

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

**Serving Today:**

Pastor: Josh Janzen  
Worship Leader: Erin Vanderschaaf  
PPT: Lori Thimm  
Live Stream: Pam Kunzman  
Ushers: Kent Hohensee, Kyle Riesen

Pianist: Erin VanderSchaaf  
Greeter: Kathy Casey  
Children's Story: Dan Kunzman  
Audio: Jim Ensz  
Hosts: Don & Judy Jantzen

**Last Sunday:** Offerings: FMC \$9,201.46; Tuition Fund \$550.

Attendance: 117

**Offering today:** Western District Conference; Next Sunday: FMC

**Happening this week:**

Sunday, January 22 9:30 a.m. Sunday School for All  
10:30 a.m. Worship  
Tuesday, January 24 1:30 p.m. WMS Quilting & Tying  
Sunday, January 29 9:30 a.m. Sunday School for All

**January Birthdays**

2: Christina Lyons  
7: Barb Thimm  
9: Jim Wiebe  
11: Beckett Heinz  
15: Clara Trantham  
19: Kent Hohensee  
20: Terri Jantzen  
26: Don Esau, John Thimm

6: Ryan Hohensee  
8: Hannah Kunzman, Doris Claassen  
10: Jan Reimer  
14: John Regier  
17: Ron Janzen  
21: Robbyn Hohensee  
29: Randall Ensz

- 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.

**First Mennonite Church; 6714 W. State Hwy. 4, Beatrice, NE 68310**

**Pastor:** Josh Janzen; 402-228-2052; pastorjosh@fmcbeatrice.org

**Church Office:** 402-251-7180

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**Deacons:** Don Esau (402-223-9210), Vicki Hinz-Ensz (402-239-4174), Sue Gerber (402-239-8857)

Welcome

Erin Vanderschaaf



**Welcome to First Mennonite Church**

January 22, 2023

**Call to Worship** - (Carole Penner- www.leadinginworship.com)

L: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory. (Isaiah 6:3 NRSV)

**P: The Lord of hosts is with us.**

L: Let us lift up our hearts!

**P: We lift them up to the Lord!**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

**P: It is a good and joyful thing to give God thanks and praise!**

L: Let us pray:

**ALL: Holy God, we come together as your people searching for sacred space, longing to be cherished, craving a real connection. In this hour of worship let thankfulness sink deep and joy spring up. We lift our hearts and souls and minds to the God of our creation, for we are wholly yours now and forever. Amen.**

**Prayer**

Erin Vanderschaaf

**Hymn: "Here in This Place"**

VT 10

**Confession of Faith – The Nicene Creed**

VT 924 adapted

L: We believe in one God,

**P: the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.**

L: We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,

**P: the Only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father; through him all things were made.**

L: For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

**P: was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scripture. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the**

**dead and his kingdom will have no end.**

L: We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

**P: who proceeds from the Father and Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**

L: We believe in one, holy universal and apostolic Church.

**P: We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**ALL: We look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come! Amen.**

**Children's Choir: "Be Strong and Courageous" - Jennie Williamson"**

**Children's Story**

Dan Kunzman

**Hymn: "Jesus Calls Us"**

VT 30

**Scripture: Luke 2:39-52**

**Sermon: "Baby Jesus Did You Know?"**

Pastor Josh

**Hymn: "Christ is Our Cornerstone"**

VT 4

**Sharing and Prayer**

**Sending**

**Offering for Western District Conference**

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**Welcome!** We're glad you're here! 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](http://fmcbeatrice.org); under the More tab select Documents, then Church docs, minutes and bulletins.

**Children's Sunday School learned** of the Mustard Seed and Yeast as found in Matthew 13:31-35. (*God's kingdom grows.*) Next Sunday they will study about Hidden Treasure in Matthew 13:44-48: *God's kingdom is like a treasure. Thank you, Children's Choir,* for singing in the service today.

**Maggie Boyce** has returned home to the PEO Home, 413 N 5<sup>th</sup> St Beatrice.

The church office has a **new phone number: 402-251-7180**. This is a cell phone that will remain in the church office in place of the land line. The change was needed due to technology advances. Messages may be left, but keep in mind that Vicki is not in the office every day to check the messages. For time sensitive matters, please contact her at 402-239-5312. The land line account with Windstream has been discontinued.

Pastor Josh is presenting a **four week series** this Sunday entitled "**I Wonder**". He will explore and answer wonderings/questions submitted by congregation members regarding anything Biblical. Plan to be here for this interesting series!

This week the **adult Sunday School** class is wrapping up discussion on chapter 6 (intentional diversity and inclusion) of "Reawakened" by Glen Guyton. You're welcome to join the discussion even if you haven't read the book.

**WMS:** Due to the photographers being here we will not have ladies aid on Tuesday, January 31.

**Peace Club** will begin on Wednesday, February 1, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. with prayer partners in attendance. We will meet every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. through April 5 when Prayer Partners will attend again. **JYF** will follow the same schedule.

**Quilt Update for MCC Sale**—Online quilt registration is now available. Quilts must be registered and online by March 5, 2023 so they can be printed in the sale guide. Pictures are appreciated as they will be displayed on the website before the sale. Quilts submitted after this date will not be listed in the quilt guides or online, but will still be sold after all cataloged quilts or may be held over for next year's auction. MCC Sale is March 31-April 1!

**The MCC Golf tournament** has been scheduled for August 12, 2023, and will be held at the York County Club. More details will be available later.

Please continue to **send pictures** to Dolores Jantzen & Zella Penner 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)

**A thoughtful conversation about poverty** in our community will take place on Wed, Feb 8 from 9-noon at the Beatrice Public Library. Come to hear about the work currently being done, the current state of poverty in our community, and share your own observations. If you would like to attend or have questions, please contact Katie Jantzen.