

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

Serving Today: Pastor Josh Janzen Worship Leader: Vern Jantzen
Hosts: Gayland & Marci Regier Power Point: Debbie Goossen
Piano: Erin VanderSchaaf Audio: Marv Goossen
Video: Lisa Goossen
Children's Story: Jacob & Symantha Janzen
Ushers: Rick Brethouwer & Lynn Gerber

Last Sunday: Attendance: 79 **Offering: FMC** \$8,236;
MCC Meat Canning \$100; **MMN** \$50

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

Coming Up:

Sunday, October 25	9:30 am Children's & Adult Sunday School
	10:30 am Worship
Tuesday, Oct 27	1:30 pm WMS Quilting & Tying
Wed, October 28	6:30 pm Peace Club, JYF, SYF
Sunday, November 1	9:30 am Children's & Adult Sunday School
	10:30 am Worship
	11:30 am Soup Fundraiser by Youth
Wednesday, Nov 4	6:30 pm Community Meal

Late October Birthdays:

20: Braxton Williamson, Terry Brethouwer	23: Boston Crawford
25: Betsy Baade	29: Brendan Thimm
30: Lynn Gerber	31: Duane Claassen

Early November Birthdays:

2: Immanuel Stutzman	3: Brad Thimm
5: Becky Riesen	12: Dorathea Mae Janzen
14: Ivan Regier Reimer	18: Kathy Casey, Katie Jantzen

- 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 25, 2026



Welcome and Call to Worship

L: The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it.

P: The harvest, the soil, and the rain are all his.

L: We did not make the ground, and we did not make the sun.

P: Everything we have has been given to us.

L: Some of us came this morning with full barns and some with empty ones.

P: All of us came as the Father's little flock.

L: Some of us came counting, counting dollars and days and what is left.

P: Teach us, Lord, to number our days and gain a heart of wisdom.

L: So set down the number you carry. Do not be afraid, little flock. Your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom.

All: Let us worship the God who gives! Let us worship the Lord our God!

Prayer

Hymn 120: "For the Beauty of the Earth"

Confession

L: Lord God, you told us to guard against every kind of greed. We confess that we rarely see it in ourselves.

P: Lord, have mercy. We have wanted more.

L: We have held fair claims so tightly that the holding became the hunger. We have kept grievances, debts, and shares we were owed long after they stopped giving life.

P: Lord, have mercy. We have wanted more.

L: We have asked, "Where shall I put all this?" and never asked, "Who needs it?" We have talked to ourselves about *my* barns and *my* plans, and left you and our neighbors out of the conversation.

P: Christ, have mercy. We have lived as though you were not there.

L: We have trusted a number to do what only you can do. We have found our peace in an account balance and called it wisdom.

P: Christ, have mercy. We have looked for security in things that cannot save.

L: We have planned for years and not counted our days. We have been rich toward ourselves and poor toward you.

P: Lord, have mercy. Forgive us, and make us new.

Assurance

L: Hear the good news. You do not have to earn your security, and you cannot stockpile it.

P: We can only receive it from the Father's hand.

L: So hear it again. Do not be afraid, little flock.

P: Our Father has been pleased to give us the kingdom!

L: In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

P: Thanks be to God!

Offering Hymn 759: "Take My Life, and Let It Be"

Children's Story

Scripture: Luke 12:13-21

Sermon: "The Man with Full Barns"

Hymn 653: "Nothing Is Lost on the Breath of God"

Sharing and Prayer

Benediction

Sending Song 839-A: "Go Ye Now in Peace"

Passing the Peace

Welcome to all worshiping 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 **Nomination Suggestions are due today**. Please put your nomination sheet in the marked box in the narthex.

Thank You for your donated items, your bidding, your buying, your treats, and your attendance at the **Mini-Auction** last Sunday. The total raised through your support is **\$27,406.50!** Your generosity surpassed last year's total of \$22,304! – MCC Mini Auction Committee

You can still **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.

Don't forget to **change your clocks** before bed Saturday night! **Fall back!**

Youth Group Soup Fundraiser: next Sunday, Nov. 1st, after church. The youth will host a fundraiser to raise money to attend the following 2027 events:

- "Know Jesus" in Hesston, February 20-21
- "Rising in Hope 2027" the MC USA biennial national youth gathering in Cincinnati, Ohio, July 6-10

Peace Club News: Our lesson for last Wednesday centered on Joshua and the verse, "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." Joshua 24:15. At the front of the church you will see the pumpkins we are sharing this morning. Each of the kids painted their handprint and added the card "Handpicked by God." The kids should take their pumpkin home after church today. We conclude each meeting time with the Lord's Prayer; soon the kids will all know this prayer by memory. We love working with the kids! P.S. We do appreciate parents letting us know when your children will be absent. Thanks --Kathy, Barb, Jane

WMS Christmas Brunch is Saturday, December 5 at 9:30 in the church basement. Guest Speaker is Jill Christy of Handspoken, formerly 10,000 Villages of Lincoln. All Ladies and Girls are invited. A freewill offering will be gathered.

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. 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!

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; ashleyolin@hotmail.com
TJ and Tiff Reynolds: 402-641-6178; Tiffreynoldsins@gmail.com

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 for meal, show, 1 drink.). Raffle tickets for prizes valued over \$300 are available at the event or from Vicki Frerking.\$10; 3/\$25, 5/\$40.



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.