

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

Serving Today:

Pastor: Sarah Neher	Piano: Erin Vanderschaaf
Worship Leader: Vern Jantzen	Audio: Larry Thimm
Children's Story: Pastor Sarah	Hosts: John & Zella Penner
Ushers: Bill Thimm & Jim Ensz	Video: Lisa Goossen
PowerPoint: Katie Jantzen	

Last Sunday: Offerings: FMC: \$4,911.02

Attendance: wasn't taken

Offering today: FMC **Next Sunday:** Mother to Mother

Happening this week:

Sunday, April 7	9:30 am Adult Sunday School, NO KIDS SS
	10:30 am Worship
Tuesday, April 9	1:30 pm WMS Quilting & Tying
Sunday, April 14	9:30 am Sunday School for all ages
	9:30 am Faith Formation Conversations
	10:30 am Worship

April Birthdays:

2: Ella Crawford	5: Sylvia Cross
7: Henry Trantham	9: Elsie Riesen
13: Blake Thimm	16: Anita Reimer
17: Vicki Hinz-Ensz	20: Sloan Esau

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- Ask an usher for assistance with a **hearing device**.
 - **We collect** Best Choice labels & used cards and envelopes.
 - **Food Pantry:** Please put items in the narthex box or give cash donations to Dolores Jantzen.
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- Our service is available at <https://www.youtube.com/c/fmcbeatrice> and on FM 107.5 in our parking lot. The bulletin is at fmcbeatrice.org; under the More tab. Select Documents, Church docs, minutes, and bulletins.
 - Do you have a project for Men's Brotherhood? Contact Dan Kunzman or LeRoy Janzen.

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Welcome to First Mennonite Church

April 7, 2024

Welcome

-Worship Leader Vern Jantzen

Call to Worship

L: We gather to worship – those who have doubts and questions,
those who cannot always find their way.

P: We bring ourselves to this holy place.

L: We gather to worship – those who see the signs and believe,
those who are assured of their faith.

P: We bring ourselves to this holy place.

L: It is here where Jesus' light is revealed among us,
and we hear him say, "Peace be with you."

ALL: Peace be with you!

Prayer

Hymn: "Here in This Place"

VT 10

Prayer of Confession

L: There you go again, God, turning things inside out and upside down.

**P: While bringing life out of the grave sounds good to us,
we're nervous about what else you might have in mind.**

L: Following your lead means letting go of ours.

P: And letting go is hard.

(silence)

L: Yet you are good, you are the one for whom we have waited.

P: Help us rejoice in your salvation.

L; God turns the world upside down and inside out,
bringing life out of death and beginnings out of endings.

**P: God, we offer you our hands and hearts. Take from them
whatever prevents us from following Jesus through death and
into new life. We want to be fully usable for you.**

Children's Story

Hymn: "Womb of Life and Source of Being"

VT 112

Scripture reading: John 20:19-23

Sermon Pastor Sarah

Hymn: "Peace to You" VT 168

Sharing & Prayer

Benediction

Sending Song: "Go My Children" VT 830

Offering to First Mennonite Church

Welcome! We are glad you are here! We hope to see you again soon! Our service is live streamed on YouTube. Search Fmcbeatrice.

No Children's Sunday School today! Next Sunday, children will learn that waiting can make you wise (Proverbs 14:29).

The adult Sunday School uses Salt & Light stand-alone lessons. Join us at 9:30 a.m. in the room at the bottom of the stairs when you can!

Start the Party! Celebrate the Good News! We're excited for **Vacation Bible School** at FMC, Tuesday - Friday, May 28-31, with a Sunday morning celebration on June 2. Registration will be available soon at www.fmcbeatrice.org. Volunteer helper forms are in your mailbox today and should be returned to Jane's mailbox by April 21. Sign-up to help with this awesome week of **Celebrating God's Good News** with the kids!



--VBS Committee, Jane, Erin, Linsey

NE MCC SALE

- **My Coins Count:** Thank you to all who donated to My Coins Count! March 31 we received \$320.28! Thank you to Larry and Kathy Thimm and Van and Erin Vanderschaaf for matching this amount! We appreciate your generosity.
- **Thank You!** We want to extend a huge thank you to all who donated money, items for the auction, and their time working and helping out. All of you make this a successful project. Thank you! At a later date we will have the total amount raised at this year's auction. - MCC Committee: Dan and Pam Kunzman, Marv and Lisa Goossen, Larry and Kathy Thimm

Area churches are working together to assist newcomers who have recently arrived in our community. These families often have very few possessions and **need assistance in setting up their household**. We seek donations of clean furniture in good condition. Highest demand are kitchen (dining) table and chairs; dressers or chest of drawers; nightstands; end tables; occasional chairs, double and queen mattresses, headboards and frames. Small sofas in good condition. If you have furniture to donate or questions, please call or text Connie Harmon 402-239-2215 or Vicki Hinz-Ensz 402-239-4174.

Housewares such as dinnerware, silverware, pots and pans, cooking utensils, (no towels) and small appliances are also needed. If you have any of these items, please contact Brenda Carnes at 402-223-9423.

FMC Youth! First Mennonite will pay your cost of attending Camp and pay for a T-shirt! Register online and let the FMC office know you've registered

MCC & Gaza: With famine imminent in Gaza, MCC has delivered a critical truckload of emergency food for besieged families. As part of a convoy of other trucks transporting humanitarian relief via Jordan, the vehicle sat for more than a week waiting to cross the border. It finally made its way through the Kerem Abu Salem crossing into Gaza on March 19. MCC partner Al-Najd Developmental Forum (Al-Najd) received the lifesaving delivery from the first of six planned truckloads, including locally purchased food such as chickpeas, lentils, rice, flour, cooking oil, canned meat, fish and beans. The packages will be delivered to 665 displaced families currently living in tent camps in Deir al Balah and other locations between Gaza City and Rafah, known as the "Middle Area" of the Gaza Strip. It's harder for families living in the Middle Area to access humanitarian relief than it is for those who fled further south. "The process for getting the goods into Gaza has been full of ups and downs," says Sarah Funkhouser, MCC representative for Jordan, Palestine and Israel along with her husband Seth Malone. "We've been blessed to work with a great partner in Jordan, but the restrictions imposed by the Israeli authorities have caused delays difficult to work around."

Beatrice Area **Senior Health & Wellness Fair**, April 12, 8-11 a.m. at the Beatrice Senior Center. Free Blood Pressure checks, give aways, Blood Glucose checks, grab & go meals, over 20 booths! Sponsored by Blue Rivers Area Agency on Aging, Home Instead, and Beatrice Comm. Hospital.

Southeast Comm. College Horticulture Program will hold their annual **bedding plant sale** April 29, 4-7 pm, and April 30 and May 1, 10 – 6 pm on the SCC Campus, west entrance.

A **Genealogy Research Seminar** will be presented Tuesday, April 16 at 6:30pm at the new Newton Library, 223 East 7th Street in Newton, Kansas.(This will be live streamed on the Newton Library Facebook page.) The presentation is free and open to all.