

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

Serving Today:

Pastor: Josh Janzen Worship Leader: Katie Jantzen
Piano: Kathy Casey & Vicki Ensz Children's Story: Dan Kunzman
Live stream: Kathy Casey Audio: Larry Thimm
Greeters: Marv & Lisa Goossen PPT: Katie Jantzen
Ushers: Daryl Riesen & John Regier Hosts: John & Zella Penner

Last Sunday: Offerings: FMC: \$100; MMN: \$1715; **Attendance:** 68

Offering today: FMC **Next Sunday:** Community Food Pantry

Happening this week:

Sunday, October 15 9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all
 10:30 a.m. Worship
 3:30 Ball Game; 5:00 Community Potluck
Tuesday, October 17 1:30 pm WMS Quilting & Tying
Wednesday, Oct 18 6:30-7:30 pm Peace Club, JYF, SYF
Thursday, October 19 7:00 p.m. Church Board meeting
Sunday, October 22 9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all
 10:30 a.m. Worship
 5:30 p.m. **MINI AUCTION**

October Birthdays

1: Jane Esau, Don Jantzen 4: Marlene Penner
8: Dave & Rebekka Stutzman's Anniversary
9: Doreen Janzen 11: Scott Jantzen
12: Katee Kunzman, Piper Heinz 16: Laura Franz
17: Riley Schardt 20: Braxton Williamson
20: Terri Brethouwer 23: Boston Crawford
25: Betsy Baade 29: Brendan Thimm
30: Lynn Gerber 31: Duane Claassen

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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.
 - **Men's Brotherhood** project? Contact Dan Kunzman or LeRoy Janzen
 - The 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, then Church docs, minutes, and bulletins.
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Church Chair: Jerry Reimer (402-239-2716)



Welcome to First Mennonite Church

October 15, 2023

Welcome

Katie Jantzen

Call to Worship

L: How blessed we are that God forgives us and loves us!

P: For all those times when we have fallen short of what God would have us be, we have been forgiven.

L: God makes us new in God's Spirit!

P: Now is the time to joyfully accept the newness of life which God offers to us.

L: Come, let us worship and be thankful.

P: Let us open our hearts to the peace and joy of God. AMEN.

Prayer

Hymn: "Lord, I Need You"

VT 155

Confession and Assurance

L: To be invited into the practice of confession is to be invited into the possibility of reconciliation that is available through the grace of God. To participate in the prayer of confession is to admit the truth that all is not right, and that we need God to make it right. Trusting in God's grace and love, let us make our confession, first in silent prayer.

SILENT CONFESSION

All: Holy God, all is not right. We are not right with you or with each other. Anger and fear and disappointment rest uneasily in our hearts. It is hard to trust and it is even harder to forgive. Help us to turn to you to find the strength we need. Help us to look to the example of Jesus to see how to love. Help us look deep within ourselves for our own fault. We pray for your forgiveness, and we pray to be forgiven. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

L: Sisters and brothers in Christ, let us proclaim the Good News: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, reconciled, loved, and changed. Amen.

Hymn: "To Leave the Stones Unthrown"

VT 580

Children's Story

Dan Kunzman

Scripture: Matthew 6:11

Sermon: "Forgive..... As We Forgive"

Pastor Josh

Hymn: "Gentle God, When We are Driven"

VT 150

Sharing & Prayer

Benediction

Sending Song: "For the Healing of the Nations"

VT 705

Offering to First Mennonite Church

Welcome! We are glad you are here!

Sermon Series: The Lord's Prayer. In a world filled with challenges and uncertainties, prayer remains a steadfast source of strength and guidance for followers of Christ. Over the next several weeks, we will embark on a transformative journey through the timeless words of the Lord's Prayer, delving deep into its profound wisdom and uncovering the hidden treasures within. Join us as we explore the richness of this foundational prayer, seeking to understand not only its words but also its transformative power in our daily lives. Together, we will discover the profound connection between our hearts and the divine as we learn to pray as Jesus taught us. – Pastor

Children's Sunday School studied Acts 9:26-30 to learn about Barnabas & Saul today. Next week they'll study Col. 3:13 to learn about forgiveness.

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

Operation Christmas Child boxes are here to take home and pack! Remember to grab a pamphlet, which includes your label & packing instructions. Please return them to the church by Sunday, November 12th. If you have any questions, please contact Linsey Schardt or Lori Thimm.

If you have **frozen food for Scott Jantzen** and his family, please put it in the freezer in the church kitchen with cooking instructions and Scott's name. The food is delivered to Scott every Monday. Call Lori Thimm 402-239-3611 with questions

Check out the 12 new books on the "New Books" Shelf in the Library!

