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: Erin VanderSchaaf
Video: Jane Esau
Ushers: Jake Janzen & Bill Thimm

Worship Leader: Kyle Riesen
Power Point: Symantha Janzen
Audio: Van VanderSchaaf
Children's Story: Grace Tegtmeier

Last Sunday: Attendance: 120 **Offering: FMC** $ 3,539
MCC Meat Canning $100
Today's Offering: Western District Conference **Next Sunday:** FMC

Coming Up:

Sunday, November 8	9:30 am Children's & Adult Sunday School
	10:30 am Worship
Tuesday, Nov 10	1:30 pm WMS Quilting & Tying
Wednesday, Nov 11	6:30 pm Final Fall Session of Peace Club
	JYF & SYF serve at Food Bank
Sunday, Nov 15	9:30 am Children's & Adult Sunday School
	10:30 am Worship with Dedication of
	Dorothea Mae Janzen

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 8, 2026

Welcome and Call to Worship

L: The night is long, and we have come to wait together.
P: We wait for the Lord, more than watchers wait for the morning.
L: God's word is a lamp to our feet and a light for our path.
P: Light our way, O God, in the daytime and in the dark.
L: Everyone who is thirsty, come. You who have no money, come.
P: We come with empty hands, to the One who gives freely.
L: The Bridegroom is coming, and he is coming for those he loves.
P: Come, Lord Jesus. Fill our lamps, and let us worship you.
All: Let us worship God together!

Prayer

Hymn 111: "10,000 Reasons/Bless the Lord"

Confession and Assurance

L: Faithful God, you know the difference between a lamp that shines and a lamp that only looks the part. Before you we are honest. Let us confess together.
P: Lord, we confess that we have carried lamps without oil.
We have mistaken attendance for devotion, and familiarity for faith.
L: We have put off the daily work of tending our faith.
P: We told ourselves there would be time later. Forgive us.
L: We have leaned on the faith of others, on parents, on spouses, on this church.
P: We forgot that each of us must come to you with our own lamp. Forgive us.
L: We have grown weary in the long waiting, and let the flame burn low.
P: We have trusted the memory of a spark more than your fresh gift. Forgive us.
L: Let us bring before God, in silence, whatever is running low in us.
(Silence)
All: Merciful God, we do not come to buy with our own good works. We come to you, who sell without price. Fill our lamps, and keep us faithful until the cry comes. Amen.
L: Hear the good news. The market is open today. It is not too late. The One who invites us has never asked us to earn our way in. He says to everyone who is thirsty, come, and he gives without cost.
If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and will forgive us and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. God's mercies are new every morning, and great is God's faithfulness.
L: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

P: Thanks be to God.
L: Go on coming, morning after morning, to the one who fills the jar.
All: Amen.

Sunday Singers - Offering Hymn 226: "Sleepers, Wake"

Children's Story

Scripture: Matthew 25:1-13

Sermon: "Oil You Can't Borrow"

Hymn 211: "Hope is a Candle"

Sharing – MEDA: Mennonite Economic Development Associates

Prayer

Benediction

Sending Song 762: "This Little Light of Mine"

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 last session for Peace Club, JYF, and SYF this fall is Wednesday, Nov 11. Peace Club and their Prayer Partners, JYF & SYF will have an Advent Activity Wednesday, Dec 16 at 6:30. (This replaces Friendsgiving this year.)

The 150th Anniversary postcard invitations are in mailboxes and mailed to former members, attendees, 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! Boxes must be turned back into church by November 15. Please remember to include $10/box for shipping and don't tape your box shut. Contact Linsey Schardt or Lori Thimm with questions. 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. .

Cynthia Neufeld Smith will give an organ recital Tuesday, Nov 10, 7 pm in the Ad Building Chapel at Bethel College (also Livestreamed). Will feature familiar hymns from Voices Together, but with different arrangements.

A generous donor has committed to **matching contributions** up to $300,000 made by December 31, 2026, in support of Mennonite Mission Network's **Mobilize for Peace Fund**. This fund supports MMN's general fund, financing the full scope of MMN initiatives, where they are needed most.

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.

St. Paul's Fundraiser for Pre-S, PreK, School, & Scholarships: **Nov 14 with Magician Gayle Becwar** at Holiday Inn Express. Use the QR code to get tickets ($50 for meal, show, 1 drink.). Raffle tickets for prizes valued over $300 are available at the event or from Vicki Frerking (402-239-5312).$10 each; 3/$25, 5/$40.

Free SOIL & SOUL: Part 2! for Farmers, Ranchers and the Ag Community Nov 14, 8:30am at Hilton Garden Inn, Hutchinson, KS. Speaker is Mark Mayfield. . See the flyer on the bulletin board.

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 capella group. Tickets available from Harmonizers or $15 at the door. 18 & under are free.