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

Serving Today: Pastor Andrew Dungan
Worship Leader: Vern Jantzen
Hosts: Brad & Amanda Thimm
Piano: Judy Lichti
Video: Jane Esau
Ushers: Jake Janzen & Bill Thimm
Power Point: Symantha Janzen
Audio: Jim Ensz
Children's Story: Vicki Hinz-Ensz

Last Sunday: Attendance: 86 **Offering:** FMC $2,528; WDC $50; Mission Partners $100; MCC Meat Canning $200
Today's Offering: Our Mission Partners **Next Sunday:** FMC
(As a reminder, we've pledged to support the Stutzman's with $5000 a year.)

Coming Up:

Sunday, November 22	9:30 am	Children's & Adult Sunday School
	10:30 am	Worship
Monday, November 23	11:00 am	Memorial Service for Marilyn Albright
Tuesday, Nov 24	1:30 pm	WMS Quilting & Tying
Wednesday, Nov 25		No activities: Thanksgiving Break
Thursday, Nov 26		THANKSGIVING
Sunday, November 29	9:30 am	Adult Sunday School
1st Sunday of Advent		No Children's 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 22, 2026

Welcome and Call to Worship
L: Give thanks to God, who is good!
P: God's love is everlasting.
L: Come let us praise God joyfully.
P: Let us come to God with thanksgiving
All: Let us worship our God together.

Prayer

Hymn 114*: "Now Thank We All Our God"*

Prayer of Thanksgiving
L: For the church universal, and for this congregation of your people,
P: Thank you God.
L: For this place in which we gather for the praise and prayer, witness and service in the name of Jesus Christ,
P: Thank you God.
L: For disciples young and old, who have been nurtured here in faith,
P: Thank you God.
L: For the faithful who have led and loved us, and by the offering of their gifts, equipped us all for the work of ministry,
P: Thank you God.
L: For the ministries of worship and mission, nurture and fellowship, and for all whose lives have been touched by them,
P: Thank you God.
L: For all the saints who have stood among us, whose memory still enlivens our faith and emboldens our witness,
P: Thank you God.
L: Receive our gratitude, Holy God, for the years through which you have led us, and open us to the future of your promise.
All: Give thanks to God, who is Good! For God's love is everlasting!

Offering Hymn 120*: "For the Beauty of the Earth"*

Children's Story

Scripture*: Acts 27:14-26*

Sermon: *"What Faithfulness Requires Now"* Pastor Andrew

Hymn 419: *"Great is Thy Faithfulness"*

Sharing and Prayer

Benediction

Sending Song 70*: "Praise God"*

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.

Thank you to Pastor Andrew Dungan from Summit Street Church for delivering the sermon today.

The 150th Anniversary Celebration (July 23-24, 2027) postcard invitations are available from Terri Brethouwer if you'd like one for someone**.**

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.

As a reminder of our offering today for our Mission Partners, the Stutzmans, we have pledged to support them with $5,000 yearly. This is the only offering we have for them during the year.

Advent at Home
This year's Advent at Home resource was created by The Soil and The Seed Project. It is a simple and lovely devotion for all ages to use at home. Physical copies are available by the mailboxes. https://www.mennoniteusa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/11/advent-at-home-2026-english.pdf
(mennoniteusa.org website, click on the resources tab, then pdf file.)

Advent Bulletin Covers
Calling all artists! We are gathering artwork for our Advent bulletin covers. Submit pictures to Pastor Sarah by November 22nd to be on the first bulletin of Advent (November 29th). The final deadline to submit a cover is December 27th. Templates and guidelines are available by the mailboxes.

Pastor Sarah is filled with gratitude for the congregation's gift of maternity leave! She will return to work Tuesday and Thursday mornings through the middle of December to assist with Advent. She will then return to her normal hours in the new year.

Funeral services for Marilyn Albright, mother of Terri Brethouwer, and grandmother of Stephanie Janzen, will be held on Monday, November 23 at 11:00 at First Mennonite Church. Inurnment will be at 2:00 p.m. at Evergreen Cemetery. She passed away on November 12 at the age of 96. We keep her family in prayer. Her obituary may be found at Harman Wright Mortuary website.

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

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.

A newsletter from **David & Rebekkah Stutzman** is available by the mailboxes. A link was included in the Friday bulletin email.

Registration is open for Everence ***"Cultivating Generous Congregations"***. How do you inspire generosity? Cultivating Generous Congregations helps develop best practices for faithful stewardship and deepens the spirit of generosity in your congregation. **Upcoming 2027 course:** Tuesdays, Jan. 26 - March 16 at 6:00-7:30 pm CST. Registration closes Dec. 9, 2026, OR when all 12 slots are filled. Claim a spot for your congregation now! Sessions are a combination of virtual seminary and small groups in workbooks and on virtual platforms. It's recommended 3-5 people per congregation participate. $30 per participant due at registration to cover the cost of the workbooks.

MC USA launches reimagined internship program for college students interested in ministry **-** Mennonite Church USA has launched the Young Adult Leadership Laboratory (Y'ALL), a new internship program that gives eligible college students hands-on ministry experience and a pathway to a graduate degree through scholarships provided by MC USA's two seminaries. Six internships are available for summer 2027. Applications are due Jan. 31, 2027...

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