

October 2026

Every Tuesday:

Adult Volleyball Open Gym 7-9 PM

Every Thursday:

Brianna's Hope 6 PM

Sunday, October 4:

Jr. Quiz Meet Info Meeting 11:30 AM

Monday, October 5:

- Hearts 'N Hands Distribution

Tuesday, October 6:

- Hearts 'N Hands Distribution

Wednesday, October 7:

- MUMs 9-11 AM
- FMSM 6:45 PM
- Ripples Classes 7 PM (FPU 6:30 PM)

Thursday, October 8:

- Swiss Village Communion 9:30 AM

Sunday, October 11:

- Baby/Child Dedication Class 11:30 AM
- Ladies Chili Cook Off 4 PM

Wednesday, October 14:

- MUMs Open Gym 9-11 AM
- LifeGroup Bingo 1 PM
- FMSM 6:45 PM
- Ripples Classes 7 PM (FPU 6:30 PM)

Friday, October 16:

- F-TROOP Game Night 6:30 PM
(Meeting at First Mennonite)

Monday, October 19:

- Hearts 'N Hands 1-4 PM
- Single Again 5:30 PM

Wednesday, October 21:

- FMC Office Closed (Oct. 21-23)
- Fall Break No Midweek Activities

Wednesday, October 28:

- MUMs Open Gym 9-11 AM
- FMSM Midweek 6:45 PM
- Ripples Classes 7 PM (FPU 6:30 PM)

Thursday, October 29:

- Treats at the Tower 5:30 PM

Saturday October 31:

- Brianna's Hope Basic Life Skills Day



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If you are new to FMC, welcome!
Scan this QR code and connect with us.



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Baby and Child Dedication

Sunday, October 18

9:00 & 10:15 AM Service

If you are interested in dedicating your child,
sign up online at fmcberne.com/events
or email bethany@fmcberne.com

Dedication Class will take place
10/11 at 9 AM in the Children's Chapel.



INSTRUMENT ENSEMBLE

PRACTICE: OCTOBER 7 & 14 @ 8 PM **PERFORM: OCTOBER 18 (BOTH SERVICES)**
MUST HAVE TWO YEARS OF BAND EXPERIENCE. SIGN UP AT [FMCBERNE.COM/EVENTS](https://fmcberne.com/events)



Staff Appreciation

From the Church Board: **October is Pastor and Staff Appreciation Month** and we want to give you the opportunity to say "Thank you" to our wonderful staff. Each Sunday we will have baskets in the coffee area for you to place cards of appreciation, gift cards or other items for our staff. The Church Board will hold these items until Friday, October 30th.



Lost and Found!

Are you missing something? Stop by the **lost and found table** by the Church Office, **October 4-11**. Items not claimed will be donated.



PACK A SHOEBOX!

Operation Christmas Child
Oct. 11th - Nov. 8th

Shoeboxes Are Available In
The Book Nook For \$2



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with us



Discovery Park Kids:

Contact Bethany Busche bethany@fmcberne.com

Baby & Child Dedication:

Join us for [Baby & Child Dedication on October 18!](#)

(child dedication class will be in the children's chapel October 11 at 9:00)

This will be a beautiful time as we celebrate our little ones, pray over them, and dedicate them to the Lord. We'd love for your family to be part of this special moment as we surround these children with love, faith, and prayer.

Wednesday Nights:

Hey, kids! [FMC is the place to be on Wednesday nights!](#) Come hang out, make new friends, have tons of fun, and learn more about Jesus! Bring your friends and come ready for a great night! We can't wait to see you!

["Our goal isn't simply to fill a classroom; it's to fill hearts with the love, truth, and hope of Jesus."](#)

Jr. Bible Quizzing:

Parent meeting Sunday, October 4 at 11:30 am in the Children's Chapel. Practices are Sundays, 11:30-12:30 pm starting October 11. Contact Kate with any questions. We're looking forward to a great season studying the Sermon on the Mount!

Student Ministry News:

Contact Logan Dettmer logan@fmcberne.com



[Midweek—Wednesdays 6:45-8 PM](#) (doors open at 6:15)

A gathering for students in 6th-12th grade to connect, grow, and serve.

- 10/7- "Serve" series
- 10/14- "Serve" series
- 10/21- No Midweek Fall Break
- 10/28- "Serve" series



PARENT E-NEWS

[October 11: FALL FEST \(MS & HS\) SEE POSTERS!](#)

SINGLE AGAIN EVENTS

October
19

IT'S ALL ABOUT PIZZA! @ 5:30 PM

WHO REMEMBERS CHEF-BOY-ARDEE?
BRING FAVORITE SODA & ENJOY A VARIETY OF PIZZA

November
16

THIS IS YOUR LIFE! @ 6:00 PM

MICKEY SCOTT SMITH TESTIMONY
CIDER AND DONUTS

December
21

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY @ 5:30 PM

HOSTED BY WILLA K & FAMILY
SPECIAL MUSIC GABE & MEREDITH BAILEY
OFFERING FOR MARGIE'S HOUSE

ALL EVENTS AT FMC FELLOWSHIP HALL

Addiction and Recovery:

Contact Renee Captian renee@fmcberne.com

Addiction recovery is a deeply personal and transformative journey that extends far beyond the physical cessation of substance use. It requires immense courage to confront the underlying emotional, psychological, and situational factors that contribute to addiction in the first place. This process is rarely linear; it is filled with triumphs, vulnerabilities, and moments of self-discovery that teach individuals how to navigate life's challenges without relying on substances. True recovery thrives on connection—whether through medical professionals, support groups, family, or friends—as a strong support system helps rebuild trust and accountability. Ultimately, recovery is not just about overcoming a disease, but about actively reclaiming one's autonomy, rediscovering personal passions, and building a meaningful, purpose-driven life. This is why [Brianna's Hope](#) is so important for the recovering community.

Renee Captian

Creative Arts News:

Contact Mike Wilson mike@fmcberne.com

Instrumental Ensemble:

FMC is putting together an instrument ensemble. Must have two years of band experience. The ensemble will perform October 18th. [Contact John Gerig or register online at \[fmcberne.com/events\]\(http://fmcberne.com/events\)](#)

Ushers:

FMC is looking for engaging people to join our team of Ushers that serve one month on, and two months off. If interested in signing up, [please contact either Dave Tumbleson \(260-692-2902\) or Mike Wilson \(260-589-2991\).](#)

Children's Christmas Program Choir Practices:

Starts Wednesday, November 4th at 6:30 p.m. in the Children's Chapel. If your child attends AWANA and would still like to participate in the program, please reach out to Bethany Busche to let her know.

- Rehearsals: Wednesday 11/4, 11/11, 11/18, (No Practice 11/25)
- Dress Rehearsal with Tech: Monday 11/30
- Rehearsal: Wednesday 12/2
- [Christmas Program: Sunday, December 6th at 6 PM](#)
- Special Performance: Sunday, December 13th at 5:00 p.m.
Berne ChristKindl Market tent at Clocktower



BINGO - SNACKS - PRIZES!

OCTOBER 14 @ 1 PM FMC FELLOWSHIP HALL

FREE EVENT! INVITE A FRIEND!



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