

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

Serving Today:

Pastor: Josh Janzen Worship Leader: Vern Jantzen
Pianist: Kathy Casey & Vicki Hinz-Ensz Hosts: Gayland & Marci Regier
Power point: Deb Goossen Audio: Larry Thimm
Ushers: Brandon Esau & Jim Ensz Video: Henry Trantham
Children's Time: Grace Tegtmeier All Saints Speaker: Daryl Riesen
Last Sunday Attendance: Offering: Food Pantry \$2,791
FMC \$3,314.45

Today's Offering: FMC **Next Sunday:** Western District Conference

Coming Up:

Sunday, Nov 2 9:30 am Youth & Adult Sunday School
 10:30 am Worship-Remembrance Sunday
Tuesday, Nov 4 1:30 pm WMS Quilting & Tying
Wednesday, Nov 5 6:30 pm Community Event
Sunday, Nov. 9 9:30 am Youth, Adult Sunday School
 10:30 am Worship
 11:30 am JYF/SYF Soup Fundraiser

November Birthdays:

2: Immanuel Stutzman 3: Brad Thimm
5: Becky Riesen 14: Ivan Reimer
18: Kathy Casey, Katie Jantzen 24: Linsey Schardt
27: Nathanael Stutzman 29: Lesley Trantham, Aaron Jantzen
30: Don Diller

- **Welcome** to all who are worshipping with us here and on YouTube (search for FMCBeatrice). The bulletin is at fmcbeatrice.org under documents.
- Ask an usher for assistance with a **hearing device**.
- **We collect** Best Choice labels & used cards and envelopes.
- **Food Pantry items** go in the box in the narthex. Checks may go in the offering plate.
- **Men's Brotherhood Project?** Contact Dan Kunzman or LeRoy Janzen.
- Last to leave the church? Please **turn off all lights!**
- Visit mennowdc.org to see what's new at Western District Conference.

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Welcome to First Mennonite Church

All Saints Sunday, November 2, 2025

Welcome

Call to Worship

L: Come, all you who long for what is right, who hunger for justice and truth.

P: We come, even when it costs us something.

L: Blessed are you who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to you.

P: God is near to the broken hearted and saves the crushed in spirit.

L: In Christ, suffering is not the end of the story.

P: We are not forgotten. We are blessed.

All: Come, let us worship the One who walks with us through every trial, and calls us to love even when it hurts.

Prayer

Hymn: "Christ is Our Cornerstone "

VT 4

Responsive Reading

ALL: We remember, O God...

L: the countless saints of history who have blazed a trail of courage through time,

P: We remember, O God...

L: the tender touch of loved ones, the example of heroes, the healing words of comforters, the remarkable acts of fearless ones.

P: We remember, O God...

L: the gentle strength of grandparents, the loyalty of friends, the kindness of strangers, the joy of children, the sacrifice of parents.

P: We remember, O God...

L: the supreme love of Jesus, the blessing of His Spirit, the reminder of His words, the sharing of His suffering, the glory of His resurrection: shown forth in the lives of His disciples, young and old, dead and living, articulate and silent, strange and family, brilliant and ordinary.

ALL: We remember in every time and place the saints of God who have shown us the Lord.

Remembering our Brother-in-Christ: *Ernest Jantzen* -Daryl Riesen

Offering Hymn: *“Lord, I am Fondly, Earnestly Longing* VT 555
(Offering is for First Mennonite Church)

Children’s Story

Scripture: Matthew 5:10

Message: *“Even When it Hurts”* Pastor Josh Janzen

Hymn: *“I Bind My Heart This Tide”* VT 556

Sharing and Prayer

Benediction

Sending Song: *“Go Ye Now in Peace”* VT 839

Passing the Peace

Welcome! We’re glad you’re here and hope to see you again!

Reflect on Faithful Witnesses

Spend 15–20 minutes reflecting on the story of someone who showed faithful resistance. It could be Esther, Daniel, or Stephen from Scripture; Rosa Parks, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, or another historical figure; or someone in your own life. Ask: What challenge did they face? What gave them courage? What did they lose — and gain? Then turn the questions on yourself: Where might God be calling you to stand with courage, even if it costs something? Let their story inspire your own faithfulness.

Youth Soup Fundraiser next Sunday, November 9th, after church. The youth will host a soup lunch to raise money for trips to Snow Camp at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp and a service weekend.

Meat Canning is Nov 13 & 14 in Milford. You are asked to help with this project with labor or monetary donations. Donations may be put in the offering plate.

Pastor Sarah will be away and unavailable October 31–November 4 for her brother’s wedding and a family reunion.

Fall Sermon Series: *Backwards Blessings*. We are journeying through Jesus’ Beatitudes in Matthew 5 under the theme *Backwards Blessings*. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus turns the world’s values upside down, calling the poor, the grieving, the meek, the merciful, and the peacemakers “blessed.” Each week we’ll discover how Jesus’ *Backwards Blessings* can shape our faith and invite us into a new way of seeing and living.

