

November 2017

**Hutterthal
Mennonite Church**
Freeman, SD

CONNECTION!

Making a CONNECTION with one another

HARVEST MISSION FESTIVAL - NOVEMBER 12

Jeff Koller serves as Regional Operations Coordinator for Mennonite Disaster Service. In this capacity, Jeff responds to and investigates disasters to determine the role MDS will fill in response and recovery. When it is determined that MDS will participate in the community recovery, Jeff works with local officials and Long Term Recovery Groups to establish the MDS role and location for volunteer accommodations. This working relationship continues through the life of the MDS project and affords Jeff the opportunity to work closely with Disaster Recovery leaders through the ups, downs and challenges they face as they work to bring people home.



Prior to joining the MDS staff, Jeff spent 35 years in the manufacturing industry in various Project Management roles. Jeff serves on the NVOAD U.S. Islands and Alaska committee. Jeff also chairs the Resource Commission and is part of the Death Penalty Task Force for the Western District Conference of Mennonite Church USA. Jeff and his wife Becky live on a farm near Moundridge KS. They have two children and four grandchildren.

Jeff will speak during the worship service and more informally during the Sunday school hour.



In the spirit of mutual sharing and to celebrate our Harvest Mission Fest, we will be sharing a potluck meal at noon on Nov. 12. Please join us for a time of grateful thanks for all of the blessings God has bestowed on us in the past year. Bring a dish to share (if you are able to do so) and plan to stay for a time of food and fellowship. ALL are warmly invited to stay for the meal and enjoy good food and time together.



*Card given to Congregational Ministries: Thank you for the memorial gift given to honor the memory of Ruth Pollman. We do appreciate being able to use the beautiful church facility for such a time as this. Hutterthal is our family !
Warmly, June Libby for the family*

Dear Hutterthal Friends,

We are so grateful for all the love and support from our church family following the death of Ruth Pollman. Your cards, prayers, phone calls, emails, memorials, condolences, and hugs have been uplifting.

Steve and Charlene Friesen were especially helpful as they interfaced with many of you on our behalf to arrange for the many details of the service and use of the beautiful facility to honor the life of Aunt Ruth.

Thanks to Lyndon for recording the audio, to Brandon, Chad, and David for singing "This World is Not My Home" and Amy Hofer Vetch for her piano medley of favorite pieces directing us to God's comfort.

Thank you for the tasty lunch that was planned, prepared, and served by a kitchen team headed by Joann Stahl. Our guests appreciated your tasty salads and yummy cakes as they fellowshipped at the beautifully set tables. It was especially meaningful to connect with so many of you again."

Warmly, June and Lauren Libby

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NOVEMBER PROJECTS

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL
Bethany Food Pantry

CONGREGATIONAL MINISTRIES

Cash - CPMC Mennonite Women
\$15 supports the work of CPMC Mennonite Women and their project to provide funds for the International Women's Fund Scholarship to help women receive training for church leadership.

	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offerings</u>
October 1	74	\$2,238.00
October 8	147	\$2,135.00
October 15	76	\$1,999.00
October 22	74	\$2,308.00



LOADING DAY

A large group came out to help load the household belongings of the Jones family on the morning of Sept. 30. Three vehicles, driven by LeRoy Pullman, Donovan Friesen & Don Fischer, caravanned to Sturgis to deliver the furnishings and assist with unloading.

THANK YOU TO ALL!!





- ◆ Gordon and Sharon Waltner were in Custer for the Buffalo Roundup.
- ◆ Church Chairman Dennis Schrock informed the congregation on Oct. 8 that he and the Deacons are working with the CPMC minister on securing an interim pastor for

HMC. The prospective pastor will meet with the board for an interview.

- ◆ Todd Koerner announced the Benevolent Fund offering for Sun., Oct. 15. He also thanked all who have stepped up and “covered the bases” in the absences of a pastor: worship leader, song leader, children’s story and message.
- ◆ Edie Tschetter introduced her sister Donna & husband Elmer Thieszen on October 15. The Thieszens were here from Henderson, NE, and had attended the funeral of Wayne Hofmann on Saturday evening along with Edie & Larry. Wayne was a double cousin to Donna & Edie.
- ◆ Thursday, Oct. 19, both Freeman Public and Freeman Academy presented their fall music concerts. FHS had their concert at 2:45 pm involving grades 9-12 vocal & instrumental groups. FA grades 4-12 presented their vocal & instrumental concert at 7 pm under the direction of HMC’s own Amy Hofer Vetch and Donna Ries. Both schools have students from HMC.
- ◆ Paul Hofer Jr. had carotid artery surgery on Friday, Oct. 20 and returned home October 22 for a full recovery after surgery.
- ◆ Congregational Ministries will hold their organizational meeting on Sun., Nov. 19 at 2:30 pm at church. Volunteer sheets were in everyone’s mailbox on Oct. 22 to give time for people to consider which job they are best suited to fill.
- ◆ The Music Dept. at Freeman Academy is selling butter braids as a fundraiser for their choir tour which will take them to Washington D.C. in the spring of 2018.

