMBS)

Welcome! We are glad you are here! Please come again!

Communion will be held next Sunday, December 31. Please note there isn't an evening service.

Children's Sunday School will resume on January 7 at 9:30 a.m.

The adult Sunday School class uses Salt & Light discussion guides (stand-alone lessons). Come join us in the room at the bottom of the stairs as your schedule allows

Tuition Fund pledges/donations: We are short \$800 for our first semester pledge for Claira Janssen's tuition at Bethel College. That payment was due December 21. The second semester pledge for her tuition is \$4500 and due January 9. Donations for this may be put in the offering plate and marked "tuition pledge".

Annual committee/council reports are due in the church office. Questions, please see last year's annual report or contact the office.

NUTS! WMS has sliced almonds \$7.00, cashews \$9.50, and black walnuts \$12.50, all are one-pound bags. Contact Lori Thimm, 402-239-3611.

If you have **frozen food for Scott Jantzen** and his family, you may put it in the freezer in the church kitchen. Please put cooking instructions and Scott's name on the item. The food will be delivered to Scott every Monday. Call Lori Thimm 402-239-3611 with questions.



Christmas Worship Opportunities:

Sunday, December 24, 10:30 a.m. Worship

Sunday, December 24, 6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Worship

Sunday, December 31, 10:30 a.m. Worship with **Communion**

The **Annual Meeting** will be on Wednesday, January 10 at 7:00 p.m.

FMC General Fund Summary

	November
General Fund beginning balance 10/31/23	\$ 6,867.25
General Fund offerings	9,500.00
Church expenses	(23,273.12)

General fund ending balance 11/30/23 (6,905.87)

Wishing You and Yours a Blessed Christmas!