It's time to order **WMS nuts!** Order forms are in your mailbox and must be returned with payment to Lori Thimm by October 29.

Are you curious about baptism or ready to take that important step in your faith journey? Are you interested in learning what it means to be a member of the church? Or are you a long-time member and feel like a refresher would be beneficial? If you said yes to any of the questions above, I want to hear from you! I am eager to gauge interest in the possibility of catechism and membership classes. Both will be wonderful opportunities for spiritual growth and creating deeper connections in our church community. Reach out to the church office or pastor Josh to sign up!

Baseball Game and Community Potluck – TODAY! October 15, 2023, Scott Street Baseball Diamonds (454 W Scott St, Beatrice)

3:30 – 5:00 p.m. - Watch the local Cuban and Nicaraguan baseball game.

5:00 – 7:00 pm – Community Potluck plus Homemade Ice Cream

Please bring:

- Large dish of food to share
- Your own water bottle
- Two lawn chairs (one for sharing)
- Lawn games (corn hole, Bocci, etc)
- BRING A FRIEND!
- Plates and Plastic-ware provided

The MCC Mini Auction is October 22, next Sunday! Please bring your items to church and place them on the tables in the narthex. We will have ice cream and toppings available at the sale. Please consider bringing cookies that night to share. The fun will begin at 5:30 p.m. on October 22!

A Breakfast Fundraiser for Camp Mennoscah's M&M Project will be held at FMC on Sunday, October 29 at 9 a.m. Contact Dan Kunzman with questions. So far, Camp Mennoscah has received \$80,000 for the M & M (Mission & Maintenance) project.

Pastor Josh and Stephanie are entering the **Foster Parent Program**. This is a big step for them and it is a large commitment. The work they will be doing in this program is very important, and it comes with a lot of unpredictability. They need to be prepared for any situation at any time and that means having a lot of supplies on hand. If you would like to help them get started in this process, we have a list of items they need on a poster board by the mailboxes. Just take an item from the list and bring the item to the church basement by October 29, same day as the Camp Mennoscah's breakfast, at 9 a.m.

Nomination Suggestion sheets are in mailboxes today. Please prayerfully consider nominating people to fill the positions needed. Your nomination suggestion sheet must be returned to the specially marked box in the narthex by November 5.

CROP WALK! October 29, 2 pm beginning at NE Shelter at Hannibal Park. Information was put in mailboxes last week.

MCC Meat Canning will be November 2-3 in Milford. The price of meat has gone up and we'll require about \$50,000. If you'd like to contribute, please write checks out to FMC Meat Canning and put in the offering plate or give to Treasurer Mike Goossen. Your help on canning days is also needed! Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions, please contact Vern Jantzen at 402-230-0011. There are copies of the Canner Times in the narthex by the mailboxes.

Community Food Pantry asks your help in serving 7,000 clients this year, rather than the usual 4,000 to 5,000 clients a year. Monetary gifts are always appreciated so we can purchase perishables. Other needed items are pancake flour/syrup; spaghetti/sauce; saltine/graham crackers; peanut butter/jelly; cake mix/frosting; veg oil; flour; sugar; laundry/dish detergent; shampoo/ conditioner; condiments; toilet paper; paper towels; hot/cold cereal; pasta; canned meats; soup; hamburger/chicken helpers.

Christ Church Episcopal invites you to celebrate their 150-year Anniversary on Sunday, October 22 at 3:00 p.m. in their historic Sanctuary at 524 North 5th St, Beatrice. Reception and tours to follow.

Phone number error! Jon & Jen Brueggemann's correct phone number is 402-200-8715. Please correct it in your directory. Sorry for the mix up!

Summit Street Church Trunk or Treat! October 31, 5-7 p.m. Hot dogs, candy, popcorn, and over 50 prizes to be given away. Please see the flyer on the bulletin board. There is nothing FMC is being asked to do other than announce the event and get involved if you'd like. We'd just like anyone in the congregation to stop by or even decorate a trunk if they'd like. Whatever people would like to do. Josh and I think it's important to re-establish a relationship between our churches and I just want to personally invite you all to what is becoming an important event for Summit Street Church.- Andrew Dungan, Ed.D.

For more news about what's happening in the broader Mennonite world, visit www.mennonitemission.net; www.mennowdc.org; www.ambs.edu; www.mennoniteusa.org; www.mcc.org; www.mds.org; www.mennonitemen.org.