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MAKING A CONNECTION WITH ONE ANOTHER

SEPTEMBER 2013

Hutterthal Mennonite Church, Freeman, South Dakota



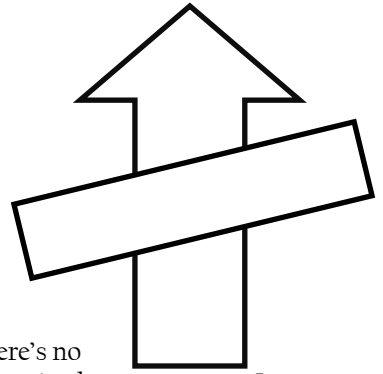
WELCOME TO HUTTERTHAL



Thank you to the Sylvia and Merlin Hofer family for the beauty that greets all who enter the doors of Hutterthal. Your work throughout the year has been noticed and very much appreciated!

Straight Up

“A thief comes to steal, kill, and destroy. But I came to give life – life that is full and good.” (John 10: 10, ERV)



I'm not sure exactly where the summer went ... but it's gone and there's no hope of retrieving it. And, this is perplexing to me (not that I can't retrieve it, that I understand implicitly, but that it's just gone – that three months just trailed off into memory without me in what seemed like the mere blink of an eye). Of course, others have been warning me about this for some time. “When your children get a little older, you'll understand,” they said. “Yeah, right,” I thought ... then my children did exactly that: they got “a little older.” They started to grow up and they stole my summer!

Ok, they didn't exactly “steal” my summer. It's probably more appropriate to say that they capitalized on my inexperience with children of their age and undermined my ability to embrace the “lazy days” of early June to late August. And now, thousands of miles on the truck later, I sit here wondering what happened. At what point did I morph from a parent to a chauffeur? To be sure, we had some great fun this summer zipping from here to there and back again, but I can't shake the thought that somewhere between the graduation celebrations and back-to-school shopping I may have missed something.

Pondering these thoughts after I had dropped the children off for the first day of the 2013-2014 school year, it occurred to me how often this sort of thing has happened to me – how often I have raced through a period of my life without truly appreciating it.... Actually, I realized that this has been the spiritual model for much of my life. Rather than embracing the moment that I'm in and open my heart and spirit to how God is present in it, I race through the day, the week, the month ... even the year going from here to there and back again doing religious “things” while neglecting what really matters: the relational matter! Yes, I'm getting things done (a good many things, in fact), but too often at the expense of my relationship with God that is to find expression in my relationships to my neighbors – too often at the expense of the “abundant life” which I've been given.

The lesson, of course, is clear and it's not that I need to “slow down,” because that misses the point. It's that I need to be more present! Rather than thinking two steps ahead of what I'm currently doing, constantly obsessing over what's next on my list, or looking back and trying to figure out what I missed, Jesus invites me to be with Him in the moment – to walk beside Him and to learn His rhythm; to experience time in relationship to Him rather than as a series of items that I must complete. Then, I am available to the movement of His Spirit and able to hear when He calls my name through my relationships to others and my involvement in community.... Then, I'm free to know His abundance!

Shalom,
Pastor Todd

Gathering 58: 6

“Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?” ~ Isaiah 58: 6, NRSV

In response to God’s call in Isaiah 58: 6 comes a new gathering at HMC: Gathering 58: 6. Meeting monthly and open to all, Gathering 58: 6 is HMC’s justice and peace initiative. Kicking off September 8, we will gather on the second Sunday of each month at 9:00am in the fellowship hall for a time of prayer and discussion over issues of justice and peace locally, nationally, and internationally as well as to discern how we as a church might best fulfill the call of Isaiah 58 to worship with justice and to walk peaceably with all. Coffee/tea and a light breakfast of rolls, muffins, and/or butter braids will be shared.

The Initiative Returns...

