Follow Jesus; **M**ature in Faith; **C**arry the Good News
At **F**irst **M**ennonite **C**hurch

Serving Today: Pastor Josh Janzen
Hosts: Brad & Amanda Thimm
Piano: Vicki Hinz-Ensz
Video: Jane Esau
Ushers: Jake Janzen & Bill Thimm

Worship Leader: Brett Esau
Power Point: Symantha Janzen
Audio: Jim Ensz
Children's Story: Laura Williamson

Last Sunday: Attendance: 86 **Offering: Pantry** $2,787; **FMC** $ 250
MCC Meat Canning $200
Today's Offering: FMC **Next Sunday:** Western District Conference

Coming Up:

Sunday, November 1	9:30 am Children's & Adult Sunday School
	10:30 am Worship
	11:30 am Soup Fundraiser by Youth
Tuesday, Nov 3	1:30 pm WMS Quilting & Tying
Wednesday, Nov 4	6:30 pm Community Meal
Sunday, Nov 8	9:30 am Children's & Adult Sunday School
	10:30 am Worship

Late October Birthdays:
25: Betsy Baade
29: Brendan Thimm
30: Lynn Gerber
31: Duane Claassen

November Birthdays:
2: Immanuel Stutzman
3: Brad Thimm
5: Becky Riesen
12: Dorothea Mae Janzen
14: Ivan Regier Reimer
18: Kathy Casey, Katie Jantzen
24: Linsey Schardt
27: Nathanael Stutzman
29: Lesley Trantham, Aaron Jantzen
30: Don Diller

- 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.
- **Put Food Pantry items** in the narthex box; 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

November 1, 2026 – ***All Saints Day***



Welcome and Call to Worship

L: Some of us have come from a far country this week.
P: We have come home weary, and we are glad the road led here.
L: Some of us have never left, and have been faithful for many years.
P: We have come from the field, and we are not sure we are glad.
L: Whether you came running or came dragging your feet,
P: the Father has been watching the road.
L: He does not wait for us to finish our speeches.
P: He runs to meet us.
L: He does not ask us to earn our place.
P: He gives us robe, ring, and a seat at the table.
L: The door is open and the feast is ready.
P: Let us go in and worship the God who welcomes all.
All: Come, let us rejoice, for what was lost has been found!

Prayer

Hymn 7: "Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing"

Confession

L: Father, you gave us everything, and we have often wanted your gifts more than we wanted you.
P: Forgive us for the far countries we have chosen: the distance we kept, the freedom we mistook for life, the days we lived as if you were not there.
L: Some of us have squandered what you gave us. Some of us have stayed close in body and wandered far in heart. Some of us have served you for years and quietly kept score.
P: We have called it faithfulness when it was resentment. We have stood outside when you called us in.
L: We have looked at our brothers and sisters and said "this son of yours," when you call them family.
P: Forgive our arms crossed in the field and our hearts that calculate instead of celebrate.
L: We have come to our senses, though our motives are mixed and our words half-rehearsed.
P: We have nothing to offer but our need. Receive us as you received the one on the road.

Assurance

L**:** Hear the good news. While we were still a long way off, the Father saw us. He was filled with compassion, and he ran.

P: We were dead and are alive again. We were lost and are found.

L: Everything the Father has is yours.

P: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Offering Hymn 544: "Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling"

Children's Story

Scripture: Luke 15:11-32

Sermon: "Two Sons, One Father"

Hymn 300: "Far, Far, Away"

Sharing and Prayer

Benediction

Sending Song 163: "Amazing Grace"

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.

Youth Group Soup Fundraiser Today Nov 1!, after church. The youth will host a fundraiser to raise money to attend these 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

The last session for Peace Club, JYF, and SYF this fall is Wednesday, November 11. Peace Club and their Prayer Partners will have an Advent Activity on Wednesday, December 16 at 6:30 and will be joined by SYF and JYF. (This replaces the Friendsgiving this year.)

The 150th Anniversary postcard invitations have been placed in your mailbox this week. Invitations were sent to former members, attendees, summer assistants, and pastors. If you have someone you would like to have an invitation for, please let Terri Brethouwer know. We have extras**. The celebration is July 23-25, 2027.**

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). All Ladies and Girls are invited. A freewill offering will be gathered.

Wednesday, November 4, 6:30 pm – FMC Community Event. After the meal each family will be given the opportunity to assemble small care packages to keep in your vehicles. These can be used for distributing to individuals you may encounter in our community who have limited resources. (If you would like to donate money for the items in these packages, please give your donation to Vicki today at church or bring on Wednesday evening.) **Reminder** – today after church we could use some helpers to set up 8 tables with 8 chairs each in the fellowship hall for our Wednesday Community Event.

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes! The boxes are gone! **Return filled shoeboxes by November 15.** Please remember to include the $10 donation per box to cover shipping costs. Please, do not tape your box shut. Use the rubber band provided. 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!

If you want to **carpool to can MCC Meat Nov 17 & 18** in Milford, contact Vern Jantzen at 402-230-0011. Put meat checks in the offering plate.

St. Paul's Fundraiser for Pre-S, PreK, School, & Scholarships: **Nov 14 with Magician Gayle Becwar** at 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 (402-239-5312).$10 each; 3/$25, 5/$40.

SOIL & SOUL: Part 2! for Farmers, Ranchers and the Ag Community Nov 14, 8:30am at Hilton Garden Inn, Hutchinson, KS. Nationally known speaker is Mark Mayfield. Event & meal are free. For more info call 620.899.8918 or email bmcpastor@gmail.com. See the flyer on the bulletin board.

Cynthia **Neufeld Smith** will give an organ recital Tuesday, Nov 10, 7 pm in the Ad Building Chapel at Bethel College (also Livestreamed). Will feature familiar hymns from Voices Together, but with different arrangements.

A generous donor has committed to **matching contributions** up to $300,000 made by December 31, 2026, in support of Mennonite Mission Network's **Mobilize for Peace Fund**. This fund supports MMN's general fund, financing the full scope of MMN initiatives, where they are needed most.

MCC's 'Seek Peace' poster contest - MCC invites participants of all ages to design a poster interpreting the theme "Seek peace" through one of three scripture verses. Visit mcc.org/seek-peace for full contest details. MCC will print and distribute the winning poster!



You are invited to the

WMS CHRISTMAS BRUNCH

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Church Fellowship Hall

Guest Speaker:

Jill Christy, Handspoken,

(formerly 10,000 Villages)

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