

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

Serving Today: Pastor Josh Janzen Worship Leader: Kyle Riesen
Hosts: Brad & Amanda Thimm Power Point: Eli VanderSchaaf
Piano: Judy Audio: Jim Ensz
Video: Kathy Casey Ushers: Gayland Regier & Brandon Esau
Children's Story: Erin Vanderschaaf

Last Sunday: Attendance: 101 **Offering:** FMC \$5,510
Today's Offering: Camp Mennoscah **Next Sunday:** FMC

Coming Up:

Sunday, Sept 27	9:30 am Children's & Adult Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 5:00 pm Church Picnic @ Chautauqua Park
Tuesday, Sept 29	1:30 pm WMS Quilting & Tying 7:00 pm Educational Council
Wed, Sept 30	6:30 pm Peace Club, SYF JYF serve @ Food Bank
Sunday, October 4	9:30 am Children's & Adult Sunday School 10:30 am Worship
Wednesday, Oct 7	6:30 pm Community Meal

Late September & Early October Birthdays:

23: Shana Ensz, Sophia Reimer	24: LeRoy Janzen
26: Lori Craawford, Marcia Regier	30: Tony Tegtmeier
Oct. 1: Jane Esau, Don Jantzen	8: Stutzman's Anniversary
9: Doreen Janzen	11: Scott 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.
- **Farmer's Market**, Thursday's 4-6:30 pm, 6th & High Streets
- **Our Daily Bread devotion books (free)** available by the mailboxes.

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Welcome to First Mennonite Church September 27, 2026



Welcome and Call to Worship

L: Come, let us worship the Lord our God.

P: We come with open hearts and willing hands.

L: Come, you who are weary, and you who are strong.

P: We come as we are, trusting God to meet us here.

L: The Lord who made heaven and earth is present in this place.

P: We lift our eyes and our voices in praise.

L: Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

All: We worship you, Lord, now and always. Amen.

Prayer

Hymn 297: "You are Salt for the Earth"

Confession

L: Lord of the mustard seed and the hidden yeast, we confess that we measure your kingdom the way the world measures everything else.

P: We look for the loud and the large, and we overlook what is small and quiet.

L: We confess that we have grown impatient with slow things:

P: with prayers that don't seem to move, with change that comes gradually, with a faithfulness that doesn't announce itself.

L: We confess that we have sometimes cared more about what looks proper than about who needs to be seen and set free.

P: We have walked past the bent-over and the invisible, telling ourselves there will be a better day for that.

L: Forgive us, Lord, for despising small beginnings.

P: Forgive us for missing what you are doing because it didn't arrive the way we expected.

Assurance

L: Hear the good news: a seed the size of a period at the end of a sentence is enough for him to work with.

P: A pinch of yeast in a mountain of flour is enough for him to work with.

L: In Christ, you are forgiven.

P: In Christ, we are already being worked through, all the way through.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Offering Hymn 419: *“Great is Thy Faithfulness”*

Children’s Story

Scripture: Luke 13:18-21

Sermon: *“Small, Hidden, Unstoppable”*

Hymn 393: *“Build Your Kingdom Here”*

Sharing and Prayer

Benediction

Sending Song 770: *“God is Working This Purpose Out”*

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.

Congratulations to John and Pastor Sarah! Wednesday, September 23rd at 3:55am, John and Sarah welcomed Sophia Marie Neher Reimer to this world and our family! She entered the world at 7lbs 11oz and 20.25 inches long. Mama and baby are doing well as they recover and rest. John is doing a great job taking care of them and Ivan!

The **Church Picnic** is today, Sept 27, 5:00 p.m. at the Chautauqua Park Tabernacle. Plates, cups, knives, forks & spoons, and napkins are provided. Hope to see you there!

A vote to approve proposed changes to **FMC’s Constitution and By-Laws** will be held at the **January 13, 2027 annual meeting**. If you have any concerns with the proposed changes, please bring them to a member of the Review Committee by November 1, 2026: Pastor Josh, John Penner, Brett Esau, and Dorothy Zimmerman.

WMS Thanks You for your donated sheets! We have a good supply now.

Time to order nuts! Order blanks are in mailboxes and are due back October 20!

The FMC Mini-Auction will be Sunday evening, October 18 at 5:30 p.m.

Meat Canning at the Milford Fire Hall, November 17 & 18, 2026. Set-up is Monday, Nov 16. Co-coordinators of the project, Kim and Sheila Eberspacher & Dave and Deb Welsch will turn the role over to **new co-coordinators Brandon and Ashley Roth & TJ and Tiff Reynolds**. Send offerings to Milford Menn Church, 920 3rd St, Milford, 68405. Contact info for the new coordinators is: Ashley Roth: [402-984-1919](tel:402-984-1919); ashleyolin@hotmail.com Tiff Reynolds: [402-641-6178](tel:402-641-6178); Tiffreynoldsins@gmail.com

Bethel College Fall Fest is October 17! BCWA welcomes donations of homemade goodies and craft items to sell at the Market in the Round in the Luyken Fine Arts Center. Camp Mennoscah will have a booth at Fall Fest through mid-afternoon with a silent auction for a Camp Mennoscah tee shirt (tied) comforter. Meet Camp’s new Development Director Timothy Schrag there! Other activities include music, food, class reunions, football (Bethel vs. Tabor), the musical *The Spitfire Grill* by James Valcq and Fred Alley, an artist and exhibit reception for Professor Emeritus of Art Bob Regier, and a 75th-anniversary celebration of the Bethel-Wuppertal student exchange. See the complete schedule at www.bethelks.edu/fallfest

Conscientious Objection webinar, **Tuesday, Oct 6 at 7 p.m.** Register at mcc.org/co-today. Questions: beckyteiwes@mcc.org

First Presbyterian Church invites everyone in the community to join us for a **Blessing of the Animals** on Sunday, Oct. 4, at 2 p.m. on the church’s front lawn. Bring your furry, feathered—or otherwise covered!—friend as we give thanks to God for the animals who bring companionship, joy, laughter, and love into our lives. A freewill offering will be received for the Beatrice Humane Society, helping care for animals in our community who are still waiting for a family of their own. Heidi Price from St. John’s Lutheran Church will be assisting with the service. Pets should be on a leash or safely in a carrier and current on their vaccinations. All pets and all people are welcome!