With summer coming to a close, The Initiative will be returning to HMC on Wednesday, September 11 at 6:30pm ... with a twist! In anticipation of Harvest Mission Fest 2013, The Initiative will gather in Freeman (locations will vary so please watch your Sunday bulletin and/or HMC’s Facebook page) for a series of prayer walks of the town. Joining together at 6:30pm, we will begin by sharing Scripture before we head out into the streets to pray over our community. (If you are not living in Freeman, I encourage you to consider prayer walking your own town/neighborhood!) If you have not experienced The Initiative before this is great time to start, and a great time to enter more fully into our Harvest Mission Fest celebration. So, please consider coming to one or more of our prayer walk events!

Worship @ Diamond Care Center

On Sunday, September 8 at 2:30pm we will gather with the residences of Diamond Care Center in Bridgewater for a time of worship and fellowship. Music will be provided by Elvera Deckert, refreshments by Elvera Deckert and Joann Stahl, and Pastor Todd will provide the message. If you are in/near Bridgewater on the afternoon of September 8, feel free to drop in and share with us.

PASTORAL & CONGREGATIONAL REVIEW

by Colin Hofer

It is our practice at Hutterthal to do a Pastoral & Congregational Review every three years. This is for the mutual benefit of the Pastor and congregation. Pastor Todd has completed his sixth year at Hutterthal. The Pastoral & Congregational Review survey will be in your mailbox Sept. 22. They are due back to the drop box in the foyer by Sunday, Oct. 6. The Review Committee will be meeting the following week. Thank you for your participation!

A YEAR IN VIETNAM

by Lance & Lacey Friesen

Date: September 22, 7:00pm at Hutterthal Mennonite Church. "A Year in Vietnam"

We will be giving a presentation on our experience living in a different culture and teaching in Hanoi, Vietnam. We will also present on the Ba Vi Orphanage and give updates regarding the use of donations there.

The Pastor's Bookshelf

The Pastor's Bookshelf highlights/reviews a book(s) that Pastor Todd is currently reading or has very recently read. Members and friends of HMC are encouraged to join in reading these books and to enter

Refractions: A Journey of Faith, Art, and Culture by Makoto Fujimura

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A series of post-911 essays, Refractions by Makoto Fujimura, a man at the forefront not only of contemporary art, but theological reflection, is a beautifully crafted book. From the cover that highlights several of Fujimura's masterworks, to the pictures that decorate the pages and the thoughtful, poignant, and engaging prose, the reader is treated to more than literature – more than words on a page; the reader is treated to a vision of what could be – a vision of hope; of shalom – rising out of the ashes of Ground Zero.

Originally drawn to Fujimura through his art, I have come to recognize him as one of the most important Christian voices of our time, alongside Bono, Francis Chan, and Vicky Beeching. Through his work with the Fujimura Institute and the National Endowment for the Arts, as well as his work as a respected speaker and his more recent literary endeavors, he has lent a unique and essential voice to what is an increasingly pluralistic marketplace – a voice that resonates with Mennonite faith and practice.

Specifically considering Refractions, the reader will find 23 essays, each of which stands on its own and can be read independently, and yet taken together they form a cohesive work that can both challenge and encourage believers to engage their culture in the name of Christ and to identify where and how His Spirit is moving. Gentle in tone and color and filled with personal anecdotes, the essays don't simply expound on Christian themes, they reflect wisdom without degenerating in clichés. And even more, they present truth in a way that, as Dana Gioia states, "awakens, enlarges, refines, and restores our humanity." May it be so!

An excerpt from Refractions: A Journey of Faith, Art, and Culture:

"Art is an inherently hopeful act, an act that echoes the creativity of the Creator. Every time an architect imagines a new building, an artist envisions the first stroke of a brush on a white canvas, a poet seeks a resonant sound in words, or a choreographer weaves a pause in layers of movements, that act is done in hope; the creator reaches out in hope to call the world into that creation. And what if the creator reaches out to *the* Creator, the source and origin of creativity? Would not God be delighted? Even if no one else sees that offering, God alone can see. The treasures to be stored in heaven (Matthew 6: 20) can be our creative act done in faith. The Bible tells us the story of this creative God, who treasures His creatures, even as fallen and as desperate as we are. Jesus calls God "our Father in Heaven" (Matthew 6: 9), and we are called God's children (Romans 8). The Bible tells us that God rejoices in our acts of creativity, just as any loving father would dote on his child's wild drawings." (p. 69)

Next Month's Selection: Practicing the Way of Jesus: Life Together in the Kingdom of Love

by Mark Scandrette, copyright 2011, InterVarsity Press (ISBN: 978-0-8308-3634-5)

Christmas is coming soon, the Mennonite Women are in need of a volunteer to be our representative to help with the program for **Family Christmas**. You would be joining two Educational Committee members. If you have any questions please contact Barbie Hofer



CONGRATULATIONS..

