

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

Serving Today:

Pastor: Josh Janzen
Worship Leader: Neal Trantham
PPT: Lori Thimm
Live Stream: Henry Trantham
Ushers: Brad Thimm & Lynn Gerber

Pianist: Jan Reimer
Greeters: Vern & Dolores Jantzen
Children's Story: Vicki Hinz-Ensz
Audio: Jim Ensz
Hosts: John & Zella Penner

Last Sunday: Offerings: FMC, \$ 4,110; Technology Fund \$400
Attendance: 81

Offering today: Missionary Stutzman's; Next Sunday: FMC

Happening this week:

Sunday, November 27 9:30 a.m. Children & Adult Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship, 1st Sunday in Advent
Tuesday, November 29 1:30 p.m. WMS with Annual Meeting
Saturday, December 3 9:30 a.m. Ladies Christmas Brunch
Sunday, December 4 9:30 a.m. Christmas Program Practice
9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship, 2nd Sunday in Advent
Tuesday, December 6 Shepherd Group 4 serves Warren's Table

Late November Birthdays

24: Linsey Schardt 27: Gail Cross, Nathanael Stutzman
29: Lesley Trantham 30: Don Diller

Early December Birthdays

4: Maxson Esau 6: Kristin Ruiz
9: Cara Esau, Vern Jantzen, Bill Thimm
10: Gene Penner 11: Lori Thimm

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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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Vicki Hinz-Ensz (402-239-4174)



Welcome to First Mennonite Church

November 27, 2022,
1st Sunday in Advent

Welcome

Neal Trantham

Call to Worship

L: Hear us, O Shepherd of Israel; you who sit on the mercy seat between the cherubim, we stand in your presence, seeking your face.

P: Shine forth, O Lord, in the sign of your people, that we may see you clearly. Stir up your strength in us; come, rescue us.

L: The time is near, we are watching; restore us again, O God.

P: Cause your face to shine and we shall be saved, made whole by your gracious love and kindness.

All: We are watching and waiting for you, O Lord.

Prayer

Neal Trantham

Hymn: "What Wondrous Love is this?"

VT 564

L: Watch! You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep.

P: The night is far gone, the day is near.

(Lighting of the first Advent Candle)

L: As we watch, we light this candle as a sign of our hope.

P: Bring your restoration to your people, we pray.

Hymn: "O Come, O Come Immanuel" verses 1, 4, and 6 VT 210

Children's Story

Vicki Hinz-Ensz

Scripture: Mark 13:32-37; Romans 13:11-12; Isaiah 2:1-5

Sermon: "Waiting and Watching"

Pastor Josh

Hymn: "Beauty for Brokenness"

VT 712

Sharing and Prayer

Sending

Offering for our Missionary Partners, Dave & Rebekka Stutzman

Welcome! We're glad you are worshiping 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; under the More tab select Documents. Scroll down to Church docs, minutes and bulletins.

No children's Sunday School today. Christmas program practices will be held Dec 4, 11, and 18 from 9:30 to 10:20 a.m. "*No Time For Christmas*," will be presented by the FMC instrumental ensemble, Sunday Singers, & Children on December 18th at 10:30.

This week the **adult Sunday School** class is discussing chapter 4 (on mission-focused spirituality) of the book *Reawakened*. You're welcome to join the discussion even if you haven't read the book.

The tuition committee is seeking donations to fulfill our 2nd semester pledges for the college students. Donations can be given to Mike Goossen.

Deacon nominations are accepted through December 4. Please speak with your nominee before giving their name to Chair Dorothy Zimmerman.

The nuts are here! As before, you can pick them up in the room west of the kitchen. Find your name on the sheet. Take an envelope, write your name on it, put the money in the envelope and back in the box. **Thank you!** Yes, there are some extras! 15 packages of pecans, 7 of English walnuts, 13 of cashews, 11 of black walnuts, 2 of whole almonds, 14 of sliced almonds. Contact Karen Wiebe if you are interested in extra bags.

If you would like to share a poinsettia in church this holiday season, you may order one through the Decorating Committee for \$17. It will be delivered to church and you can take it home after worship on December 25. Please order through the Decorating Committee by December 4.

- Leslie Trantham, Linsey Schardt, Robbyn Hohensee

MDS work is being done in McAllen, TX on the La Posada Project through December 20. If you can help or have questions, please contact Marv Goossen (402-520-1609) or Jim Ensz (402-239-0062). Groups are scheduled to go throughout the first two weeks of December.

Ladies Christmas Brunch is next Saturday, December 3 at 9:30 a.m. at FMC. Sarah Schlegel of Shickley will be our guest speaker. This is for all ladies of the church! Please join us and bring a friend!

If you are interested in playing with the mixed **Instrumental Ensemble** for the Christmas program please let Neal Trantham know by December 3.

Thank you to Don & June Diller for the donation of their piano to use in the church basement. The old upright basement piano is available free of charge for anyone who would like it. (You move it!) Don and June also have an organ available. If you are interested in this, please talk to the worship committee: Jane Esau, Amanda Thimm, and Neal Trantham.

You are invited to celebrate our mother, **Marj Epp's 95th birthday on Sunday, December 18 at an Open House** from 2-4 p.m. at Summit Street Church, 12th & Summit, Beatrice. Her birthday is December 3. If you are unable to attend, she would enjoy receiving cards and your prayers. Her address is Marj Epp, Apt 2, 2300 Lincoln St, Beatrice, NE 68310. – Jeanette (Don Jr.), Roger, Beth, Robert, Curt and families

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.

WDC Annual Assembly table talk notes are on the bulletin board & the WDC website <https://mennowdc.org/2022-assembly-delegate-information/>.

An Advent at Home family worship guide, *Restoration is Near*, is available at: mennoniteusa.org/adventathome. The guide is designed for all ages, with weekly Scriptures, background information, prayers, and activities. Pastor Josh also has a copy of you're interested.

Did you know that the **150th Anniversary** of Mennonites coming to the United States is coming up? A planning group has formed to determine how to celebrate this anniversary on August 23-25, 2024 at Eden Mennonite Church near Moundridge, KS. If anyone from FMC is interested in helping plan this celebration, please contact Danielle Goering (wgdg@cox.net, 602-448-7215) to share your ideas.

SOLE to SOUL Shoe Giveaway Saturday, Dec 3, 9 a.m. to noon at Beatrice Church of Christ, 10th and Grant. Free gently used shoes for men, women and children. **BONUS:** Every ½ hour a bag of food given away!

*Christmas Eve Service of Carols 6 p.m.
New Year's Eve Communion Service 6 p.m.*