

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

Serving Today: Pastor Josh Janzen Worship Leader: Katie Jantzen
Hosts: Gayland & Marcia Regier Power Point: Lori Thimm
Piano: Vicki Hinz-Ensz Audio: Marv Goossen
Video: Lisa Goossen Children's Story: Daryl Riesen

Ushers: Rick Brethouwer & Lynn Gerber

Last Sunday: Attendance: 81 **Offering:** Camp Menno \$2,524;
WDC \$300; FMC: \$1,950; Youth Fund \$201; Background Checks \$80.

Today's Offering: FMC **Next Sunday: Mennonite Mission Network**

Coming Up:

Sunday, October 4	9:30 am Children's & Adult Sunday School
	10:30 am Worship
Tuesday, Oct 6	1:30 pm WMS Quilting & Tying
	5:00 Shepherd Grp 4 @ serves Warren's Table
Wed, October 7	6:30 pm Community Meal
Sunday, October 11	9:30 am Children's & Adult Sunday School
	10:30 am Worship

October Birthdays:

1: Jane Esau, Don Jantzen	8: Stutzman's Anniversary
9: Doreen Janzen	11: Scott Jantzen
12: Piper Heinz	17: Riley Schardt
20: Braxton Williamson, Terry Brethouwer	23: Boston Crawford
25: Betsy Baade	29: Brendan Thimm
30: Lynn Gerber	31: Duane Claassen

- Our services are on **YouTube:** www.youtube.com/c/fmcbeatrice
- The **bulletin** is at fmcbeatrice.org under documents.
- If you would like to be on the **Prayer Chain**, see Sue Gerber
- If you use the **nursery**, **please clean up** after using it. Thanks!
- 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 in the offering plate.
- **Men's Brotherhood Project?** Contact Dan Kunzman.
- **Farmer's Market**, Thursday's 4-6:30 pm, 6th & High Streets
- **Our Daily Bread devotion books (free)** available by the mailboxes.

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Welcome to First Mennonite Church
October 4, 2026 - World Communion Sunday



Welcome and Call to Worship

L: The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

P: We come as a mixed field, tended by a patient Lord.

L: The one who sowed good seed has not lost track of his field.

P: We come trusting that we are known.

L: The night has its enemies, but the harvest belongs to God.

P: We come to worship the one who waits, and whose waiting is not neglect.

L: Let us worship the Lord together.

All: Come, Lord Jesus, and tend your field today.

Prayer

Hymn 10: "Here in This Place"

Confession

L: Merciful God, you sowed good seed in this field.

P: We confess that we are quick to sort and slow to wait.

L: We have decided who is wheat and who is weed.

P: Forgive us, Lord, for judging those you have not judged.

L: We have withheld patience from friends, from family, from fellow believers whose faith looks slower or messier than our own.

P: Forgive us, Lord, and teach us to bear with one another.

L: We have turned the sickle inward. We have lain awake cataloguing our failures and demanding a harvest that has not yet come.

P: Forgive us, Lord, for despairing over the weeds.

L: We have trusted our own eyes more than your hands.

P: Forgive us, Lord, for our pride and our fear.

L: Teach us to grow where you have planted us,

P: without pride over the wheat or despair over the weeds.

Assurance

L: Hear the good news: the Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and rich in steadfast love.

P: Thanks be to God.

L: There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

P: Thanks be to God.

L: The weeds in your life are not proof that there is no wheat. The one who planted you knows exactly what you are, and he is not in a hurry to do

violence to the good in you.

P: Thanks be to God.

L: Friends, in Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

Offering Hymn 88: “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

Children’s Story

Scripture: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Sermon: “Patience for the Harvest”

Hymn 750: “God of the Fertile Fields”

Communion:

Words of introduction & Preparation VT 937

L: Beloved Ones, as we gather to eat the bread and drink the cup, let us respond to one another with a pledge of love. Will you love God before all things, in the power of God’s Living Word, and join yourself to God’s way?

All: by the grace of God, I will.

L: Will you love and serve our neighbors, and lay down your life through the power of Jesus Christ, who laid down his life for us?

All: by the grace of God, I will.

L: Will you support and challenge one another, speak and hear truth, cease what causes harm to our neighbors, and do good to our enemies?

All: by the grace of God, I will.

L: May the Spirit of God who calls the church to Christ’s Supper give us the grace, strength, and patience to live this pledge of love.

All: Amen.

Words of Institution

Communion

Sharing and Prayer

Benediction

Sending song 812: “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

Passing the Peace

The FMC Mini Auction! Sunday evening, October 18 at 5:30 p.m.

Welcome to all worshipping with us here and on YouTube. For easy access, bookmark this link: www.youtube.com/c/fmcbeatrice and “Like” it and subscribe. The bulletin is at fmcbeatrice.org under the documents tab.

Wednesday, October 7, 6:30 pm – FMC Community Event. We’ll eat, catch up with one another, and write cards/notes to our college students. Instead of bringing items to pack care packages, please just bring a money donation and then we will purchase gift cards/items to put in the individual care packages for each student. We have 4 college students.

Just a reminder – today after church we could use some volunteers to set up 8 tables with 8 chairs each in the fellowship hall right after church for our Community Event this Wednesday.

Send your families favorite recipes to Paula Heinz or Lori Thimm by October 17! They will be compiled in a **150th Anniversary Cookbook!** Forms are in your mailbox or you can email them to Paula or Lori.

Nomination Suggestion sheets are in your mailboxes. Please return them to the marked box by the mailboxes by October 25. If you have any questions contact a member of the Nominating Committee.

If you have concerns/questions about the proposed **Constitution and By-Law changes**, please speak to a member of the Review Committee by Nov. 1: Pastor Josh, John Penner, Brett Esau, & Dorothy Zimmerman.

WMS Nut Orders! Order blanks are in mailboxes. Return by Oct 20

Meat Canning: Nov 17 & 18 at the Milford Fire Hall. Set-up is Monday, Nov 16. **New co-coordinators are Brandon and Ashley Roth & TJ and Tiff Reynolds.** Send offerings to Milford Menn. Church, 920 3rd St, Milford, 68405. Their contact information:

Ashley Roth: [402-984-1919](tel:402-984-1919); ashleyolin@hotmail.com

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Bethel College Fall Fest October 17! BCWA Market in the Round; Camp Mennoscah booth through mid-afternoon with a T-shirt tied comforter silent auction with Development Director Timothy Schrag there! Music, food, class reunions, football (Bethel vs. Tabor), the musical *The Spitfire Grill* by James Valcq and Fred Alley, an exhibit reception for Art Professor Emeritus Art Bob Regier. See the complete schedule at www.bethelks.edu/fallfest

Conscientious Objection webinar, **Tuesday, Oct 6 at 7 p.m.** Register at mcc.org/co-today. Questions: beckyteiwes@mcc.org

First Presbyterian Church **Blessing of the Animals** Sunday, Oct. 4, 2pm on the church’s front lawn. Free will offering for the Humane Society. Pets must be vaccinated & on a leash or carrier.