Follow Jesus; **M**ature in Faith; **C**arry the Good News
At **F**irst **M**ennonite **C**hurch

Serving Today: Pastor Josh Janzen
Hosts: Jason & Linsey Schardt
Piano: Karen Wiebe
Video: Jane Esau
Ushers: Jake Janzen & Bill Thimm

Worship Leader: Rodney Ensz
Power Point: Symantha Janzen
Audio: Daryl Riesen
Children's Story: Shana Ensz

Last Sunday: Attendance: 91 **Offering:** WDC $1,147**;** FMC $ 420; Youth group $ 20; MCC Meat Canning $500

Today's Offering: FMC **Next Sunday:** Mission Partners, Stutzman's
(As a reminder, we've pledged to support the Stutzman's with $5000 a year.)

Coming Up:

Sunday, Nov 15	9:30 am Children's Sunday School
	No Adult Sunday School
	10:30 am Worship with Dedication of Dorothea Mae Janzen
Tuesday, Nov 17	1:30 pm WMS Quilting & Tying & Meat Canning
Wednesday, Nov 18	Meat Canning
Sunday, November 22	9:30 am Children's & Adult Sunday School
	10:30 am Worship

November Birthdays:

2: Immanuel Stutzman	3: Brad Thimm
5: Becky Riesen	12: Dorothea Mae Janzen
14: Ivan Regier Reimer	18: Kathy Casey, Katie Jantzen
24: Linsey Schardt	27: Nathanael Stutzman
29: Lesley Trantham, Aaron Jantzen	30: Don Diller

- 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.
- **Put Food Pantry items** in the narthex box; checks in the offering plate.
- **Men's Brotherhood Project**? Contact Dan Kunzman.
- **Our Daily Bread devotion books (free) are** available by the mailboxes.

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Welcome to First Mennonite Church
November 15, 2026

Welcome and Call to Worship

L: The King has gone away, and the King will come again.
P: And in the meantime, we gather to worship him.
L: Some said, "We do not want this man to rule over us."
P: But we say, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!"
L**:** He did not come with a sword. He came with a cross.
P: He did not take his throne by force. He gave himself away.
L: Lift up your heads, O gates! Be lifted up, ancient doors!
P: That the King of glory may come in.
L: Let all who have ears to hear, listen.
All: Come, let us worship the Lord!

Prayer

Hymn 22*: "What is This Place"*

Confession

L: Merciful King, you entrusted us with gifts, with time, with neighbors, with your Word.
P: We have wrapped them in cloth and called it caution.
L: We have been afraid of you. We have pictured you as hard, as watching for our mistakes, as keeping accounts.
P: Forgive us for believing a smaller and harsher God than the one who ran down the road to meet us.
L: We have said, "Do not rule over us," not with our words but with our calendars, our budgets, and our grip on our own lives.
P: Forgive us for guarding what we should have given away.
L: We have kept things tidy and safe, and called it faithfulness. We have put off the phone call, the invitation, the apology, the first small step.
P: Forgive us for waiting until we felt ready.
L: Lord, in your mercy,
All: Forgive us, and teach us to trust you. Amen.

Assurance

L: Hear the good news. The one who sat down to eat with Zacchaeus, a man everyone had written off, is the same one who speaks to us. He said, "Today salvation has come to this house," for the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost. Friends, believe the good news:
P: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
L: The King welcomes us home.
All: Thanks be to God!

Offering Hymn 315*: "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"*

Children's Story

Dedication of Dorothea Mae Janzen

Introduction

Parental Sharing

Family Vows

Congregational Vows

P: As members of your congregation, we are the Christian community into which Dorothea has been born. Your children are our children. We celebrate the gift of family, and with joy we commit ourselves to share in your and Dorothea's nurture and well-being. We will support – by our words and example – your efforts to provide a loving and caring home, where trust in God grows, and Christ's way is chosen. We pray that our shared life and witness will help make your task as parents both joyful and fruitful and that you can continue to grow in faithfulness as a family.

Act of Consecration

Congregational Blessing:

L: First Mennonite Church, this is Dorothea!

P: The Lord bless you and keep you!

Scripture*: Luke 19:11-27*

Sermon: *"While the King is Away"*

Hymn 218: *"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"*

Sharing and Prayer

Benediction

Sending Song 847*: "You Shall Go Out with Joy"*

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 fmcbeatrice.org under the documents tab.

The 150th Anniversary postcard invitations were sent to attendees, former members, summer assistants, and pastors. If you'd like an invitation for someone, please ask Terri Brethouwer**. The celebration is July 23-25, 2027.**

WMS Christmas Brunch is Saturday, December 5 at 9:30 in the church basement. Guest Speaker is Jill Christy of Handspoken, (formerly 10,000 Villages). All Ladies and Girls are invited. A freewill offering will be gathered.

The FMC Ensemble will play the prelude on Dec 13 before the Christmas program. We'll play a variety of easy Christmas songs if you're out of practice! All instruments are welcome. Contact Neal Trantham by November 15.

If you want to **carpool to can MCC Meat Nov 17 & 18** in Milford, contact Vern Jantzen at 402-230-0011. Put meat checks in the offering plate.

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes are due today! Please include $10/box for shipping. Don't tape your box shut. Thank you for helping share the Gospel & joy of Christmas with children around the world!

"We invite First Mennonite Church to join us for our **100th Anniversary celebration!** We have been intertwined since the arrival of the first immigrants 150 years ago and before." **Summit Street Church** will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the founding of our congregation.
WHEN: **November 15, 2026 WHERE:** 1220 Summit Street, Beatrice, NE

- 9:00-9:45 Breakfast- including breakfast casseroles, rolls, and fruit
- 10:00 Sanctuary gathering for a time of worship and inspiration with Don Diller and Pastor Andrew holding a reflective conversation.

All contributions to **MMN's Mobilize for Peace Fund** (MMN's general fund) through December 31, 2026 will be **matched** up to $300,000.

MC USA Exec Dir. **Glen Guyton** will conclude his role Dec. 31, 2026, and will not seek renewal for a fourth term. On Jan. 1, 2027, he begins a new role as president and COO of the Natl Underground Railroad Freedom Center in Cincinnati, Ohio. Rev. Iris de León-Hartshorn is interim exec. Dir. Jan 1, 2027.

Ellis United Methodist Church Soup Dinner Sunday, Nov 15, 11-1 pm. Variety of soups, sandwiches & desserts.

Homestead Harmonizers presents ***A "Guys & Gals" Christmas*** Sunday, Nov 29, 2:00 p.m. at the Hevelone Center. Special guests: UNL Boots & Cats a cappella group. Tickets are available from Harmonizers or $15 at the door. 18 & under are free.

Mennonite Church USA 2027 Convention - *Rising in Hope* - is July 6-10, 2027 in Cincinnati, Ohio.