

Hymn: “Precious Lord, Take My Hand” VT 610

Sharing & Prayer

Benediction

Sending Song: “You Shall Go Out With Joy” VT 847

Offering to Community Food Pantry

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 Col. 3:13 to learn about forgiveness today. There is no Children’s Sunday School next week.

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.

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

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!

The MCC Mini Auction is TONIGHT at 5:30 p.m.! Please bring auction 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!

Baseball Game and Community Potluck was rescheduled to October 29 at Scott Street 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 to share), lawn games (corn hole, Bocci, etc. and a friend! Plates and Plastic-ware provided.

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 \$90,000 for the M & M (Mission & Maintenance) project. Just \$10,000 more is needed to match our generous giver’s \$100,000 challenge started last spring. You can help with your donations next Sunday at FMC’s breakfast at 9 a.m.

M&M Project Update: SO CLOSE!! As of October 16, we have raised more than \$90,000 for the Mission and Maintenance Project at Camp Mennoscah! Thank you all who have supported this effort with your prayers and your gifts! It shouldn’t be long before we reach our goal of \$100,000, matching our generous giver who started this challenge back in the Spring!

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. or you may bring your Foster Parent items to the church basement anytime and put them on the empty table in the quilt room next to the kitchen.

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. FMC will have a “trunk” manned by FMC Church Board members. If you would like to be involved, you may contribute candy or non-edible “treats” to be given out of the FMC trunk. **(A box is in the narthex for donated treats.)** You are invited to participate by decorating your own “trunk” and hand out treats. We encourage you to come and join us for this fun evening. Josh and I think it's important to re-establish a relationship between our churches and I want to personally invite you all to what is becoming an important event for Summit Street Church.- Andrew Dungan, Ed.D.

Ten Thousand Villages Nativity Showcase-Come to the Ten Thousand Villages store in the Haymarket (8th & P Streets) on November 3, from 7-7:30 pm for hot cocoa and cookies and a chance to **hear several of the youth from our church** tell about the nativity items in the store. It is a fun, festive event!

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.**

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 for 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.

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.

MCC responding to the Palestine and Israel conflict – As conflict has escalated in the region, MCC laments the violence and mourns all lives lost in Palestine and Israel. MCC remains committed to a just peace for all, and we invite you to join us in praying for an end to the violence.

MCC is planning an emergency response to the current crisis with 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.

| First Mennonite Church General Fund Summary | | |
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| | <u>Aug 31</u> | <u>Sept 30</u> |
| General Fund beginning balance | 7,374.48 | 8,737.55 |
| General Fund offerings | 10,760.00 | 12,462.00 |
| Church expenses | (9,396.93) | (16,963.68) |
| General fund ending balance | \$8,737.55 | \$4,235.87 |