

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

Serving Today: Pastor: Josh Janzen
Piano: Vicki Hinz-Ensz Children's Time: Pastor Sarah
Worship Leader: Kyle Riesen Audio: Larry Thimm
Hosts: Don & Judy Jantzen PowerPoint: Christina Lyons
Ushers: Bill Thimm, Jim Ensz Video: John Thimm

Last Sunday Attendance: 85

Offering: MMN \$1,512.90; FMC \$ 350

Offering today: FMC **Next Sunday:** Community Food Pantry

Happening this week:

Sunday, October 20 9:30 am Community Time, Children & Youth SS
9:50 am Adult Sunday School
10:30 am Worship
5:30 pm MCC Mini Auction
Tuesday, October 22 1:30 pm WMS Quilting & Tying
Wednesday, Oct 23 6:30 pm Peace Club, Youth Group game
night, Adult Bible Study, Young Adult Gathering
Sunday, October 27 9:30 am Community Time, Children & Youth SS
9:50 am Adult Sunday School
10:30 am Worship w/Katie Jantzen in pulpit
Noon Soup Lunch Fundraiser by Youth

October Birthdays

1: Jane Esau, Don Jantzen 8: Stutzman's Anniversary
9: Doreen Janzen 11: Scott Jantzen
12: Piper Heinz 16: Laura Franz
17: Riley Schardt 18: Braxton Williamson; Terri Brethouwer
23: Boston Crawford 25: Betsy Baade
29: Brendan Thimm 30: Lynn Gerber
31: Duane Claassen

- 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 Janzen.
- 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, under the More tab; [select documents; church docs, minutes & bulletins.](#)

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Welcome to First Mennonite Church
October 20, 2024
Licensing of Pastor Sarah

Welcome

Call to Worship

L: Give thanks to God, and call upon His name!

P: For God is great, and God is here!

L: Spread the news of what God has done throughout the world.

P: For God is great, and God is here!

L: Sing praise, and shout for joy:

P: For God is great, and God is here!

All: Let's worship God together!

Prayer

Hymn: "Let's Walk Together"

VT 6

Prayer of Confession

L: God of grace and love, here is our prayer:

Have mercy on us for the wrong we have done.

P: Show us where our service is needed.

L: Help us set aside our prejudice and bias.

Fill us with a longing to know you better.

P: Forgive us our lukewarm responses.

L: Kindle in us passion for your work.

P: Set us free from sin and fear.

L: Send us out to be your people.

P: This we pray in the name of Jesus, Amen.

Words of Assurance

L: Sisters and brothers in Christ, let us proclaim the Good News: In

Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, reconciled, loved, and changed. Amen.

Children's Story

Offering Hymn: "Be Thou My Vision"

VT 549

Scripture reading: Philippians 3:12-16

Sermon: *“Vibrant Guide”* Pastor Josh

Hymn: *“Guide My Feet”* VT 816

Licensing towards Ordination for Pastor Sarah VT 968
Congregational Responses: *“Amen”* by Kathy Neufeld Dunn

Sharing and Prayer

Benediction

Sending Song: *“Use Us, God”* VT 811

Passing the Peace

Welcome! We're glad you are here and hope to see you again soon! Come early next time and join us for Community Time at 9:30 in the Fellowship Hall. You can find our services on YouTube: search Fmcbeatrice.



October 20, 2024, Abigail. Read page 80 in The Peace Table or 1 Samuel 25:1–35.

Pray “thank you” prayers for neighbors and other people you know from the community. Do something kind for one of them this week. **Make** a list of things you can do when an argument arises. How can you solve conflicts peacefully? Post the list where everyone can refer to it.

The MCC Mini Auction is TONIGHT!! Please bring your items to church and place them on the tables in the narthex. If we have enough kids items, we'll have a Kid's Auction! Ice cream and toppings are available at the sale. Please consider bringing cookies/bars to share. A sign-up sheet for those is on the bulletin board. The fun begins at 5:30 pm!

Pastor Josh will be **out of the office** Oct 25-27.

Deacon Nominations! If you have someone to nominate, please talk to your nominee prior to contacting Church Chair Jerry Reimer with the nomination. Please note, Vicki Hinz-Ensz is eligible for re-election.

Youth Soup Fundraiser next Sunday, October 27th at 12:00 pm! The youth are holding a soup lunch to raise money for trips to the **Know Jesus youth conference** at Hesston College and **MCUSA Convention** in Greensboro, NC, both in 2025.

Congratulations to Pastor Sarah on her Licensing towards Ordination this morning! We pray for your continued successful journey toward Ordination.

I am overwhelmed with gratitude from the outpouring of love the women and girls in the congregation showed me at the baby shower. I feel supported and blessed to bring a child into this community! - **Pastor Sarah**

Help share the life-changing Good News to children around the world! **Operation Christmas Child boxes are available** in the narthex. Please take as many as you like. Remember each box will also need a label, which is on the backside of the pamphlet. Return packed boxes by Sunday, Nov 17th. Contact Lori Thimm or Linsey Schardt with questions.

Please come join us to celebrate **Duane Claassen's 85th birthday** Sunday, Nov 3 at an open house from 1:30-3:30 pm in the church fellowship hall.

We are sad to report **Milford will not be canning meat this year.** With only 2 meat canner guys, MCC has shrunk the canning schedule to locations that can more than 2 days to maximize production. (FYI, the Newton schedule is full). If your church would like to continue to donate to the Milford Meat Canning Project, you may send your gifts to us. If there is a larger than normal fund balance at the end of this year, we will re-direct the extra funds to other MCC projects. If your church decides to support other relief projects this year, it's totally understandable. Our hope and prayer is that we will be back canning meat in Milford next year. Thank you for your past support. - Dave & Deb Welsch, 401-826-9691, Kim & Sheila Eberspacher, 402-641-8097.

First Mennonite will have a “trunk” at Summit Street Church's Trunk or Treat on Oct 31. There is a box in the narthex for treats if you'd like to donate.

St. Paul's Lutheran School & Child Care's “Blessings of the Harvest” Dinner and Auction is Saturday, Nov 23, 2024 at St. Paul's School. Tickets are \$100/person of which \$50 is tax deductible. Tickets are available at St. Paul's School & Church or call/text Carla at 402-520-0015.

The Willow Center Legacy of Life Banquet is November 11 at the Vintage Venue with dinner and a program. Register by Oct. 21 by calling Willow Center at 402-228-6411. Tickets are \$50 per seat.

Pancake Feed benefiting Beatrice FFA Organization, Nov 3 at the Veterans Club, 701 Dorsey, Beatrice, 7:30-1 pm Adults \$10, children over 3 \$6.