



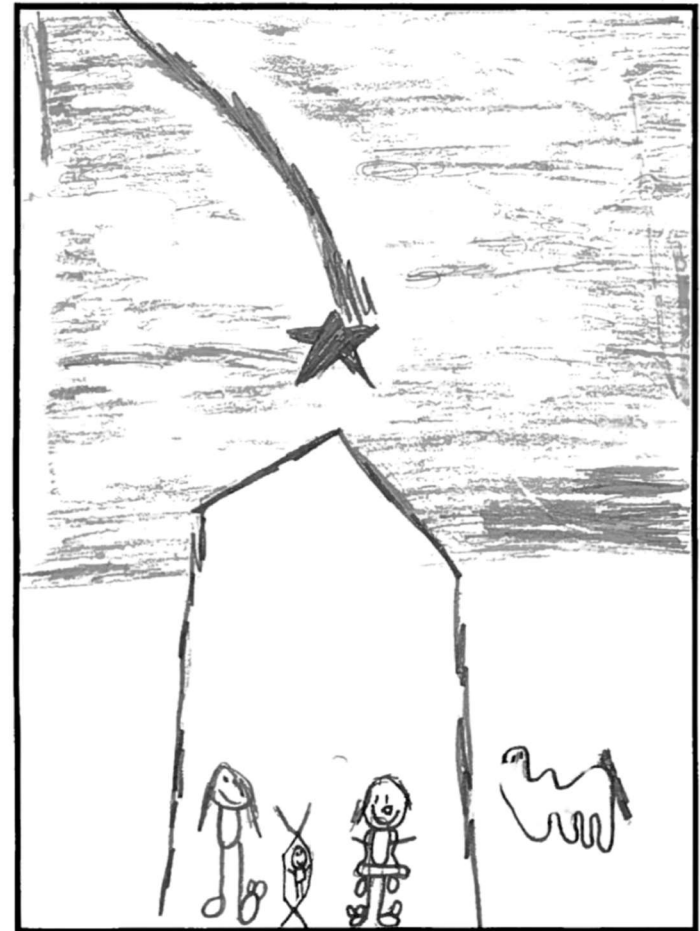
Welcome to First Mennonite Church
December 7, 2025
Second Sunday in Advent

Be Amazed!



Artist Braxton

Be Amazed!



Artist Matsori Esqu

Prelude Music by Caleb Klingenberg

"Bile Them Cabbage"

"O Come All Ye Faithful"

"O Come, O Come Immanuel"

Welcome

Call to Worship

L: God in our desert, you are our peace in all places.

**P: Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost;
we are cut off completely.**

L: Thus says the Lord GOD:

*"Come from the four winds, O breath,
and breathe upon these slain, that they may live."*

P: Can these dry bones live?

L: The wind of God moves among these dry bones.
Stand and live!

(Everyone stand)

**P: We are the people of God, a vast multitude,
filled with God's Spirit.**

L: "I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live.
I will place you on your own soil;
then you shall know that I, the LORD,
have spoken and will act," says the LORD.

All: You are the only source of true life, O God.

*You breathe new life into our dry bones
and fill us with your peace.*

*We stand before you,
ready to enter your story and be amazed.*

Opening Prayer

Hymn 217: "Hark! The Glad Sound!"

Candle Lighting

Justin, Linsey, Riley, & Graham Schardt

L: We have been wandering in the dark,
Our spirits dry and cracked from conflict,
Aching for peace to pour into the crevices to revive us.

P: Come, Peace of the world. Come amaze us.

**All: May your peace fill the cracks in our dry, brittle bones.
Bind us together, strengthen and unite us, that we might dance!**

Responding Hymn 211: "Hope Is a Candle" Verse 1 & 2

Children's Story

Offering Hymn 737: "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" (offering for FMC)

Scripture: Ezekiel 37:1-14

Sermon: "Be Amazed: Peace in the Valley"

Pastor Josh

Special Music: "Joy to the World"

by Pastor Brett & Caleb Klingenberg

Hymn 244: "Silent Night, Holy Night"

Sharing and Prayer

Benediction

Sending Song Hymn 832: "The Lord Lift You Up"

Passing the Peace

Pastor Josh is out of the office on parental leave from November 12 - December 10 and will not be reachable during that time. For church matters or assistance please reach out the church office at office@fmcbearice.org) 402-251-7180, or Pastor Sarah (507-993-6820).

