

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

**Serving Today:** Pastor: Josh Janzen  
Worship Leader: Brett Esau Pianist: Erin Vanderschaaf  
PowerPoint: Eli Vanderschaaf Audio: Jim Enszen  
Hosts: John & Zella Penner  
Ushers: Justin Schardt, Daryl Riesen Video: Pam Kunzman  
**Last Sunday's Attendance:** 75  
**Last Sunday's Offering:** FMC \$ 4,992

**Offering today: 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 24 9:30 am Community Time  
9:50 am Adult Sunday School  
10:30 am Worship- children's choir sings  
Tuesday, Nov 26 1:30 pm WMS Quilting & Tying and annual Meeting  
Thursday, Nov 28 THANKSGIVING  
Sunday, Dec 1 9:30 am Community Coffee Time and Christmas program practice  
10:30 am Worship-1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent

**Late November Birthdays**

24: Linsey Schardt 27: Nathanael Stutzman  
29: Lesley Trantham, Aaron Jantzen 30: Don Diller

**Early December Birthdays**

4: Maxson Esau 6: Kristin Ruiz  
9: Cara Esau, Vern Jantzen, Bill Thimm 10: Gene Penner

- 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 Janzen.
- 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 24, 2024

Welcome

**Call to Worship**

L: This is a time for giving thanks; a time to be mindful of the good that encircles us.

**P: Thank you, God, for all you have given us!**

L: Friends and family encourage and care, and this community shows us God's loving ways.

**P: Thank you, God, for all you have given us!**

L: We find a home in God's creation and the earth gives us good food to make us grow.

**P: Thank you, God, for all you have given us!**

L: The seasons change. Sunshine comes and goes, yet your loving care for us is eternal.

**P: Thank you, God, for all you have given us!**

**Prayer**

**Hymn: "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"**

VT 182

**Prayer of Confession**

L: We fill our lives with the fear of scarcity, assuming there is not enough money, time, patience or love. We turn away when a stranger asks for nourishment, claiming there isn't enough even for ourselves.

**P: Forgive us when we doubt your abundance and ignore the possibilities in what we have been given.**

L: We often sit with arms crossed and fists clenched, crying out that you have turned away and left us empty handed.

**P: Forgive us when we reject your abundance and neglect the possibilities in what we have been given.**

L: We easily give thanks for the good things in life, turning away from those which lead us to deeper community or second-guessing blessings as too good to be true.

**P: Open our eyes to the wonders that surround us. Help us surrender to the loving embrace that enfolds us.** (Individual prayers of confession)

## Words of Assurance

L: Take comfort: we, and the whole world with us, are always embraced in Christ's love. In Christ, there is always enough.

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

## Children's Choir

**Scripture Reading: Psalm 126, Joel 2:21-27**

**Sermon: "Attitude and Action"** Pastor Josh

**Hymn: "Will You Come and Follow Me"** VT 540

## Sharing and Prayer

## Benediction

**Sending Song: "Go Now in Peace, Worship Continues"** VT 829

## 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!

**There is no Sunday School this Sunday, November 24.** Program practices will be held at 9:30 a.m. on December 1, 8, and 15, and Wednesday, December 11 at 6:30 p.m. The program is December 15 at 10:30 a.m.

**The annual meeting is January 8.** Please contact Jerry Reimer, Church Chair, if you have an item to add to the agenda.

**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. Please plan to attend!

**Attention!** The last person to leave church should check to see that all the lights are turned off. Please and Thank You.

**There will not be a Community Event on Wednesday evening, December 4.**

**The offering today is designated for our Mission Partners, Dave and Rebekkah Stutzman.** David and Rebekka are church planters in the multicultural city of Mannheim, Germany. They also network with young adults throughout Germany who are seeking to live and serve in missional communities in a post-Christian context. They serve in partnership with the South German Mennonite Conference and Mennonite Mission Network. They have served in Germany since 2012. They have three children. FMC has pledged to support their work with \$5000 annually. This is the only offering in 2024 designated for them.

**If you would like to purchase additional nuts,** please see Lori Thimm.

**Sylvia Cross's address:** Cedarwood, 828 22nd Street, Fairbury, NE 68352.

Excerpts from a letter **from Camp Mennoscah Board of Directors:**  
Greetings! We are grateful for your support in the past and in the future as difficult decisions need to be made. This is an update of our current challenges: Financially the last few years, because we have tried to keep costs realistic and our budget balanced, large permanent facility needs were not addressed and wages/benefits were kept low. Tammy Duvenal Unruh was hired as Development Director to try to increase income. Although we appreciate her efforts, the board has made the difficult decision to part ways. We are grateful for Director Olivia Bartel and her willingness to step in and step up where needed. Equally challenging is the number of necessary upgrades that are long overdue at camp. The board felt strongly that a retreat center would bring in additional revenue from outside groups during our off-season. We have been blessed with both generous contributions, and volunteers willing to give of their time, but not to the extent of keeping the project moving forward. It has been a mental and physical burden to bear the weight of dwindling finances, dilapidated structures, and limited options. We seek your continued prayers and kind financial support, as Olivia and the board look at ways to keep Camp Mennoscah viable and sustainable into the future. We trust in our steadfast and loving God who has blessed us with 75 wonderful years, and with your support, 75 more. Sincerely, Camp Mennoscah Board of Directors

**Homestead Harmonizers** present "*A Harmonizer Christmas*", on 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 on Dec. 14** from 5-7 pm for a scavenger hunt, kid's activities, hot chocolate, cookies, a caboose tour, and more! All free.