

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

**Serving Today:** Pastor Josh Janzen  
Worship Leader: Vern Jantzen Pianist: Erin Vanderschaaf  
Children's Time: Erin Vanderschaaf Audio: Jim Ensz  
Hosts: Gayland & Marcia Regier PowerPoint: Debbie Goossen  
Ushers: Justin Schardt, Daryl Riesen Video: Pam Kunzman  
**Last Sunday** Attendance: 92; **Offering:** FMC \$5013, FMC Youth \$150;  
Camp Mennoscah \$50; Mini Auction \$138.

**Offering today:** Western District Conference **Next Sunday:** FMC

**Happening this week:**

Sunday, Nov 10	9:30 am Community Time, Children & Youth SS
	9:50 am Adult Sunday School
	10:30 am Worship
Tuesday, Nov 12	1:30 pm WMS Quilting & Tying
Wednesday, Nov 13	6:30 pm Peace Club & Youth Group
Sunday, Nov 17	9:30 am Community Time, Children & Youth Sunday School
	9:50 am Adult Sunday School
	10:30 am Worship

**November Birthdays**

2: Clairra Janssen, Immanuel Stutzman	3: Brad Thimm
4: Ernest Jantzen	5: Becky Riesen
11: Darwin Jantzen	18: Kathy Casey, Katie Jantzen
24: Linsey Schardt	
27: Gail Cross, Nathanael Stutzman	
29: Lesley Trantham, Aaron Jantzen	30: Don Diller

- Ask an usher for assistance with a **hearing device**.
- **We collect** Best Choice labels & used cards and envelopes.
- **Food Pantry** items may go in the box in the narthex. Cash donations may be given to Dolores Jantzen.
- Have a project for Men's Brotherhood? Contact Dan Kunzman or LeRoy Jantzen.
- Our service is on <https://www.youtube.com/c/fmcbeatrice> and heard on FM 107.5 in our parking lot. The bulletin is at [fmcbeatrice.org](http://fmcbeatrice.org), under the More tab; select documents; church docs, minutes & bulletins.

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Welcome to First Mennonite Church  
November 10, 2024

Welcome

Call to Worship

L: We gather here in anticipation,

**P: seeking an encounter with our Holy God,**

L: who comes among us when we least expect it,

**P: who invites us to wrestle with our questions and doubts,**

L: who richly blesses us, and calls us each by name.

**All: Let's worship God together!**

Prayer

**Hymn: "The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound"**

VT392

Children's Story

Prayer of Confession

L: Merciful God, the story of Jacob shows your willingness to enter into the messiness of our human struggles—into fractured relationships, family differences, un-reconciled situations with people we care about

**P: Yet we confess that too often we hold on because we do not want to loosen our grip on our possessions and our selfish desires.**

L: Often we fear that our very lives will be dislocated by your kingdom values of justice, mercy and peace. Help us to wrestle with the conflicting values, desires and pressures that confront us daily so that we can unclench our hands and open ourselves to the transforming power of the Holy Spirit.

**P: Only then can we fully embrace others in their pain—and be embraced—in the name of Christ. AMEN.**

Words of Assurance

L: Hear the Good News, Blessings are not limited, they flow from the cup overflowing grace of Jesus Christ, so we know the truth: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, Amen!

**Offering Hymn: "All Things Bright and Beautiful"** VT 177  
by Sunday Singers

**Scripture reading: Genesis 32:22-31**

**Sermon: "Wrestling with God"** Pastor Josh

**Hymn: "Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown"** VT 191

**Sharing and Prayer**

**Benediction**

**Sending Song: "The Lord Lift You Up"** VT 832

**Passing the Peace**

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**Welcome!** Glad you're here! Community Time/Coffee is at 9:30 downstairs. You can find services on YouTube. Search for FMC Beatrice. Come again!

**The MCC meat canner will be in Henderson on November 22, 23, 25, and 26. If anyone is interested** in forming a group from FMC to go, please call Vern Jantzen at 402-230-0011.

**Children's Sunday School: Nov. 10, 2024,**



**Elijah and the Widow:** Read page 100 in *The Peace Table* or 1 Kings 17:1–16. What needs do people have? I wonder how God provides for these needs.

**Pray** "help others" prayers. Pray for all those nearby and around the world who do not have sufficient food to eat and safe water to drink.

**Make** bread! Search online for how to make bread with just flour and water.

**Deacon Nominations!** Please talk to the nominee before speaking to Jerry Reimer to nominate someone. (Vicki Hinz-Ensz is eligible for re-election.)

Save the Date! **The Ladies Christmas Party** for all ladies and girls of First Mennonite Church and Summitt Street Church will be on **December 7** at 10:00 a.m. Grace Tegtmeier will be our speaker.

**Orders for Poinsettias**, to use in church during Advent, are due today, November 10. Put the form, (by the mailboxes) and \$18 in Robbyn Hohensee's mailbox.

Please pick up a shoe box in the narthex to fill for **Operation Christmas Child**. The label is inside the box. They must be returned to church by **November 17** with \$10.00 inside the box for shipping. Cut out the label and tape it to the top of the box, but do not tape the box shut. If you need help call Lindsay Schardt or Lori Thimm. Thank you so much for your caring and gracious hearts.

**The nuts are in!** You can pick up your order downstairs in Room 10. If you are interested in purchasing any extras, please see Lori Thimm.

**Pastor Gail Cross's memorial service** is scheduled for Monday, November 18 at 10:30 a.m. at the Presbyterian Church, 2310 H Street, Fairbury, NE. Gerdes-Meyer Funeral Home, Fairbury, is in charge of arrangements. Our prayers remain with Sylvia.

All bakers and craft makers are invited to make items for **5 Places of Christmas** on Saturday, Dec. 7, from 10:00 - 3:00 at Goerz House, Bethel College. Bethel College Women's Association will sell baked goods, candy, craft items, and poinsettias. Your homemade cookies, zwieback, cinnamon rolls, peppernuts, and poppyseed rolls are always great sellers. This year we are especially asking for homemade candies such as fudge, peanut clusters, peanut butter balls, peanut brittle, and other non-chocolate candies. We are also looking for Christmas craft items to sell. **Please bring your items to Goerz House on Friday, December 6, 2:00-5:00 pm or Saturday, Dec. 7, 9:30-10:00 am.** Thank you for your support of Bethel College.

**St. Paul's Lutheran School & Child Care's "Blessings of the Harvest" Dinner and Auction** is on Saturday, Nov 23 at the **Vintage Venue**. Tickets are \$50/person from the school or church.

**Homestead Harmonizers** present "*A Harmonizer Christmas*", Dec 1, 2 p.m. at the Hevelone Center, Beatrice High School. Tickets are \$10 at the door; students are free.

**Learning about generosity through MCC.** Christmas is a season that is filled with the spirit of generosity. Have you ever stopped to think what it means to be generous? How do we help kids learn the spirit of generosity? MCC has created an activity guide for parents and Sunday school teachers to help teach kids generosity this Christmas season! This educational resource is full of instructions, activities, and ideas that can be used for Sunday school classes, youth groups, families with kids or anyone young at heart. A few copies of the activity guide are available by the mailboxes. You can also download the free printable activity guide at [mcc.org/media/document/130555](http://mcc.org/media/document/130555).