...to Aaron Tschetter and Rebecca Trumble on their recent engagement. No wedding date has been set.



AND

... to Doug and Rebekah (Friesen) McCune on the birth of their daughter, Finlay Mildred, on August 21. Welcoming her to the family are sister Peyton and brother Lane.



HMC Grandparents: Steve & Charlene Friesen;

HMC Great Grandmother: Mildred Hofer

Eric & Michelle Neuharth

43720 283rd St.

Freeman, SD 57029



Gary and Jen Tschetter

4512 S Eden Circle

Sioux Falls, SD 57106



What a day brightener to receive a prayer shawl for Elrod. Please convey our thank you to your church ladies for thinking of us (who are not even members of your church!). Blessings to you all!

~ Harriet and Elrod Kaufman

I wanted to thank you for your generous donation to Back2Back from your Vacation Bible School program. I enjoyed seeing your newsletter and picture of all your kids from VBS. You are making a difference for Jesus around the world. God Bless. Matthew 5:16

~ Steve McCollum, Back2Back Ministries

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HMC Links

Website - <http://hmcfreeman.org>

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Pastoral Links

Facebook – www.facebook.com/MennPastor

Twitter – @MennPastor

Blog – mennpastor.blogspot.com

Harvest Mission Fest 2013

Both the date and the speaker have been set for our 2013 celebration of Harvest Mission Fest. The celebration will include a series of prayer walks through Freeman beginning September 11, a retreat to be held on October 12, and 2 worship services on October 13 with our special guest Mark Van Steenwyk. Many of you may know of Mark from his time as the CPMC Community Network Developer, but he is also a nationally recognized speaker, the founder and a member of Mennonite Worker (formerly Missio Dei) in the Twin Cities, and the author of The Unkingdom of God.

Mark will be sharing with us on Sunday morning as part of Gathering 58: 6 on the themes of justice and peace, providing the message on Sunday morning, leading a special youth through adult Sunday School gathering, and then participating with us in an evening meal in Freeman at the Pool Park that will include a time of worship in which he will share once more. (more on page 6)



Portrait of Mark Van Steenwyk and Jonas (son) by artist and friend Bryn Harding
[picture and biographical info courtesy of www.markvans.info]

Mark Van Steenwyk 2013 Harvest Mission Fest Speaker

Mark grew up in rural Minnesota ... at the overlap between the farm country of the Red River Valley and the lakes country of central Minnesota. He used to be über-conservative.

He met his wife Amy at a Bible Camp when they were 14 years old and have a bizarrely imaginative son named Jonas.

In 2003, Mark along with his wife, Amy, founded the Mennonite Worker (formerly Missio Dei), where the couple still reside with their son. The Mennonite Worker is committed to hospitality, simplicity, prayer, peacemaking, and resistance.

Mark is an editor at JesusRadicals.com (a webzine exploring the intersection of Christianity and anarchism). He is the producer and co-host of the Iconocast (podcast), having interviewed James Cone, Waziyatawin, Cornell West, Stanley Hauerwas, Starhawk, John Dear, Rita Nakashima Brock, and more.

Mark is also the author of The unKingdom of God and That Holy Anarchist, the editor of the Missio Dei Breviary, and he has contributed to several books (such as Viral Hope, Banned Questions about Jesus, Forming Christian Habits in Post-Christendom, and Widening the Circle).

Mark is a nationally recognized retreat leader, workshop facilitator, conferences presenter, and seminary course teacher who has nurtured and networked with groups around North America that are exploring the radical implications of Jesus' life and teaching.

