

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

Serving Today:

Pastor: Josh Janzen	Worship Leader: Vern Jantzen
Piano: Erin Vanderschaaf	Children's Story: Katie Jantzen
Live stream: Pam Kunzman	Audio: Doug Casey
Greeters: NEEDED	PPT: Katie Jantzen
Ushers: Bill Thimm & Bryan Heinz	Hosts: Lynn & Sue Gerber

Last Sunday: Offerings: FMC: \$2,955; Tuition Fund \$200;
Meat Canning \$800. **Attendance:** 90

Offering today: Western District Conference **Next Sunday:** FMC

Happening this week:

Sunday, November 12	9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Adults & Kids 10:30 a.m. Worship
Tuesday, November 14	1:30 pm WMS Quilting & Tying
Thursday, November 16	7:00 p.m. Church Board meeting
Sunday, Nov 19	9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Adults & Kids 10:30 a.m. Worship for Thanksgiving

November Birthdays

2: Clairra Janssen, Immanuel Stutzman	3: Brad Thimm
4: Ernest Jantzen	6: Becky Riesen
11: Darwin Jantzen	18: Kathy Casey, Katie Jantzen
21: Elyse Scherling	24: Linsey Schardt
27: Gail Cross, Nathanael Stutzman	
29: Lesley Trantham, Aaron Jantzen	30: Don Diller

- **Need a hearing device?** Ask an usher for assistance.
- **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.
- **Men's Brotherhood** project? Contact Dan Kunzman or LeRoy Janzen
- Our 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, Church docs, minutes, and bulletins.

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Welcome to First Mennonite Church

November 12, 2023



Welcome

Vern Jantzen

Call to Worship (Irene Bom, adapted.)

L: Be still!

P: We come to quiet ourselves in this haven of holiness.

L: Be still and know...

P: We come to discern the Word which can set us free.

L: Be still and know that God is...

P: our Hope, our Help, our Refuge, and our Redeemer.

ALL: Let us worship our God together!

Prayer

Hymn: "Let's Walk Together"

VT 6

Confession and Assurance (Katherine Hawker, adapted)

L: We come seeking God in mighty earthquakes.

We come listening for God in resounding thunder.

We come expecting God in sweeping victories.

P: Yet God is found in a gentle touch.

Yet God speaks in silence.

Yet God is found in the least of these.

L: Save us, O God, from our aimless wandering.

Save us, O God, from our idols.

Save us, O God, from our self-induced chaos.

P: God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

L: Hear the good news of God's love for us;

not in the earthquake, not in the storms, not in the mighty deeds

but in the silence, in the soft touch, in the gentle breeze

God says, again, "You are my Beloved. I love you."

Sunday Singers: "Open, Lord, My Inward Ear"

Children's Story

Katie Jantzen

Scripture: 1 Kings 19:4-16

Sermon: *"The Still Small Voice in the Story"* Pastor Josh

Hymn: *"Lord, You Sometimes Speak"* VT 537

Sharing & Prayer

Benediction

Sending Song: *"Come What May"* VT 768

Offering to Western District Conference

Welcome! We are glad you are here!

Children's Sunday School will hear how Jesus healed 10 men in Luke 17:11-19. Next Sunday They will learn about the Lord's Supper/Passover as found in 1 Corin. 11:23-26 and Exodus 12.

The adult Sunday School class is studying the book *Rethinking Life*. Please join us!

Operation Christmas Child boxes are due back today, November 12. If you have any questions, please contact Linsey Schardt or Lori Thimm.

Attention Musicians! The mixed instrumental ensemble will be playing at the FMC Christmas program. This will include several recognizable and easy-to-play Christmas songs that are suitable for those with skills at or above middle school. We would love to see some young (and young-at-heart) musicians join the group! If you are interested, please **contact Neal Trantham** to receive more information and to sign up.

FMC will host a **Community Potluck as a late Thanksgiving celebration** on Sunday, December 3 at 5:30 pm at FMC. Please bring food to share and friends! Drinks and table service will be provided.

Adjustments were made to our **audio equipment** to help with the extra noise heard recently. One piece of the audio system is over 10 years old, and it is beginning to fail. We will continue to monitor the situation.

TODAY! Ellis United Methodist Church will have **soup, sliders, & sweets** Sunday, November 12, from 11-1. Free Will donation.

M&M Project Update: WE DID IT!! Let's Keep Going!!

We did it, friends! Working together, we have raised more than \$100,000 for the Mission and Maintenance Project at Camp Mennoscah! Thank you all who have supported this effort with your prayers and your gifts! We've been able to match the generous gift that started this challenge back in the Spring! Now that the ball is rolling, camp is still in need of money for maintenance, making sure we have the facilities working well to continue our mission of being a place where people of all ages come to renew themselves, their relationships, and their connection with God. We still need maintenance to do the mission.

Please consider giving to Camp Mennoscah and/or the M&M Project on **Giving Tuesday** on November 28. **And who knows?** Maybe - just maybe - someone may step up to match what we've contributed over and above our goal. **Thank you for being a part of Camp Mennoscah! 75 years - There is still so much ahead!**

WMS Christmas party Dec 2, 9:30 am. All ladies and young girls invited.

Driving through Kansas on your way south this winter? If you are headed to South Texas, MCC Central States in North Newton, KS is looking to transport 25 boxes of kits to a partner in McAllen, TX. Please contact Kate Mast at katemast@mcc.org with any questions or interest. Thanks!

Bethel College Women's Association is inviting you for home-made baked goods, candy, and craft items to sell **at 5 Places of Christmas** on Saturday, December 2, at Goerz House, Bethel College. Please bring your items to Goerz House on Friday, December 1, from 1:00-4:00 pm or on Saturday from 9:00-10:00 am.

Tom and Marlene Swartzendruber of Shickley will be celebrating their **50th Wedding Anniversary!** The public is invited to a reception held in their honor on Saturday, November 25 at the Shickley Community Center from 2-5pm. Cards may also be sent to them at PO Box 71, Shickley NE 68436.

Homestead Harmonizers and Beatrice Regional Orchestra present **"Celebrate the Season"**, Sunday, Dec 3 at 2:00 p.m. at the Hevelone Center. Tickets are \$10 at the door; 18 & under are free.

MCC responding to the Palestine and Israel conflict – MCC is coordinating an emergency response to the current crisis with our existing partners. Our response will focus on the humanitarian needs in Gaza, given the vulnerability of the population and lack of resources available to families. MCC's work will build on previous responses to the ongoing conflict, including the distribution of food and bedding. We are also planning to offer trauma healing support and housing reconstruction. Donate online at mcc.org/Palestine-Israel.