A Year in Tucson

with Jaime Tschetter

Working with my kindergarteners continues to be a joy for me! They are growing used to me and their personalities and sense of humor are all starting to peek out in unique ways. I am enjoying forming a relationship with them over books and things that they enjoy! Along with working one-on-one, I have also had the opportunity, given to me by a kindergarten teacher, to do a read aloud with a class of kindergarteners. These moments of interaction fill my heart with happiness!

<https://jptschetter20.wixsite.com/blog>

Please keep Jaime in your prayers
as her service journey continues!



SIGNING THE GUESTBOOK
Oct. 8: Wendy & Jada Boese, Marion;
 LeRoy & Janette Epp, Marion;
 Nathan Epp, Marion
 Myles & Liza Brockmueller, Freeman;
 Wade Rupp family, Freeman

SPECIAL HURRICANE RELIEF OFFERING FOR THE FAMILIES OF AMY HOFER VETCH & RINA HOFER

One month ago, Hurricane Maria ripped through the islands of Puerto Rico and St. Croix, leaving devastation in its wake. Amy Hofer Vetch and Rina Hofer have family in Puerto Rico and St. Croix, respectively, who have been directly affected by this disaster. We rejoice with them that their family members are safe, but both families are experiencing hardship as a result of the hurricane. They have been without electricity since the time of the storm. Generators provide some electricity, but fuel is needed to power them and it is not always readily available and is expensive when it is available. Water is scarce and must be purchased in bottles. Food is mostly canned, with canned tuna fish the main source of protein. One of Amy's aunts, Luz Neida, requires a daily medication which needs refrigeration. Since there is no electricity, the hunt for ice is on-going. It is unclear how long it will take for power to be restored.

While relief supplies are getting to the ports, getting those same supplies inland (where Rina's and Amy's families live) is difficult to impossible, because of washed out roads. In light of this, the Deacons have decided to stand in support of Amy's and Rina's families by receiving an offering to help them with the added costs they are experiencing. We tentatively plan to receive this love offering during the Thanksgiving season. We are still working on details, but want to let you know that this opportunity to show our care and concern will be coming up in November. Be watching the bulletin and listening for announcements in church as we develop a plan. In the meantime, pray for Rina's and Amy's families and for all victims of the hurricane and also pray for the relief workers who are assisting them.

~ Todd Koerner and Monica Clem, Deacons

RESPONDING RESPONSIBLY TO DISASTERS

It is unfortunate that while so many people are in need of disaster assistance, there are those out there who take advantage of the crisis for their own benefit. For that reason we encourage you to support organizations that are reputable.

*Within our own church world we have two such organizations -
Mennonite Central Committee and Mennonite Disaster Service.*



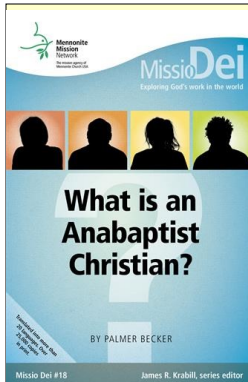
To donate to Mennonite Central Committee:

1. **donate online** at [donate.https://mcc.org/learn/what/relief/disasters](https://mcc.org/learn/what/relief/disasters)
2. **call** 1-888-563-4676
3. **send a check to:** MCC, 21 S. 12th St., PO Box 500, Akron, PA 17501.

To donate to Mennonite Disaster Service:

1. **donate online** at <https://mds.mennonite.net/donate/hurricane-donate-form/>
2. **send a check to:** MDS, 583 Airport Rd., Lititz, PA 17543





People in many parts of the world have become disillusioned with institutional, politically-compromised forms of Christianity. And as this occurs, there is increased interest in learning more about Anabaptism and other Free Church traditions that have called for a radical return to New Testament faith.

In this booklet, **Palmer Becker**, a lifelong Mennonite pastor and educator, attempts to summarize Anabaptist understandings in three key statements: (1) Jesus is the center of our faith; (2) community is the center of our lives; and (3) reconciliation is the center of our work. By contrasting these affirmations with divergent views held within the broader Christian family, Becker challenges readers to take a new look at Jesus, to engage more fully in building the body of Christ, and to embrace more passionately the reconciling work of God in the world.