Attention! We need your help for the month of November! With the government shut down and lots of people affected by food shortages we would love for you all to **join us in donating to the local food pantry!** Their shelves are becoming empty and without a lot of resources to refill! We are asking that you donate directly to them or bring to FMC for delivery! November is a great month for giving and we are great at meeting the call!

Things needed are pizza crust mix, pizza sauce, saltines, snack crackers, syrup, taco shells, taco seasoning, tomato juice, hamburger helper, tuna helper, chicken helper, pop tarts, variety chunky soup, ramen, jelly, canned chicken, canned tuna, and peanut butter! Also, money donations to the pantry are welcome!

The Mixed Instrumental Ensemble will be playing the prelude for the Christmas program on December 14. We are looking for anyone that might be interested in joining the group (young or old - with middle school to early high school level music). Please get in touch with Neal Trantham by Nov 9.

Just a reminder – today after church we could use some volunteers to set up 9 tables with 8 chairs each (and 2 tables without chairs) in the fellowship hall right after church for **our Community Event this Wednesday, November 5**, at 6:30 p.m. Thank you!

Your words of inspiration can make a difference! **Kent Hohensee could use your support and encouragement.** He has been fully engaged in his rehabilitation sessions at Madonna and showing incredible resilience and progress! Let’s not let him lose his momentum. A sign-up sheet has been hung in the narthex to send him your motivational video message. Your message can be text to 402-239-8632.

Operation Christmas Child Boxes are ready to be picked up & packed!

- 1). An adhesive label is provided to place on top of your box. Be sure to indicate the gender & age group that you are packing for.
- 2). Fill with gifts- select a medium to large "wow" item. For example, a deflated soccer ball with a pump or a stuffed animal. Then, fill with other small toys, school supplies & personal care items (note the items to not include- see pamphlet inside your box)

3) There is a suggested \$10 donation to cover processing fees & shipping. You can pay online using the QR code or simply put \$10 in the box. Use a large rubber band to secure and do not tape it shut.

4) Boxes must be returned to the church by **November 16th**

If you have any questions, please contact Linsey Schardt or Lori Thimm. We thank you for demonstrating God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world.

Just in case you're interested! In October, **Roger Neufeld Smith** began as Interim Pastor at Peace Mennonite Church, Lawrence, KS.

Community Events:

Beatrice Farmers Market's Fall Farmers Market & Brunch Buffet is on Sunday, November 23, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Vintage Venue. Admission to the indoor farmers market is free. You can also purchase a ticket for the local food brunch buffet. Support local farmers, bakers, and makers while celebrating the fall harvest!

Kiwanis Pancake Feed to benefit the many children's programs in our community today, Nov 2, 7:30 am-1 pm at Veteran's Club, 701 Dorsey, \$10 adults; \$5 ages 4-12; 3 & under eat free.

Ellis Methodist Church Soup Luncheon today November 2, 11 am-1 pm. Free will donation for soups, sandwiches, pies & desserts.

St. Paul's Lutheran School & Child Care's 2nd Annual Blessings of the Harvest Dinner and Auction is Saturday, Nov 22 at the Vintage Venue. Tickets are \$50 per person, of which \$25 is tax deductible. Tickets are available at St. Paul's School & Church or through Vicki Frerking in FMC's church office.

The Community Food Pantry is humbly asking you to consider supporting them in this season of giving. They have seen an average of 43 new clients each month since January, proof that the need in our community is growing. They are also **seeking new Board of Directors members**. If you would consider serving in this way, please talk with Dolores Jantzen, FMC's representative at the Pantry.

***If your children use the nursery, please remind them to pick up after!*



Investing in our shared ministry: The WDC Stewardship Commission is launching a new vision for fundraising, asking each member of WDC congregations to consider making modest yet regular financial contributions to WDC, either through your congregation or directly to WDC. In the past, we've relied on occasional large capital campaigns to partially fund the mission of WDC. Now, as we enter a new season of planning for our future, we sense a call to move in a different direction. As a Mennonite community rooted in simplicity, shared responsibility and mutual aid, we're shifting toward a member-owned model, with a vision that has three dimensions:

- ***Rooted giving*** - The work of WDC is rooted in the priorities, values, community and investments of each of our members
- ***Seeds of Sustenance*** - With small, yet sustaining investments, we each "plant seeds" to ensure a healthy future for our conference and congregations. An average gift of \$10 per member each month would meet WDC's current budget expenses!
- ***Together We Tend*** - To thrive, it takes all of us tending to the future of our conference. We grow together!

*When each of us invests faithfully, we build a conference that's not dependent on occasional bursts of generosity by some, but instead is grounded in a regular rhythm of care by many. **We invite you to invest in our shared ministry!***

Make an Investment:

- **-Mail your check to:** Western District Conference, PO Box 306, North Newton, KS 67117. Contact your bank if you'd like to set up automated recurring checks.
- **-Establish recurring contributions** online at <https://mennowdc.org/>
- **-Consider setting up recurring contributions** to your congregation and MCUSA as well!