

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

**Serving Today:**

Pastors: Josh Janzen & Lyle Miller      Pianist: Vicki Hinz-Ensz  
Worship Leader: Neal Trantham      Greeter: Kathy Casey  
PPT: Lori Thimm      Children's Story: Lyle Miller  
Live Stream: Pam Kunzman      Audio: Jim Ensz  
Ushers: Kent Hohensee, Kyle Riesen      Hosts: Lynn & Sue Gerber

**Dec 31** Attendance: 28

**Jan 1:** Offerings: FMC: \$6,225; Stutzman's: \$1,025

Attendance: 68

**Offering today:** Mennonite Disaster Service: **Next week:** FMC

**Happening this week:**

Sunday, January 8      9:30 a.m. Children's Sunday School  
9:30 a.m. Reception for Homer Friesen  
10:30 a.m. Worship, Lyle Miller guest spkr  
Shepherd Groups meet for Cottage Prayer  
Tuesday, January 10      1:30 p.m. WMS Quilting & Tying  
Wednesday, January 11      7:00 p.m. Annual Church Meeting  
Sunday, January 15      9:30 a.m. Sunday School for All

**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  
20: Terri Jantzen      21: Robbyn Hohensee  
26: Don Esau, John Thimm      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**

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**Welcome to First Mennonite Church**

January 8, 2023, Epiphany

*The Manifold Wisdom of God be Made Known*

Welcome

Neal Trantham

**Call to Worship**

L: O God, by the leading of a star you revealed your only Son in all his glory to the people of the earth.

**P: The manifestation of light and new life, you are Emmanuel, God with us.**

L: Guide us into your presence, where we may see your glory face-to-face.

**P: We bring our gifts of service, unity, and love as a blessing to your kingdom.**

**ALL: Let all the earth adore you, for you are the Lord of lords and the King of kings.**

Prayer

Neal Trantham

Hymn: "Joy to the World"

VT 240

Children's Story

Lyle Miller

Hymn: "To Us a Child of Hope is Born"

VT 259

Scripture: Matthew 2:1-12; Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Sermon: "From Desire to Generosity"

Lyle Miller

Hymn: "Take My Life, and Let It Be"

VT 759

Sharing and Prayer

Sending

Offering for Mennonite Disaster Service

**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.

This week the **adult Sunday School class** will not meet due to the open house. All are welcome next week as we discuss what intentional diversity and inclusion looks like in our church (chapter 6).

Lyle Miller of Everence invites you to a "come and go" **reception to thank Homer Friesen** for 35 years of service today from 9:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. in the church basement. Homer will be transitioning into retirement. Keegan LeFevre will serve as the new representative and have offices in N. Newton and Henderson.

**Thank you to Lyle Miller** for his message and the children's story this morning.

**Children's Sunday School today studied** the story of Jesus' Ministry Begins as found in Matthew 4:17-25. (*We can bring our cares to Jesus.*) Next Sunday they will about two Builders in Matthew 7:24-29. (*We can build faith on a strong foundation.*)

**Education Council** will meet on Thursday, Jan. 12 at 6:00. Previous and newly elected members should attend.

**Nuts are still available.** Contact Karen Wiebe if you are interested.

**Pictorial Church directory!** Our photography dates are Monday, Jan 30 and Tuesday, Jan 31. **Signup online or in the church office** following Sunday worship with Zella.

The **Pictorial Directory Committee** of Dolores Jantzen & Zella Penner asks 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!

**The tuition committee** seeks 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.**

**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

**MCC Sale** – It's time to get ready for the MCC Relief Sale in Aurora March 31-April 1! This year the deadline for registering quilts is February 17, 2023. 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. More information is in your mailbox.

**Plan to attend the Annual Church Meeting** Wednesday, January 11 at 7:00 p.m. in the church basement. The Annual Report is in your mailbox. .

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)

**Trinity Mennonite Church**, Hillsboro, KS, is planning to end its time as a congregation. The congregation has given their building to the Hillsboro Community Childcare Center, a much needed ministry in the community. A church "close out sale" (garage sale) will be Saturday, January 21 in the Fellowship Hall. All purchases are by donation to the Childcare Center. Our last service will be April 9, Easter Sunday at 10:30. Guests and former members of Trinity are welcome to attend.

**150th celebration** of Swiss Volhynian Mennonites coming to the U.S. in 1874 is being planned for August 23-25, 2024, at Eden Mennonite Church near Moundridge, Kansas. A book is being compiled of your stories, big or small, of family, faith, agriculture, language, etc. Send stories to Brian Adam at [smolts123@yahoo.com](mailto:smolts123@yahoo.com) or phone him (413-586-3063) and he could interview you by phone. --Kathy Goering for the planners

You're invited to a "**Planting Hope, Cultivating Understanding**" event at the Beatrice Public Library on Feb.8, 9 am to noon at the Beatrice Public Library to take part in a thoughtful conversation about the increasing poverty in our community. Holy Cross Lutheran Church has received a grant to help with this: [ELCA World Hunger Education & Networking Grant](#). More information is available on the event's face book page.