Free download at: <https://www.mennonitemission.net/Downloads/DL.MissioDei18.E.pdf>

Editor's note: Palmer Becker grew up in the Freeman/Marion community.



Mennonite Mission Network Prayer Requests

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 5

Eric and Kelly Frey Martin of Mennonite Mission Network visit Mennonite churches and youth groups throughout Colombia. Pray for safe travels, good listening skills, and discernment as they facilitate the national committee's decision-making process.

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 12

For the past months, Connie and Dennis Byler have been visiting congregations in the United States. Pray for them as they return to Spain for the final weeks of their 45-year ministry through Mennonite Mission Network and as they continue to share the gospel in "retirement" in Spain.

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 19

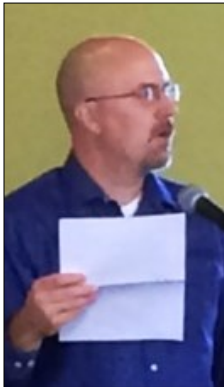
Robin Gingerich of Mennonite Mission Network has added helping Middle Eastern students adapt to life at LCC International University in Lithuania to her administrative and teaching load. Pray for Robin and the students as they study STAR (Strategies for Trauma, Awareness and Resilience) – English-learning through a curriculum of emotional healing.

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 26

Kendra Selzer serves through Mennonite Mission Network's Mennonite Voluntary Service in Puerto Rico. Pray for her and the Academia Menonita Betania in Aibonito, where she works with pre-kindergarten – grade 10 students and also helps with community clean-up after the September hurricanes.



FREEMAN ACADEMY SUNDAY



The instrumental & vocal groups of Freeman Academy blessed us during the worship service on Sunday, October 8, by providing the prelude, worship music and offertory music.

Nathan Epp, school Administrator, brought the Moment in Mission.

LeRoy Epp presented a dramatic monologue from the perspective of Simon Peter which was written by his wife Janette's late uncle Ellis Graber. Janette was the scripture reader.

This also was the final Sunday for the Academy fund drive with Bruce Hofer & Lyndon Hofer receiving donations in the library.



Finance Update

The Central Plains budget experienced its 5th straight down month where income couldn't quite match expenses. Income came in at its lowest level this fiscal year at \$18,793.32. Meanwhile, expenses came in at \$33,173.23. This created a monthly deficit of \$14,379.91 and extends the overall deficit to \$43,285.47. Please consider Central Plains Mennonite Conference in your giving patterns as we enter the last three months of 2017! Thank you for all of your prayerful and monetary support in the past and we look forward to seeing this deficit decrease soon.

~ Stewardship Task Group

In Memory of
RUTH POLLMAN

Ruth Katherine Kleinsasser was born Jan. 13, 1930 to John P. "Morgan" Kleinsasser and Katherine (Tieszen) on a farm three miles north of Freeman, S.D.



At age six Ruth prayed at her mother's knee, giving her heart to Jesus. Her parents and siblings, Pearl, Calvin and Marian attended the Hutterthal Mennonite Church. Ruth's father was a rural school teacher and sat in the House of Representatives at Pierre.

Ruth's mother died in childbirth at age 37 when Ruth was seven years old. This was a difficult time for the family, but her father did his best with the help of Ruth's Hutterish and Low German aunts, and Ruth's older sister, Pearl, who was 17 at the time of their mother's death. The family was blessed to have the assistance from so many caring families in the community.

Ruth attended a one-room country school, District 26, just north of her farm home. Later the school was moved into Freeman and sat near the old gym. She also attended Freeman Academy and at age 16 was baptized by Rev. Jacob B. Hofer at the Hutterthal Church on Dec. 1, 1946. She worked at Sioux Valley Hospital as a nurse's aid.

On March 26, 1950 she married Edwin E. Pollman. They lived west of Freeman with Eddie's parents for 21 years. Later Ruth's father bought them a house which was moved to the farmstead just across from her in-laws. They were happy and together raised purebred hogs which Eddie showed at the fair.

Ruth had a huge garden, canned lots of produce, sewed bridal dresses and veils as a hobby, raised Chihuahua puppies for sale, and enjoyed feeding orphan lambs. She exhibited her canned goods, homemade breads, and sewing projects at the Sioux Empire, Huron, and Hutchinson, and Turner County fairs. She said she received as many purple ribbons as Eddie received for showing his hogs.

Ruth worked as a cook at Salem Home for the Aged for nine years. One of her coworkers shared that Ruth was known to have a generous heart, sharing her garden produce, giving gifts to others, and even buying cookware for the Salem Home. She enjoyed sharing her bounty with those who had little.