DIAMOND CARE PROGRAM

by Kim Jones

On July 24, the Mennonite Women were in charge of the the monthly birthday celebration at Diamond Care Center in Bridgewater. My family and I had the program for the residents. Hannah Jones played the piano, entertaining those gathered with such selections as "Jolly Old St. Nicholas," "Faith of Our Fathers," "Jesus Loves Me," "O Worship the King," and many more which those present sang along to joyfully. Hannah was then joined by Felicity and Nathanael Jones and the three sang "Our God Is an Awesome God," and several other praise songs before closing with "Happy Birthday" to the five residents celebrating birthdays in July. Following the program, Todd, the children, and I served ice cream sundaes with a choice of toppings and enjoyed fellowship with the residents. We were truly blessed to share our gifts with the residents!



MINN-KOTA FESTIVAL SUNDAY

was observed on July 28. Prior to this Sunday, two children's times had been dedicated to the Penny Power project which was collecting coins for Global Family, the Educational program of MCC. Children received juice and were to use the containers for collecting coins. They did so wholeheartedly. The little red wagon was pulled by wagon master Nathanael Jones. The children emptied their coins in the wagon and followed the wagon master to the lobby where the wagon



It was just as much fun to pick up coins in the parking lot when a large bag of coins spilled as it was to empty their coins into the wagon.



was parked for adults to deposit their coins & bills. A total of \$876.19 was raised.

In addition to the Penny Power offering, an offering was taken for Minn-Kota Festival in lieu of the Sioux Falls event. \$5,065 was raised. THANK YOU, EVERYONE, for giving joyfully and generously!



HMC WEBSITE

The new HMC website was introduced during the Moment in Mission on Aug. 4 by Pastor Todd and Michelle Hofer. Much time and work has gone into creating this useful resource. The website will be regularly updated. In addition to Hutterthal information, It contains links to valuable resources regarding the Confession of Faith in a Mennonite Perspective, 1995, MC USA, CPMC, etc. THANK YOU SO MUCH, MICHELLE, and to all those who have contributed to its completion. CHECK IT OUT at <http://hmcfreeman.org>

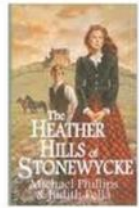


BOOK SECTION

By Charlene Friesen

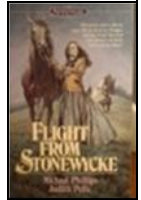
This summer I did something I very seldom do. Generally I do not reread a book – it just is not as exciting as the first read. However, I have reread

my all-time favorite fiction series. Ok, ‘one’ of my all time favs. These are the George MacDonald Stonewycke series rewritten in today’s English by Michael Phillips and Judith Pella.



George MacDonald, a Christian minister as well as a writer, was influential for many writers, including J.R.R. Tolkien and C. S. Lewis. Lewis went so far as to call MacDonald ‘a spiritual father.’

The story of the Ramsey family is set amongst the heather hills of 19th century Scotland. The legacy the aristocratic Ramsey family leaves is one of seeing the Hand of God in their lives during times of faithlessness as well as faithfulness. Offering history as well as intrigue (sure, some romance too) the deep spiritual themes will inspire and encourage your own walk with God.



COMMUNION SERVICE AT OAKVIEW TERRACE by Brigitta Hofer

Pastor Todd served communion at Oakview Terrace to our members that are residents there on Tuesday, August 13th. He also provided a meditation based on Titus 2: 11-15. Don Hofer and Sarah Hofer are the newest additions to our communion table at Oakview. Please remember to keep these Oakview members in your prayers - Lavonne Hofer, Don and Selma Olson, Shirley Glanzer, Ruth Pollman, Don Hofer, and Sarah Hofer,

as well as Kathryn Hofer of the Salem Mennonite Home, who was served communion at a later date.



Photo by Pastor Todd



BACKPACK BLESSING

The Backpack Blessing took on August 18 and included students of all ages, teachers and staff. A responsive reading concluded with the following prayer by the entire congregation.

O God, source of all goodness: We give You thanks for the gift of reason and the opportunity for education. Bless our schools, that they may be places of learning and safety where teachers challenge the minds and nurture the hearts of students. Grant that teacher, students, administrators, coaches and support staff may work together in mutual respect and find joy in the challenges of academic life; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Following the prayer, each student, teacher and staff member was given a magnetic bookmark to remind them of their faith throughout their school year.



