

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

Serving Today: Pastor Josh Janzen Worship Leader: Jerry Reimer
Hosts: Justin & Linsey Schardt Power Point: Debbie Goossen
Piano: Karen Wiebe Audio: Marv Goossen
Video: Lisa Goossen Children's Story: Dan Kunzman
Ushers: Rick Brethouwer & Lynn Gerber

Last Sunday: Attendance: 86 **Offering :MMN:** \$2,361; **FMC** \$1,100

Today's Offering: FMC **Next Sunday:** Community Food Pantry

Coming Up:

Sunday, October 18 9:30 am Children's & Adult Sunday School
10:30 am Worship
5:30 pm MINI-AUCTION
Tuesday, Oct 20 1:30 pm WMS Quilting & Tying
Wed, October 21 6:30 pm Peace Club, JYF, SYF
Sunday, October 25 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.
- **Our Daily Bread devotion books (free)** are available by the mailboxes.

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Welcome to First Mennonite Church
October 18, 2026



Welcome and Call to Worship

L: Come, everything is ready.

P: The table is set, and the host is waiting.

L: Not because we have tidied up our lives,

P: but because he is generous.

L: Come, you who said yes long ago. Come, you who have only just arrived.

P: Come from the streets and alleys, from the roads and country lanes.

L: Come, for there is still room.

All: Let us worship the God who fills His house and His Table.

Prayer

Hymn 36: "Let Us Build a House"

Confession and Assurance

L: The host sent word, and we answered yes. Then the servant came to say that all was ready, and we sent our regrets.

P: Lord, we have said we can't make it. Forgive us.

L: We gave good things first claim: our fields, our oxen, our calendars, our rest.

P: Lord, you gave us the table. We gave you the leftovers.

L: We have been comfortable among those who would invite us back, and we have not looked toward the edge of the room.

P: Lord, open our eyes to the ones outside our circle.

L: Let us confess in silence what we have said to the host lately.

(Silence)

L: Hear the good news. The host who was insulted is the one who pays. Our absence did not cancel the feast, and our excuses did not close the door.

P: The invitation still stands.

L: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Come, everything is ready.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Offering Hymn 563: "Come, Thou Fount"

Children's Story

Scripture: Luke 14:15-24

Sermon: "Come, Everything is Ready"

Hymn 536: "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

Sharing and Prayer

Benediction

Sending Song 810: "Go, My Friends, in Grace"

Passing the Peace

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.



The FMC MINI AUCTION is TONIGHT!!!! October 18 at 5:30 p.m. Please bring your items to church for the auction. Ice cream and toppings are available at the sale. Please consider bringing cookies/bars to share. The fun begins at 5:30 p.m. Bring a friend! Our friends at Summit Street Church have been invited to come!

You still can **submit a recipe for the 150th Celebration Cookbook** to Paula Heinz or Lori Thimm. Please do so very soon! If you submitted the recipe **Cornbread Dressing** please contact Lori Thimm.

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.

WMS nut orders! Return with payment to Lori Thimm by October 20.

Camp Mennoscah's annual meeting and **Verenike Casserole Fundraiser** is November 7, at Faith Mennonite Church, Newton. To-go drive thru meals available at 5:00; in person 5:30, meeting 6:00. Call [620-297-3290](tel:620-297-3290) to reserve meals. Free will donation but suggested donation of \$20/meal, \$40/pan.



St. Paul's **Fundraiser for PreS, PreK, School, & Scholarships is Nov 14 with Magician/Comedian Gayle Becwar** at the Holiday Inn Express. Use the QR code to get tickets (\$50). Raffle tickets for great prizes are available at the event.



The Youth Center is looking for caring adults to volunteer a few times a month 3:30-5 p.m. to create a welcoming, caring space for middle school kids. Email youth2youthcenter@gmail.com. Requires background check.

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes! Share God's love with a child around the world by packing a shoebox filled with a variety of small toys, school supplies, hygiene items & other fun gifts for a boy or girl of your chosen age (2-4, 5-9, 10-14). Please remember to include the \$10 donation per box to cover shipping costs. Empty shoeboxes with label, packing instructions & a rubber band are in the narthex closet. A few reminders:

Please, do not tape your box shut. Use the rubber band provided.

Return shoeboxes to church by Sunday, November 15th.

If you have questions, contact Linsey Schardt or Lori Thimm. Thank you for helping share the Gospel & joy of Christmas with children around the world!

Fall Farmers Market & Brunch Buffet November 7, 9 am – 1 pm at the Vintage Venue, 620 Court St in Beatrice. Local produce, honey, eggs, baked goods, jams, crafts, and more and a Brunch Buffet by Colleen's Catering.

Meat Canning: Nov 17 & 18 at the Milford Fire Hall. Set-up is Monday, Nov 16. Meat offerings may be put in the offering plate. New co-coordinators are: **Brandon and Ashley Roth:** [402-984-1919](tel:402-984-1919); ashleyolin@hotmail.com
TJ and Tiff Reynolds: [402-641-6178](tel:402-641-6178); Tiffreynoldsins@gmail.com

Kansas Coalition Against the Death Penalty (KCADP) Conference free Zoom event is 1 pm Saturday, Nov 21. Speakers with first-hand experience with the death penalty: Celeste Dixon, a murder victim family member; Dale Baich, a death penalty attorney; Gary Mohr, a corrections professional. MC USA endorses abolition of the death penalty, Call or email to register: (785) 235-2237 info@ksabolition.org

The 10 Commandments – as rewritten by Peace Club children

1. Do not bow to any other God.
2. Do not think of others before God. Do not curse. Do not tell bad things about God that aren't true.
3. Go to church.
4. Show love to your father and mother.
5. Don't kill and be respectful.
6. Don't have any other wife or husband.
7. Do not take things that don't belong to you.
8. Don't tell something not true. Tell the truth. Don't take things that aren't yours.
9. Do not forget what you have even if someone else has it better or something better.
10. Don't want something you don't have. Be happy about what you have. Be grateful for what you have.