She roasted her homegrown ducks but also prepared the fish Eddie caught and the wildlife he loved to hunt. They hosted hunters during the autumn hunting season of pheasants, wild ducks, and geese. These hunters returned again and again and were some of their closest friends.

Ruth's widowed father remarried in 1963 and S. Marie (Duerksen) became a very important part of the Kleinsasser family. Ruth felt especially close to Marie. Eddie had throat cancer surgery in 1980, and Ruth walked with him through this very difficult time. They celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on March 26, 1990.

Ruth moved to Yankton, S.D. and lived at Canon Ridge Apartments for a number of years. She became active at First Methodist Church where she made many friends. The people were so kind and supportive to Ruth who began to experience some health problems in 1997 and had six surgeries. Her doctors, the hospital staff, and church friends helped her through the rough times. These wonderful friends generously shared produce from their gardens and friends like

Dr. Ken and Mary Alice Halverson stood by her through "thick and thin."

In November 2005 Ruth moved into the Freeman nursing home. She often expressed her gratitude that she was able to live out her last years in such a wonderful place. The doctors, nurses, social workers, custodial staff, and CNAs, were a blessing to her and she prayed for them regularly.

As her eyesight began to fail, Ruth spent more time listening to Christian radio and praying for her nieces, nephews and their families. She appreciated the visits from her pastor, friends from church, and friends from the community. She departed this life on Sept. 30, 2017 at Oakview Terrace in Freeman.

Those preceding her in death were Eddie in 2002; her sister Alice Pearl and husband Peter A. Hofer; her brother Calvin and wife Irene (Spomer) Kleinsasser; two infant sisters, Agnes and Katherine; and nephew Collin Kleinsasser, all of Freeman.

Ruth leaves behind her step-mother, Marie Kleinsasser of Glendale, Ariz.; one sister, Marian (Kleinsasser Kaufman) and husband Rev. Edgar A. Towne of Indianapolis, Ind.; nieces: June (Hofer) and husband Lauren Libby of Cary, N.C., Petrea Hofer and husband John Goering of Bozeman, Mont., Roberta (Hofer) Julien and husband Tom Clarke of Columbus, Ohio, Beth (Hofer) and husband Jeffrey Wilson of Columbus, Ohio, Ronda Leaux (Kleinsasser) West of San Antonio, Texas, and niece-in-law Jane (Knittel) Kleinsasser of Freeman; nephews: Karl Kaufman and wife Gaylyn of Madison Hts, Mich., and Stephen Towne of Indianapolis, Ind; great-nephews: Grant and wife Melissa Libby of Colorado Springs, Colo., Morgan and wife Melissa Kleinsasser of Freeman, Mitchell Kleinsasser of Freeman, and David Towne of Chicago, Ill.; great-nieces Ariana Kaufman of Flint, Mich., Bernadine Locke of Flint, Athena Kaufman of Cuttingsville, Ver., Katherine Wilson of Columbus, and Natalie West of San Antonio; great-great nephews: Daiyn Goforth and Valor Goforth both of Flint; and great-great nieces: Kalaia Locke, Ava Locke, Jozlyn Locke, Arrowyn Goforth all of Flint, and Bonnie Kleinsasser of Freeman.

A celebration of life was held Oct. 5 at Hutterthal Mennonite Church with Rev. Bob Engbrecht officiating and music by Amy Hofer Vetch, Brandon Waltner, Chad Hofer and David Friesen. June Hofer Libby read Ruth's life story during the celebration.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Please mark your calendars and plan to join us, Sunday morning, December 17, 2017 at Hutterthal for the children's Christmas program followed by a time of fellowship and food.

The beginning time of the children's program is TBA but will be the main church service for the day. Afterward we will gather downstairs for a potluck-style brunch.

Please note: In preparation for the children's Christmas program, we are looking for grosgrain in green or Christmas patterns. We are also looking for scraps of white fabric (only a little needed). If you have scraps or rolls that you would be willing to donate, please speak with Rebecca Hofer or Rebekka Kramer.