Thank you to Pastor Brett and Caleb Klingenberg for playing for preservice and during the worship service.

If you ordered nuts, you may pick them up downstairs today.

A meal train has been set up for the Janzen family following the birth of Dorothea. You can sign up at this link to provide them with an evening meal. <https://mealtrain.com/zgz52y>.

Attention Ladies: We would like to have a ladies group sing two songs for the Christmas program on Sunday, Dec. 14. We will plan to practice the next two Sundays, Dec. 7 and Dec. 14 at 9:30. Hope you can join us!

There is still time to have your artwork grace our bulletin cover this advent season. There are more templates by the mailboxes. Put finished artwork in Pastor Sarah's mailbox.

WMS has extra nuts to sell: Pecans \$13, English Walnuts \$8.50, Black Walnuts \$10.50. Contact Lori Thimm, 402-239-3611.

Best Foot Forward 4-H Club Coat Drive will accept new and gently used winter outer wear through December 7. There's a box near the coat closet. Questions? Talk to Don Esau.

The Community Food Pantry struggles to keep shelves full this time of year with additional community family needs. Please consider donating food, hygiene items, or money to them.

The Homestead Harmonizers & The Beatrice Regional Orchestra Christmas concert Sunday, Dec 7, 2 pm at the Hevelone Center. Adults \$10; Students free.

2025 Meat Canning Report: 18,360 pounds of chicken thigh meat was used resulting in 11,230 cans of meat as well as about 320 pounds of raw meat shared with Milford Food Net and 320 pounds with the Lincoln Peoples City Mission. The price of the chicken meat was expected to be around \$1.90 but ended up costing \$1.32 per pound. A "per can fee" of \$1.50 is also paid to help with the canner expenses as well as to pay for shipping the canned meat to destinations around the world to people in need. We began with a balance of \$11, 453.50, thanks to 2024 donations even though we didn't can. With 2025 donations of \$30,681 and expenses of \$38,718.22, we ended the season with a positive balance \$3416.28. Thank you for your donations of time and money.

The chill of winter is settling in and that means it's time for **MCC's Great Winter Warm-up!** From January to March, the goal is 10,000 comforters to help spread warmth, joy and comfort to people around the world. Start plans now to gather with friends and family to make comforters for MCC this winter! Find inspiring stories and instructions at mcc.org/gwww.

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

Serving Today:

Worship Leader: Lori Thimm

Hosts: Don & Judy Jantzen

Audio: Jim Ensz

Ushers: Doug Casey & Gayland Regier

Special Music by Pastor Brett & Caleb Klingenberg

Message: Pastor Josh Janzen

Pianist: Karen Wiebe

Power point: Eli VanderSchaaf

Video: John Thimm

Kids Time: Erin VanderSchaaf

Last Sunday Attendance: ?

Today's Offering: FMC

Offering: FMC \$2,189

Next Week: Community Food Pantry

Coming Up this Week:

Sunday, Dec 7

9:30 am Adult Sunday School

Baptism Class

Christmas Program Practice

10:30 am 2nd Sunday of Advent Worship

6:30 pm Christmas Program Rehearsal

9:30 am Christmas Program Rehearsal

Adult Sunday School

10:30 am Christmas Program

December Birthdays:

4: Maxson Esau

6: Kristin Ruiz

9: Cara Esau, Vern Jantzen, Bill Thimm

10: Gene Penner

11: Lori Thimm

13: Laura Baade, Bill Epp

14: Paula Heinz

17: Rogena Jantzen, Wendy Kyser, Dick Goertzen

20: Ann Reimer, Brett Esau

25: Dick Penner

29: John Penner

*You can find our services on YouTube (search for FMCBeatrice).

The bulletin is at fmcbeatrice.org under documents.

*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.

*Last to leave the church? Please **turn off all lights!**

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Vicki Hinz-Ensz (402-239-4174), **Church Chair:** Jerry Reimer (402-239-2716)