

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

**Serving Today:** Pastor: Josh Janzen  
Worship Leader: Neal Trantham Pianist: Karen Wiebe  
Audio: Jim Ensz Children's Story: Neal Trantham  
Hosts: John & Zella Penner PowerPoint: Debbie Goossen  
Ushers: Justin Schardt, Daryl Riesen Video: Pam Kunzman

**Last Sunday's Attendance:** 93

**Last Sunday's Offering:** WDC \$2,254; Mission Partners \$500

**Offering today:** FMC **Next Sunday: Mission Partners, the Stutzmans**

**✚ We have committed to support the Stutzmans with \$5000 annually. This is the only offering we hold for them in 2024.**

**Happening this week:**

Sunday, Nov 17 9:30 am Community Time,  
Children & Youth SS  
9:50 am Adult Sunday School  
10:30 am Worship  
Tuesday, Nov 19 1:30 pm WMS Quilting & Tying  
Wednesday, Nov 20 6:30 pm Peace Club; Youth Game night  
Young Adult gathering  
Thursday, Nov 21 7:00 p.m. Church Board meeting  
Sunday, Nov 24 9:30 am Community Time  
9:50 am Adult Sunday School  
10:30 am Worship- Peace Club singing

**November Birthdays**

2: Clairra Janssen, Immanuel Stutzman 3: Brad Thimm  
4: Ernest Jantzen 5: Becky Riesen  
11: Darwin Jantzen 18: Kathy Casey, Katie Jantzen  
24: Linsey Schardt  
27: Nathanael Stutzman  
29: Lesley Trantham, Aaron Jantzen 30: Don Diller

- Ask an usher for assistance with a **hearing device**.
- **We collect** Best Choice labels & used cards and envelopes.
- **Food Pantry** items may go in the box in the narthex. Cash donations may be given to Dolores Jantzen.
- Have a project for Men's Brotherhood? Contact Dan Kunzman or LeRoy Jantzen.
- Our service is on <https://www.youtube.com/c/fmcbeatrice> and heard on FM 107.5 in our parking lot. The bulletin is at [fmcbeatrice.org](http://fmcbeatrice.org), under the **More** tab; **select documents; church docs, minutes & bulletins.**

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Welcome to First Mennonite Church  
November 17, 2024

Welcome

Call to Worship

L: Let our hearts rejoice in the God of hope and faithfulness.

**P: Our strength is in the maker of heaven and earth.**

L: Our foundation is the cornerstone that never fails.

**P: The rock of ages is a foundation like no other.**

L: Hope arises, as the tools of war are broken  
and the weak are given strength.

**P: Hope lives when the hungry are fed  
and the poor are lifted up.**

L: God comes bringing judgment to the ends of the earth,  
calling us to hope and faithfulness.

**All: Come, rock of ages, come quickly now.**

Prayer

Hymn: "God of Grace and God of Glory"

VT 716

Children's Story

Prayer of Confession

**P: We believe in the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit.**

L: This, God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end.

**P: We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ;**

L: that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells.

**P: We believe that God's life-giving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death,**

L: and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity, that God's lifegiving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world.

**All: AMEN!**

**Offering Hymn: "Beauty for Brokenness"** VT 712

**Scripture Reading: Psalm 16**

**Sermon: "A Note to God"** Pastor Josh

**Hymn: "O God of Blessings"** VT 700 vs 1-3, 5

**Sharing and Prayer**

**Benediction**

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

**Passing the Peace**

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**Welcome!** Glad you're here! Community Time/Coffee is at 9:30 downstairs. You can find services on YouTube. Search for FMC Beatrice. Come again!

**The MCC meat canner** is in Henderson Nov 22, 23, 25, & 26. If you're interested in forming a FMC group to go, call Vern Jantzen at 402-230-0011.



**Elijah and the Shunammite Woman: Read** page 102 in *The Peace Table* or 2 Kings 4:8-37. How can we make visitors feel welcome in our home?

**Pray** "help others" prayers. Focus on a different profession, such as nurses, sanitation workers, pastors, bus drivers, architects, restaurant workers, and counselors each day.

**Make** a large welcome sign to hang in your home every time a visitor comes. Use bright colors and fun designs.

**Deacon Nominations!** Please talk to the nominee before speaking to Jerry Reimer to nominate someone. (Vicki Hinz-Ensz is eligible for re-election.)

Save the Date! **The Ladies Christmas Party** for all ladies and girls of First Mennonite Church and Summitt Street Church will be on **December 7** at 10:00 a.m. Grace Tegtmeier will be our speaker.

**Operation Christmas Child boxes** must be returned to church today with \$10 inside the box for shipping. The label should be cut out and taped to the top of the box. Please talk to Linsay Schardt or Lori Thimm with questions. Thank you so much for your caring and gracious hearts.

**Attention!** The last person to leave church needs to make sure all the lights are turned off! Please and Thank You.

**The nuts are in!** You can pick up your order downstairs in Room 10. If you are interested in purchasing any extras, please see Lori Thimm.

**Pastor Gail Cross's memorial service** is Monday, Nov 18 at 10:30 a.m. at Fairbury Presbyterian Church, 2310 H Street. Gerdes-Meyer Funeral Home, Fairbury, is in charge of arrangements. Our prayers remain with Sylvia.

**Camp Mennoscah** has materials on hand for 18 of the 35 remaining projects on the HVAC renovation at the Retreat Center. Work groups can contact Isaac at 316-217-5626 or Olivia at 316-293-7313 to schedule a time. Willing hands and the ability to follow directions are all that's needed.

**Ellis United Methodist Church Soup Dinner, TODAY,** Nov 17. Serving 3 kinds of soup, ham salad, pies & desserts, 11 am to 1 pm. Free will donation.

**St. Paul's Lutheran School & Child Care's "Blessings of the Harvest" Dinner and Auction** is on Saturday, Nov 23 at the **Vintage Venue**. Tickets are \$50/person from the school or church.

**Homestead Harmonizers** present "A Harmonizer Christmas", Dec 1 at, 2 p.m. at the Hevelone Center, Beatrice High School. Tickets are \$10 at the door; students are free.

Visit the **Gage County Museum Dec. 14** from 5-7 pm for a scavenger hunt, kid's activities, hot chocolate, cookies, a caboose tour, and more! All free. .

**First Mennonite Church General Fund Summary- Sept & October 2024**

General Fund Balance 8/31/24	(9,060.55)
Sept. Gen. Fund offerings	21,602.00
Sept. Expenses	(13,360.48)
Gen. Fund Balance 9/30/24	(819.03)
October Gen. Fund Offerings	12,439.01
October Expenses	(24,970.34)
Gen. Fund Balance 10/31/24	(13,350.36)