2017-2018 SUNDAY SCHOOL STAFF

Sunday School Superintendent - Sylvia Hofer

Assist. Sunday School Superintendent - _____

Children's Superintendent - Rebecca Hofer

Assist. Children's Superintendent - Rebekka Kramer

Intergenerational Class - Les Rensink, Dennis Schrock and

Larry and Edie Tschetter

Radical Class - Colin Hofer and Jill Hofer

(Grades 6-9) - Suzanne Koerner, Monica Hofer, Brandon Waltner

(Grades 2-5) - Amanda Mettler, Charlene Friesen, (looking for one more)

Pre-K/Kindergarten/1st Grade (5-7 years old) - Kylea Waltner,

Brandy Friesen, Aprille Hofer

Early Childhood/Preschool - Rebecca Hofer, Barbie Hofer, Rina Hofer

Music - Suzanne Koerner, Bekka Kramer, Rebecca Hofer

Substitutes - David Friesen, Paige Zachariasen, (looking for one more)

HMC Ministries 4th quarter report

Aug. 1, 2017 to Oct. 31, 2017

By Ardella Gross

Balance on Hand	Aug. 1, 2017		\$2,915.98
Receipts:			
Late July project for MEDA		\$116.00	
August project for school kits		\$100.00	
Sept. project Cash for Mennonite Women/Men		\$142.00	
Oct. project Cash received		\$ 50.00	
Serving at Ruth Pollman funeral		\$200.00	
	Balance plus Receipts	\$608.00	\$3,523.98
Disbursements:			
MCC Breakfast Expense (April Project)		\$236.10	
Late July project for MEDA		\$116.00	
Refrigerator for church kitchen		\$798.00	
August project Purchased 25 school kits with cash rec'd		\$100.00	
Sept. project To Mennonite Women/Men		\$142.00	
Memorial for Ruth Pollman		\$10.00	
October project. Purchased 1 Relief kit with cash		\$50.00	
	Total Disbursements	\$1,452.10	
	Balance on hand	Oct. 31, 2017	\$2,071.88

Community News
& Announcements

MCC MEAT CANNING

November 13-14
 John Deere building in Freeman



HMC Food Responsibilities

(contact Edie if you are able to bring food)

Monday, November 13

- 1/2 dozen apples (8:30) _____
- 3 lbs. Clementines (8:30) _____
- 1 dozen bananas (8:30) _____
- 3 lb. tavern meat (9:00) _____
- 2 lb. grapes (8:30) _____
 (washed)



Tuesday, November 14

- 2 dozen rolls (8:30) _____
- 1½ dozen sandwiches (1:00) _____
- 2 dozen cookies/bars (11:00) _____

ALSO NEEDED: contact Joey Graber (925-4718 or 360-5775).

2 host homes

1 vehicle for the canner men

volunteers, especially 6-8 am but throughout the day as well



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1) Calvin Hofer
- 3) Jill Hofer
- 3) Monica Clem
- 4) Tracy Bauer
- 5) Marilyn Hofer
- 6) John Stahl
- 8) Brandon Barta
- 11) Robert Kleinsasser
- 12) Lori Rensink
- 16) Abby Bolin
- 19) Steve Mendel
- 19) Kym Tschetter
- 21) Nicolle Timmerman
- 21) Kinza Byler
- 22) Sharon Waltner
- 23) Camilla Hofer
- 25) Chad Hofer
- 27) Donita Davis
- 29) Steve Friesen

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 5) Paul & Priscilla Hofer
- 10) Amanda & Rodney Mettler
- 22) Dennis & Marcia Schrock
- 27) Stan & Jill Hofer

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

1	11:30am	Freeman Network for Justice & Peace (Freeman Public Library)
5		Daylight Savings Time ends
	9:45am	Worship
	11:10am	Sunday School
	2:30pm	Worship at Oakview Terrace
12	9:45am	Harvest Mission Festival
	11-10am	Sunday School with speaker
	12:00pm	Potluck Noon Meal
13 & 14		MCC meat canning
19	9:45am	Worship
	11:10am	Sunday School
	2:30pm	Congregational Ministries Meeting
23		Thanksgiving Day
26	9:45am	Worship Service
	11:19am	Sunday School

Twyla's November Tip:

Roll pie crust between sheets of plastic wrap. Prevents over flouring, sticking and breaking up as you transfer to pan. Method: Spread one sheet plastic wrap on counter, then dough ball, cover with another sheet of plastic wrap - flatten somewhat by hand, peel off wrap, smooth out, replace, turn whole "sandwich over and repeat. Now use rolling pin. Turn as often as needed to remove wrinkles and get the crust to size.

To get the crust into the pie pan, remove the top sheet of wrap, slide one hand under the lower wrap and invert into pan. Press crust (thru the wrap) into shape of pan. Remove sheet of wrap & continue rolling. If you want to freeze crusts, freeze flat and put double wax paper or cold cereal bag between crusts on a pizza pan. Store in 1 or 2 plastic bags. To use a frozen crust simply invert over pie pan & let it mold itself into the pan. When asked what kind of pie he liked best, my father-in-law answered - cold, warm or hot!"