

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

Serving Today: Pastor Josh Janzen Worship Leader: Brandon Esau
Hosts: Brad & Amanda Thimm Power Point: Debbie Goossen
Piano: Erin VanderSchaaf Audio: Marv Goossen
Video: Lisa Goossen Children's Story: Christina Lyons
Ushers: Rick Brethouwer & Lynn Gerber

Last Sunday: Attendance: 97 **Offering: FMC** \$7,066
Today's Offering: Mennonite Mission Network **Next Sunday:** FMC

Coming Up:

Sunday, October 11 9:30 am Children's & Adult Sunday School
10:30 am Worship
Tuesday, Oct 13 1:30 pm WMS Quilting & Tying
Wed, October 14 6:30 pm Peace Club, JYF, SYF
Thursday, Oct 15 7:00 pm Church Board meeting
Sunday, October 18 9:30 am Children's & Adult Sunday School
10:30 am Worship
5:30 pm Mini Auction!!

October Birthdays:

1: Jane Esau, Don Jantzen	8: Stutzman's Anniversary
9: Doreen Janzen	11: Scott Jantzen
12: Piper Heinz	17: Riley Schardt
20: Braxton Williamson, Terry Brethouwer	23: Boston Crawford
25: Betsy Baade	29: Brendan Thimm
30: Lynn Gerber	31: Duane Claassen

- 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)** available by the mailboxes.

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Welcome to First Mennonite Church
October 11, 2026



Welcome and Call to Worship

L: The Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in steadfast love.

P: He does not deal with us as our sins deserve.

L: He watches over the stranger, lifts up the bowed down, and binds up the brokenhearted.

P: Surely this is a God who stops for the wounded.

L: We come this morning not to prove ourselves, but to be found by the One who found us on the road.

All: Come, let us worship the Lord, who sees us and does not pass by.

Prayer

Hymn 409: "For We Are Strangers No More"

Confession

L: Merciful God, you have told us who our neighbor is, and we have asked again, "But who counts?" We have drawn our lines by politics, by background, by reputation, by the way someone talks or votes.

P: We have decided in advance who deserves our mercy and who can wait for someone else.

L: We confess that we are fluent in excuses. "I was running late." "It isn't my place." "Someone better qualified will come along." "It isn't safe."

P: Forgive us when we have called our alibi love.

L: Forgive us for mercy that costs us nothing, for compassion we felt but did not follow, for itineraries we guarded more carefully than the people in front of us.

P: Forgive us as a church when caution and convenience have become our way of passing by on the other side.

All: Soften our hearts, Lord.

**Open our eyes to the ditch in front of us,
and give us the courage to stop.**

In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

Assurance

L: Hear the good news. We were the ones in the ditch. Scripture says that while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.

God shows his love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

P: He did not calculate the cost. He did not ask whether we deserved it. He came to where we were, saw us, and was moved with compassion. He bound up our wounds, carried us at his own expense, and left the debt open-ended: whatever it costs, I will repay. All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Offering - Hymn 156 by Sunday Singers:

“There is a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

Children’s Story

Scripture: Luke 10:25-37 - The Parable of the Good Samaritan

Sermon: “The One Who Stopped”

Hymn 545: “Here I Am, Lord”

Sharing and Prayer

Benediction

Sending Song 832: “The Lord Lift You Up”

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.

Send your families favorite **recipes** to Paula Heinz or Lori Thimm **by October 17!** They will be compiled in a **150th Anniversary Cookbook!** Forms are in your mailbox, or you can email them to Paula or Lori.

Nomination Suggestion sheets are in your mailboxes. Please return them to the marked box by the mailboxes **by October 25.** If you have any questions, contact a member of the Nominating Committee.

Questions about the proposed **Constitution and By-Law changes?** See the Review Committee by Nov. 1: Pastor Josh, John Penner, Brett Esau, & Dorothy Zimmerman.

The FMC MINI AUCTION is next Sunday evening, October 18 at 5:30 p.m. Please bring your items to church and place them on the tables in the narthex. Ice cream and toppings are available at the sale. Please consider

bringing cookies/bars to share. The fun begins at 5:30 p.m. Our friends at Summit Street Church have been invited to come!

WMS nut orders! Return with payment to Lori Thimm by October 20.

Meat Canning: Nov 17 & 18 at the Milford Fire Hall. Set-up is Monday, Nov 16. New co-coordinators are Brandon and Ashley Roth & TJ and Tiff Reynolds. Their contact information:

Ashley Roth: 402-984-1919; ashleyolin@hotmail.com

Tiff Reynolds: 402-641-6178; Tiffreynoldsins@gmail.com

Offerings to cover the cost of meat **may be put in the offering plate.**

Bethel College Fall Fest October 17! BCWA Market in the Round; Camp Mennoscah booth through mid-afternoon with a T-shirt tied comforter silent auction with Development Director Timothy Schrag there! Music, food, class reunions, football (Bethel vs. Tabor), the musical *The Spitfire Grill* by James Valcq and Fred Alley, an exhibit reception for Art Professor Emeritus Art Bob Regier. See the complete schedule at www.bethelks.edu/fallfest

The Youth Center is looking for caring adults to volunteer and help create a safe, welcoming space for middle school-aged kids. You are asked to volunteer a few times each month from 3:30-5:00 pm. A background check will be required. By giving just a little of your time, you can help create a space where our kids feel safe, supported and valued. Contact youth2youthcenter@gmail.com.

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.

FMC General Fund Summary for September 2026

General Fund Balance 8/31/26	\$ 11,664.81
September revenue	27,872.16
September expenses	<u>-14,528.54</u>
Net revenue for September	13,343.62
General Fund Balance 9/30/26	\$ 25,008.43



Everence is sponsoring informational **Medicare Mondays webinars**, covering enrollment details and deadlines, prescription drug coverage, and Medicare supplement plans. Webinars are Mondays, October 12 at 7 p.m.; November 2, 1:00 and 7:00 p.m.; and December 14, 1 pm & 7 pm. Register or learn more at everence.com/national.