

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

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**Serving Today:**

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

Pianist: Karen Wiebe  
Greeter: Kathy Casey  
Children's Story: Jane Esau  
Audio: Jim Ensz  
Hosts: Pat Penner & Elsie Riesen

**Dec 25:** Offerings: FMC: \$4,340; AMBS: \$1,415  
Attendance: 54

**Offering today: FMC; Next Sunday: Mennonite Disaster Service**

**Happening this week:**

Sunday, January 1            9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School  
   10:30 a.m. Worship  
Tuesday, January 3        1:30 p.m. WMS Quilting & Tying  
Sunday, January 8         9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Adults & Kids  
   9:30 a.m. Reception for Homer Friesen  
   10:30 a.m. Worship, Lyle Miller guest spkr  
   Shepherd Groups meet for Cottage Prayer

**Late December Birthdays**

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  
11: Beckett Heinz        14: John Regier  
15: Clara Trantham      17: Ron Janzen

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- 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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**Deacons:** Vern Jantzen (402-230-0011), Don Esau (402-223-9210),

Vicki Hinz-Ensz (402-239-4174)



**Welcome to First Mennonite Church**

*January 1, 2023*

*He Comes to us in all our Distress*

**Welcome**

Katie Jantzen

**Call to Worship**

L: In crimson clothing you came,  
bringing the day of vengeance, the year of redemption.

**P: God has not forgotten you, O Jerusalem.**

L: O Lord, your compassion and kindness are for us,  
even in our distress.

**P: Even in suffering we remember your love.**

L: You have become fully human; you call us brothers and sisters.  
You, Lord, will gather your people again for the day of  
redemption.

**ALL: Let your repentance give you glory.**

*Let our praises give you joy, until you come again.*

**Prayer**

Katie Jantzen

**Hymn: "To God be the Glory"**

VT 84

**Children's Story**

Jane Esau

**Hymn: "Come, Join in Mary's Prophet-Song"**

VT 246

**Scripture: Matthew 2:13-23; Hebrews 2:10-18**

**Sermon: "Stuck in the In-Between"**

Pastor Josh

**Hymn: "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"**

VT 248

**Sharing and Prayer**

**Sending and Offering for First Mennonite Church**

**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](http://fmcbeatrice.org); under the More tab select Documents. Scroll down to Church docs, minutes and bulletins.

**The adult Sunday School class** will meet today 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 begins again** on January 8 at 9:30 a.m. with the story of Jesus' Ministry Begins as found in Matthew 4:17-25. (*We can bring our cares to Jesus.*)

**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 Sunday worship through January 29 with Zella.

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.

**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 by January 8.

**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.

Lyle Miller of Everence, invites you to 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.

**I wonder?** Do you have questions or wonderings about Jesus, faith, theology, or the Bible that you've always wanted to have answered? Well now's your chance! Starting in mid-January, I will begin a sermon series called I wonder? where I attempt to do just that. You can submit your questions to me and I'll work at answering as many of them as I can! Everyone who asks questions will remain anonymous and no question is too silly or too serious. Kids and Youth are welcome to submit their questions as well! Send me an email, give me a call, or find me after worship and let me know what you are wondering about! - Pastor Josh

Shepherd Groups will meet on Sunday, January 8 for **Cottage Prayer Topic meetings**. Your Shepherd should have let you know what time and where. If you haven't been notified, please contact Vicki Hinz-Ensz.

**The Annual Church Meeting** will be held Wednesday, January 11 at 7:00 p.m. in the church basement. Please plan to attend as we will have elections for many church positions and Deacon. The Annual Report will be in your mailbox on January 8.

**New address for Margaret Boyce:** PEO Home, 413 N 5<sup>th</sup> St, Beatrice, 68310. Phone: 402-806-1085.

**Thank you** so much to our church family for all the prayers and support you have given us and our family. Results from the Dr in Omaha for **MacKenzie Jantzen** all came back clear. We've all been relieved and thankful to God for getting us through this. All was greatly appreciated.- Gerald and Rogena Jantzen

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](mailto:melissahlandis@gmail.com)

**Tri County Farm2Fork Beef Bundle Raffle** tickets available from Brandon Esau, Laura Baade or at TC Basketball game Jan. 3. Winner announced at half time of boys game. (tickets: 1 for \$5, 3 for \$10)

*The human mind plans the way, but the LORD directs the steps.*  
*Proverbs 16:9*