

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

Serving Today:

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| Pastor: Josh Janzen | Worship Leader: Jerry Reimer |
| Pianist: Erin VanderSchaaf | Hosts: Gayland & Marci Regier |
| Power point: Eli VanderSchaaf | Audio: Van VanderSchaaf |
| Ushers: Gayland & Jake | Video: Jane Esau |
| Children's Time: Pastor Sarah | |

Last Sunday Attendance: 103 Offering: FMC \$6,263.07

Today's Offering: MMN **Next Sunday:** FMC

Coming Up:

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| Sunday, October 12 | 9:30 am Youth & Adult Sunday School 10:30 am Worship |
| Tuesday, Oct 14 | 1:30 pm WMS Quilting & Tying 6:00 pm Education Council |
| Wednesday, Oct 15 | 6:30 pm Peace Club; JYF, SYF |
| Thursday, October 16 | 7:00 pm Church Board meeting |
| Sunday, Oct 19 | 9:30 am Youth & Adult Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 5:30 pm MINI AUCTION |

October Birthdays:

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| 1: Jane Esau, Don Jantzen | 8: Dave & Rebekka Stutzman Anniv. |
| 9: Doreen Janzen | 11: Scott Jantzen |
| 12: Piper Heinz | 12: Riley Scharadt |
| 20: Braxton Williamson, Terri Brethouwer | |
| 23: Boston Crawford | 25: Betsy Baade |
| 29: Brendan Thimm | 30: Lynn Gerber |
| 31: Duae Claassen | |

- 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.
- **Welcome** to all who are worshiping with us here and on YouTube (search for FMCBeatrice). The bulletin is at fmcbeatrice.org under documents.

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Deacons: Sue Gerber (402-239-8857), Don Esau (402-223-9210),
Vicki Hinz-Ensz (402-239-4174), **Church Chair:** Jerry Reimer (402-239-2716)



Welcome to First Mennonite Church

October 12, 2025

Welcome

Call to Worship

L: Come, all who are weary of judgment and division,

P: We come seeking a love that heals and restores.

L: Come, all who long to live as people of compassion,

P: We come to follow the Christ who blesses the merciful.

L: Come, for here we remember the mercy we have received-

P: and we are sent to share it with the world.

ALL: Let us worship the God whose mercy is new every morning.

Prayer

Hymn: "Let Us Build a House "

VT 36

Confession and Assurance

L: Merciful God,

P: we confess that we have been quick to judge and slow to forgive.

L: We have drawn lines between deserving and undeserving.

P: We have clung to resentment when You have offered us grace.

L: In a world that teaches revenge,

P: teach us to choose mercy.

L: In relationships where trust is broken,

P: teach us to move toward healing.

L: In our hearts where pride takes root,

P: teach us to be tender and open.

L: forgive us, O God, and form us into people who reflect your
compassionate heart.

Assurance of Grace:

L: Friends, heart this good news: God does not repay us according to what we deserve, but according to divine mercy. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, restored, and made new,

P: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Offering Hymn: “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy” VT 156
(Offering is for Mennonite Mission Network)

Children’s Story

Scripture: Matthew 5:7

Message: “The Power of Mercy” Pastor Josh Janzen

Hymn: “Beauty for Brokenness” VT 712

Sharing and Prayer

Benediction

Sending Song: “Christ has No Body Here but Ours” VT 568

Passing the Peace

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

Examen of Mercy. Pray the Daily Examen this week with a focus on mercy:

1. Become aware of God’s presence.
2. Review your day with gratitude – where did you give or receive mercy?
3. Notice your emotions – when were you judgmental, when compassionate?
4. Ask forgiveness where you fell short.
5. Look ahead to tomorrow – where might God call you to be merciful?

Practicing mercy through the Examen reshapes how we see ourselves and others, helping us become vessels of God’s compassion.

Camp Mennoscah’s Annual Meeting is October 19 at 6:30pm at Hope Mennonite Church. All are invited to attend.

A benefit account has been set up at First State Bank Nebraska in Beatrice to help **Kent and Robbyn Hohensee** with expenses.

Dorothy Zimmerman has discontinued use of her land line so please delete her 223-5506 number. Her cell number is 402-239-9437.

The MCC MINI AUCTION is next Sunday evening, October 19 at 5:30 p.m. Please bring your items to church and place them on the tables in the narthex. Ice cream and toppings are available at the sale. Please consider bringing cookies/bars to share. The fun begins at 5:30 p.m. Our friends at Summit Street Church have been invited to come!

WMS nut order forms were put in mailboxes last week. The orders with payment need to be returned to Lori Thimm by October 20, 2025.

Nursery Use- Children should not be left unattended in the nursery for lengthy times. We love that the nursery gets used but ask that toys are put away and messes are cleaned up! Thank you!

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.

Trunk or Treat at Summit Street Church: We would love to have some FMC folk bring their trunks for Trunk or Treat on October 31, from 5-7 pm. Decorate your trunk, dress up (or not!) and join the fun handing out treats with us at 1220 Summit Street. Free hot dogs, popcorn, & drinks!

Meat Canning: Dates are Thursday & Friday, Nov 13 & 14 in Milford. You are encouraged to help with this project with labor or monetary donations. Chicken meat looks to be close to \$1.85 a pound which means an extra \$10,000 will be needed to can our usual amount. Donations may be given in the offering plate.

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 members for the Board of Directors. If you are considering serving in this way, please talk with Dolores Jantzen as she is FMC’s representative at the Pantry.

FMC General Fund Summary for September 2025

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| General Fund Balance 8/31/25 | -6,017.07 |
| September revenue | 19,657.00 |
| September expenses* | -27,171.85 |
| Net revenue for September | -7,514.85 |
| General Fund Balance 8/31/25 | -13,531.92 |

*Includes property insurance premium of \$13,652 which is paid annually.