**Defeat is not the worst of failures.
Not to have tried is the true failure.**

Be strong and of good courage, be not afraid, neither be dismayed: for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go. Joshua 1:9

YOUTH SUNDAY...

...worship was led entirely by the Youth on Aug. 11. A slide show of Phoenix 2013 was playing as people entered the sanctuary. Ian Hofer was worship leader and brought the message, Xavier Ward read scripture, Clara Koerner led the children's time & Moment in Mission, Cole Hofer was responsible for



sharing time and the offering. They shared about their experiences at MC USA Convention, CPMC Conference and also about Xavier's service experience with his mother in Mexico with Back2Back Ministries. The congregation was challenged as they talked about visiting with homeless people and trying to assist them. It wasn't easy and didn't always work out the way



they planned.

They appreciated the speakers and the music.

Xavier worked at three different locations: dug holes for a security fence around a facility for the handicapped; sheet



rocked in the computer room in a home for abused girls; and at Salvation Army, again working with a security fence. Overall, they all agreed to "be thankful for what we have". Also, to share what they have.

Brandon Waltner spoke spontaneously about his experience as Youth Sponsor and how much he appreciated the Youth. He also shared a personal experience he had with a homeless man. Kylea Waltner also attended Convention as Youth Sponsor.

Living Stones - A Call for Justice and Peace

Gary and Gloria Graber (parents of Sherilyn Ortman) of Freeman will be presenting a program titled "Living Stones - A Call for Justice and Peace" on Saturday, September 7 at 7:30pm at the Salem-Zion Mennonite (North) Church.

The Graber's traveled for two weeks in June on a fact finding trip to Israel/Palestine and will be sharing some of their experiences. Dr. Joy Lapp, Professor of Religion at Iowa Wesleyan College, will be joining them for this presentation.

This event is sponsored by the Salem-Zion Mennonite Church Fellowship Program Committee. An offering will be taken to support a new education organization called Mennonite Palestine-Israel Network Network.

SCHOLARSHIP MEAL

The noon meal on Aug. 11, organized by the Scholarship Committee, consisted of a variety of soups, buns and bars. Parents and students prepared and served the delicious meal. Funds raised that day



yielded \$5,822 which was disbursed to twelve students, two at Bethel College and the rest at Freeman Academy. Four students received \$400 and eight received \$500 in scholarship money. Thank you to all who participated!

SUNDAY SCHOOL STAFF DEDICATION

On August 25, a dedication service was held for Sunday School teachers and staff. Superintendents Charlene Friesen and Brandy Friesen introduced the staff for the coming year. The Litany for Teacher Recognition & Appreciation was read responsively by congregation and staff.

Photos by Darlene Hofer



K I D S C O R N E R

By
Phyllis
Hofer

The Seven "I Ams" of Jesus

Match me!

I am the good shepherd

John 10:7,9

I am the way, the truth, and the life

John 11:25

I am the true vine

John 14:6

I am the resurrection and the life

John 6:35,48

I am the door

John 8:12; 9:5

I am the light of the world

John 15:1,5

I am the bread of life

John 10:11,14

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



- 1) Ben Friesen
- 3) Ron Pullman
- 3) Sasha Decker
- 4) Jennifer Kleinsasser
- 5) John D Stahl
- 7) Stan Hofer
- 08) Rylea Timmerman
- 08) Guss Timmerman
- 15) Stewart Hofer
- 15) Suzanne Koerner
- 19) Charmaine Ries

- 19) Peyton McCune
- 20) Jerome Kleinsasser
- 22) Emma Hofer
- 23) Dennie Hofer
- 25) Ross Hofer
- 25) Tiffany Hampton
- 26) Gary Tschetter
- 27) Kim Jones

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 7) Doug and Becky McCune
- 14) Amos & Kathryn Kleinsasser
- 22) Galen Hofer & Stephanie Phibbs

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL & VBS OFFERING

Summer Quarter: \$98.60 Swan Lake Christian Camp

Fall Quarter: Sole Hope

MENNONITE WOMEN

July Project: \$165 for *The Banquet* and \$90 for *Union Gospel Mission*

August Project: \$170 cash 104 School Kits

September Project: **Cash Mennonite Women USA**

\$24 supports the International Women's Fund, the annual Bible Study Guide and The Mennonite Women Board of Directors and Human Resources



Attendance and Offering Report

	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offerings</u>
July 28	98	\$1,992.00
August 4	115	\$3,121.00
August 11	117	\$2,777.00
August 18	112	\$3,916.00
August 25	116	\$2,859.02

DID YOU KNOW?

