

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

Serving Today:

Pastor: Josh Janzen	Pianist: Karen Wiebe
Worship Leader: Don Esau	Greeters: John & Zella Penner
PPT: Doreen Janzen	Children's Story: Neal Trantham
Live Stream: Kathy Casey	Audio: LeRoy Janzen
Ushers: John Regier & Jim Hamm	Hosts: Pat Penner & Elsie Riesen

Last Sunday: Offerings: FMC: \$3,680; Food Pantry, \$100
Attendance: 116

Offering today: AMBS; Next Sunday: FMC General Fund

Happening this week:

Sunday, December 25	10:30 a.m. Christmas Worship
Saturday, December 17	6:00 p.m. Worship with Communion
Sunday, January 1	9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School
	10:30 a.m. Worship

Late December Birthdays

17: Rogena Jantzen, Wendy Kyser, Christopher Janssen	
17: Dick Goertzen	20: Ann Reimer, Brett Esau
25: Dick Penner	29: John Penner

Early January Birthdays

2: Christina Lyons	6: Ryan Hohensee
7: Barb Thimm	8: Hannah Kunzman, Doris Claassen
9: Jim Wiebe	10: Jan Reimer

- Ask an usher for assistance with a **hearing device**.
 - **We collect** Sun Mart receipts, Best Choice labels & used cards/envelopes
 - **Food Pantry:** Please put items in the narthex box or give cash donations to Dolores Jantzen.
 - **Shop at smile.amazon.com** to support Mother to Mother Ministries with your Amazon purchases!
 - If you would like a **PDF of the church directory** for your phone, please contact the office.
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First Mennonite Church; 6714 W. State Hwy. 4, Beatrice, NE 68310

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Welcome to First Mennonite Church

December 25, 2022,

Christ the Savior is Born!

Prelude Karen Wiebe

Welcome Don Esau

Call to Worship

L: Sing and shout; how great is our God! The heavens praise your name; the earth proclaims your glory!

P: How beautiful are the feet on the mountain of those who bring good news.

L: Great is your peace, and great are your promises.

P: Your good news brings comfort to my soul. In my heart a new song cries out.

L: Sing hallelujah!

ALL: Our God reigns!

Prayer Don Esau

Hymn: "Oh, How Shall I Receive Thee" VT 215

Children's Story Neal Trantham

Hymn: "Joy to the World" VT 240

Scripture: Hebrews 1:1-4; John 1:1-14

Sermon: "Restoration is Here" Pastor Josh

Hymn: "Go Tell It on the Mountain" VT 252

Sharing and Prayer

Sending

Offering for Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary

Welcome! We're glad you're worshipping with us! The service is available at <https://www.youtube.com/c/fmcbeatrice> and on FM 107.5 in our parking lot. To follow along in the bulletin, visit our website fmcbeatrice.org; under the More tab select Documents. Scroll down to Church docs, minutes and bulletins.

The adult Sunday School class will not meet on the 25th. Please join us on the 1st when we meet to begin discussing chapter 6 (Intentional Diversity and Inclusion) of the book *Reawakened*. All are welcome to join the discussion even if you haven't read the book.

Children's Sunday School will resume on January 8 at 9:30 a.m.

Come at 10:15 a.m. on Christmas Day for an organ prelude of Christmas Carols.

WMS will begin on Tuesday January 3. We will have a "NO HOSTESS" meeting. Everyone please bring a few snacks to share.

Nuts are still available. Contact Karen Wiebe if you are interested.

It's time for a new **pictorial church directory!** Our photography dates are Monday, Jan 30 and Tuesday, Jan 31. A flyer is in your mailbox with all the details! **Signup online** or in the church office following worship with Zella on Sundays through January 29.

The **Pictorial Directory Committee** of Dolores Jantzen & Zella Penner ask you to share any photos you have of church activities that you think are suitable for use in our new pictorial directory. (Photos of Sunday school, 2022 VBS, Christmas program practice, camp, MDS work, MCC sale, Burwood Bookstore, church picnic, and whatever FMC is involved in) Submit them to the church office by email or hard copy. Thanks!

We have pledged as a church to support our Mission Partners, David & Rebekkah Stutzman, with \$5000 annually. At this time, **we are short about \$2,000** in meeting that commitment. Please consider contributing. Put your offering in the plate, marked for our Mission Partners. Thank you.

The tuition committee is seeking donations to fulfill our 2nd semester pledges for the college students. Donations can be given to Mike Goossen.

If you have any items for the **Annual meeting agenda**, please talk with Dorothy Zimmerman.

Committee reports are due in the office for the church's Annual Report.

Pastor Josh will hold a **Christmas Party for JYF and SYF** on Wednesday, December 28 from 6 p.m. to midnight at the church.

Please join us on **New Year's Eve for a Communion Service** at 6 p.m.

Thank you to Ann Reimer, Dick Goertzen family (in memory of Arylis), and the Decorating Committee for the beautiful poinsettias shared with the congregation for Christmas! You may take your poinsettia home following the service on Christmas Day.

Please review the church directory contact information for you and your family members. If there are changes in address, phone numbers, or email addresses, please let the office know.

Beatrice Community Blood Drive Wednesday, December 28, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Conference Center. Call 402-269-5460 for appointments. Free T-shirt for donors while quantities last.

Community Food Pantry Ingathering is ongoing through November and December. Please drop off food, paper products, or personal hygiene items, at the pantry at St. John's Church. Cash donations also appreciated.

Registration is open for **KNOW JESUS**, an overnight retreat for 6th - 8th graders on February 4 - 5 at Hesston College! At **KNOW JESUS**, students can learn more about their Anabaptist roots through worship, service, and interactive activities. Registration or questions: melissahlandis@gmail.com

Lyle Miller of Everence, invites you to join him at a "come and go" **reception to thank Homer Friesen** for 35 years of service on January 8, from 9:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. in the church basement. Homer will be transitioning into retirement. He joined the MMA/Everence team in 1987, helping many clients integrate their faith with their finances.



*Wishing you a
Happy Christmas
as you celebrate
the birth of
our Savior!*