By Phyllis Hofer

***All of your activities in life should be seen
and measured in the light of eternity.***



By Twyla Hofer

Pastor Todd's Uncle Gene Pitts passed away July 27.

Crystal Hofer, daughter of **Norma & Vernon J. Hofer**, suffered a brain bleed and is now in rehab. Vernon & Norma spent some time with her in CA where she lives.

On July 28, Jeff Swartzendruber of Kalona, IA represented Everence during the Moment in Mission.. That evening he led a mtg. concerning *Farm Succession: A Family Matter* at the arboretum.

Joline Thomas shared that counsin Byron Thomas needed to have surgery to remove another brain tumor. The tumor was cancerous and removed. Radiation, chemo and medication will follow. He is in good spirits.

Katie Glanzer, age 95, passed away on Aug. 7. She was a sister to **Rosella Glanzer & Marcella Glanzer**.

Dennis Schrock traveled to Minneapolis with the CPMC Pastoral Leadership Committee to meet with Faith Mennonite Church concerning their stance on homosexuality in the church.

Visiting in the home of **Colin & Michelle Hofer** were Ruth Boehm, pastor of Faith Mennonite Church in Leamington, ON, CAN, her husband Barry Bergen and 7 year old son Matthew. Ruth was spending her summer sabatical learning more about worship arts.

Sheryl Friesen received wonderful news on Aug. 20. She has been walking with a boot all summer since her fall on Mother's day. Now her foot bone is mended properly and she is able to wear a regular shoe dispite a little swelling. Sherryl says "It's a miracle—no surgery needed!"

Signing the Guestbook:

Aug. 4: Roger & Joyce Hofer, Hillsboo, KS; Marian & Edgar Towne, Indianapolis, IN; Wesley & Cara Glanzer, Harlen, IN; Alice & Abe Buller, Henderson, NE; Delmore & Mary Jones, Greenfield, IN; Dwayne Jones, Greenefield, IN

Aug. 11: Karen Wittenburg, Shafter, CA

Aug. 18: Arlan & Ellen Ortman, Marion; Anita Watkins, Verango, NE; Mark Stahl, Kokomo, IN; Ruth Boehm, Barry Bergen & Matthew, Lemington, Ontario, CAN

Two couples celebrated more than 50 years of marriage in Aug.

Aug. 10 **John & Deloris Stahl** 61 years

Aug. 18 **Norman & Darlene Hofer** 56 years

HELP WANTED!

For many years, quality books from Choice Books have been available in Freeman. Currently, Freeman Shopping Center carries a display. I have been servicing this rack since Lorraine Hofer left our area. Now, due to our family's current medical emergency, I will not be able to do so for some time. The job is not difficult; it just requires being available. So, if you feel that you can help out, please let me know **IMMEDIATELY!** Norma Hofer

FOR YOUR PRAYERFUL CONSIDERATION

After many years, I will need to step down from the chairmanship of Mennonite Women. Responsibilities in my life have changed and I need to lighten my load. The position is not a hard one. It does include being a contact for other churches and community, and it is a position on the church board. Please consider taking on the chairmanship with much prayer. I will continue through 2013. Thanks Barbie

SERVICE FEATURE

MY 1-W SERVICE EXPERIENCE

By Delmer Hofer

On June 6, 1955, I began my two years of 1-W service at Lincoln General Hospital in Lincoln, NE. 1-W service was an alternative to being in the military. Why did I choose this avenue? I wanted to do something good for humanity instead of causing destruction. In studying the life and teachings of Jesus I developed the conviction that I could not be a part of the military. After seeing the turmoil our military has caused in other parts of the world, especially in recent years, I hold to that conviction more than ever. I believe that Christ's way is the way of peace and love.

I had no idea what kind of service I would be providing in the hospital. The personal director informed me that for the next several months I would fill the vacancies left by employees during their vacations. The first two months I worked in the hospital supply room. My job was to order supplies, fill orders and deliver them to the nurse's stations, offices and maintenance department.

Next I worked in the laundry department. My job was sorting the laundry and loading the washing machines. I worked there for one month.

The remainder of my two years I worked in the surgery department which had five operating rooms. I was called an operating room technician, better known as an orderly. I came to work at 7:00 AM and changed from my street clothes into hospital scrub clothes. After putting on my cap and mask, I sterilized the hand brushes used by the doctors and nurses to scrub for surgeries.

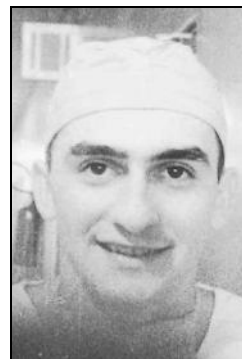
After that I helped the nurses with last minute preparations for surgeries. Then I brought patients to the operating room, assisted in the wake-up room, took the patients back to their rooms and helped with whatever needed to be done. Sometimes I was a "go-fer" because they had me run errands. In the afternoon my job was to clean the operating rooms and help prepare for the next day surgeries.

There were times when I was asked to assist the doctors and nurses during surgery. This was very interesting because I was actually part of the surgery process as well as learning to know the doctors on a more personal level. I even thought about becoming a medical doctor.

A very difficult part of the job was when we had accident patients. There were people with some horrible injuries that came through our unit. We always knew that when the streets became icy there would be more broken bones to repair.

This was my first experience living away from home which was quite an adjustment. I received a salary of \$125 per month, with which I had to pay all of my living expenses, including room and board. Shirley and I were married in March of 1956 and she had a job so we did have more income. We attended the Church of the Brethren, who have beliefs similar to the Mennonites. Although it was a small church we appreciated the fellowship with the congregation.

In looking back at my 1-W experience I feel very positive about it. Helping others who are having difficulties, are needy or suffering gives one a very good feeling. Isn't this what Jesus did when he was on earth and what he taught us to do? I strongly encourage our young people and others to consider doing Christian service.



Calendar for SEPTEMBER

By Pastor Todd

- September 1:** 9:45am Worship
11:10am Sunday School
- September 3:** 6:30pm Worship Committee
- September 5:** 10:00am Freeman Ministerial (Missionary Church)
- September 7:** 10:00am-3:00pm “Engaging the Mystery” Advent Worship Workshop (Manson, IA)
- September 8:** 9:00am Gathering 58: 6
9:45am Worship
11:10am Sunday School
2:30pm Worship (Diamond Care Center)
- September 9:** 7:00pm Prayer Shawl
- September 11:** 6:30pm The Initiative: Mission Fest Prayer Walk (Pool Park)
- September 12:** 7:30pm Deacons Meeting (Clem Residence)
- September 13:** 8:45am Men’s Group (Parsonage)
- September 15:** 9:45am Worship
11:10am Sunday School
- September 16:** 7:00pm Mission & Outreach Committee
- September 17:** 9:15am Pastor-Peer (Sermon On the Mount Church, Sioux Falls)
- September 18:** 6:30pm The Initiative: Mission Fest Prayer Walk (Pool Park)
- September 19:** 8:00pm Church Board
- September 20:** 8:45am Men’s Group (Parsonage)
10:20am Gathering at the Peace Pole (Freeman Academy)
- September 21:** *INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE*
- September 22:** *PEACE SUNDAY*
9:45am Worship
11:10am Sunday School
7:00pm, "A Year in Vietnam: A Time of Sharing led by Lance & Lacey Friesen"
- September 25:** 12:00pm Connections Deadline (send info to Edie - hutterthal@goldenwest.net)
6:30pm The Initiative: Mission Fest Prayer Walk (Parsonage)
- September 27:** 8:45am Men’s Group (Parsonage)
- September 29:** 9:45am Worship
11:10am Sunday School



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