



**PLEASE NOTE:** Due to the involvement of numerous people in preparing for Advent worship prior to the service this Sunday, Gathering 58:6 will not meet this month.



**Hutterthal  
Mennonite  
Church**

**Christ-centered—Living, Relating, Serving**

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**SECOND SUNDAY of ADVENT  
December 8, 2013**

**Prelude:** HWB no. 176,  
*Comfort, O My People*

*Comfort,*

**Silence**

**Opening Prayer**

**Call to Worship**

L: Come and welcome one another in the name of Christ!

**P: Let us awake to peace!**

L: Live in harmony and join your voices in song;

**P: Yes – let us with one voice glorify God.**

L: In Christ, we see the confirmation of God's promise:

**ALL: O, the mystery of God's dwelling in our relationships!**

**Thematic Opening Hymn:** HWB no. 233,

*Joyful Is the Dark*

**Dramatic Reading**

**Confession & Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

**Scripture Reading:**

(Pew Bible p. 364)

**Litany of the Candle of Peace**

L: The coming of Christ brings peace. Let us pause to remember who  
brings harmony from dissonance and speaks life into our dead places.

**Silence**

L: Let us confess the violence of our fractured relationships.

**Silent Confession**

(The Candle of Peace is lit)

L: The second Advent Candle is the candle of peace.

**P: In this light, we receive forgiveness, knowing that God  
dwells in our relationships.**

Isaiah 11: 1-10

**Children's Time**

*We Can Get Along*

**Scripture Reading:**

12 (Pew Bible p. 509)

**Silent Meditation**

Matthew 3: 1-

**Sharing Time**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Lord's Prayer** (debts and debtors)

**Hymn:** HWB no. 195,

*Midnight Clear*

*It Came Upon the*

**Message:**

*In Our Relationships*

**Time of Offering**

**Offertory Invitation**

**Sharing Our Gifts**

**Offertory Prayer**

**Thematic Closing Hymn:** Bulletin Insert,  
*Walk in the Light*

*Come!*

**Benediction**

L: Seek harmony that you may abide in God's dwelling!

**P: We will abound in peace by the power of the Holy Spirit!**

**ALL: In the mystery of God's dwelling in our relationships,  
there is peace!**

**Musical Response**

**Postlude**

**Worship Participants:**

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Edie Tschetter (organ), Les Rensink (song leader), Dave Friesen (Guitar), Todd Jones (worship leader & message), Stan Hofer, Clara Koerner, Todd Koerner & Amanda Mettler (dramatic reading), Twyla Hofer (reader: Isaiah 11: 1-10), Tristan Kellar (Advent candle lighter), Jill Hofer (children's time), & Phil Thomas (reader: Matthew 3: 1-12)

**PRAYER CONCERNS/PRAISES**

- **Byron Thomas**
- **From CPMC:** Pray for congregations in Central Plains who are seeking pastors, and for the church in Quito, Ecuador, seeking a pastor.
- **From MMN:** Due to the onset of winter and the holidays, requests for assistance reach a peak this month in the nonprofit agencies for which MMN's Mennonite Voluntary Service participants work. Pray that the 57 MVSers in 17 locations will continue to serve their host communities with love and patience.

We respectfully request that the **designated pews** remain open for families with young children and those with physical needs. We also request that the **crying room** remain available for infants and nursing mothers.

A **Handicap Accessible Bathroom** is located in the basement.

**TODAY**

**Greeters:** Todd & Suzanne Koerner

**Nursery:** Open

**Coffee Time:** Lavonne Tschetter

**MW project:** Bryan Thomas family

**Jr. S.S. project:** Sole Hope

**2:30pm:** Worship @ Oakview Terrace

**7:00pm:** Family Christmas @ HMC

**NEXT SUNDAY: Third Sunday of Advent**

**Greeters:** Les & Mary Rensink

**Nursery:** Brandy Friesen

**Piano:** Amy Hofer Vetch

**Coffee Time:** John & Monica Clem

**THIS WEEK**

**Monday:** Prayer Shawl, 7pm

**Tuesday:** Deacons Meeting, 7pm @ Koerner Residence

**Friday:** Cookie Walk @ Senior Citizen Center

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**December 21:** Longest Night Retreat, 10pm

**December 25:** Christmas Day Worship, 10am

**January 8:** Soup & Fellowship, 6:30pm

Kid's Club, 7pm

Midweek Bible Study, 7pm

**Christmas Program:** The Children's Sunday School department will present "The Little Star: A Christmas Fantasy" **this evening at 7pm.** Following the program, Family Christmas with Christmas goodies will be held in fellowship hall. We hope you can all attend.

**Deadline for 2014 Yearbook submissions: Fri. noon, Dec. 20.** This includes schedules (coffee, greeter, music, nursery, ushers, etc.), committee listings, care home programs, etc. There is a **directory** on the Coffee Fund Drive table for you to **update with your current contact information.**

Everyone enjoys the **coffee break** on Sunday mornings and at meetings. Once again it is time to make your contribution to the fund. There will be a box by the coffee table for you to make your **contributions.** Thank You.

~ The Coffee Committee

Do you have a heart for "middler's?" Do you have a desire to walk beside others in the faith and build in them the wonder, beauty, and truth of Jesus Christ? We are currently seeking a 1/3 time teacher for the **Middler Sunday School Class.** Those interested in participating in this ministry are asked to speak with Brandy Friesen.

**THE MENNONITE-** Anyone wishing to get into the Group Plan for another year of *The Mennonite*, give a check, made out to *The Mennonite*, for \$37. to me **TODAY.** Ardella Gross

The **Christmas Cookie Walk**, sponsored by Mennonite Women, will be **Friday, Dec. 13** (snow date-Monday, Dec. 16). Please bring your cookies to the Sr. Citizen Center by 9 am. Proceeds will assist the Byron Thomas family of Marion. Thank you - Sherryl, Barbie, Edie.

**In cases of inclement weather**, when Freeman schools do not open for the day, the **Et Cetera Shoppe will not open either.** This is for the safety of older volunteers and those who drive in from the country. We do try to maintain regular store hours in cases of late starts and early dismissals. Thank you for your understanding!

The Freeman Academy music department features "**Winter Wonderland Yuletide**", December 16 & 17, 6:30 pm in Pioneer Hall. Reservations are needed for this event. Ticket prices: Adult (grade 5+): \$13 and Students K-4: \$6 (younger than Kindergarten is free.) Please check the *Courier* for the order form. Mail the order form with your payment by **Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup>**. You may also stop in and pick up your tickets. For more information please call the Freeman Academy office at 925-4237.

Are you ready to 'Lighten up and laugh out loud? You are going to Love Tina and Lena!' The Freeman Academy **Studio Subscription Series** welcomes **Tina & Lena** to the stage **Monday, December 9th at 7:00 pm!** Tickets, which include a dessert reception, can be purchased at the door: Season \$60/adult and \$24/student (K-12) or single event admission \$15/adult and \$8/student (K-12). For further information please contact Amy Hofer Vetch at 605-925-4237 Ext. 240 or by email [ahofer@freemanacademy.org](mailto:ahofer@freemanacademy.org).

The public is cordially invited to attend a **Carol-Sing/Retreat** at the Salem-Zion (North) Mennonite Church Saturday evening, Dec. 14, 7:00 pm. Organizers are planning the event to give the public a chance to sing familiar, traditional Christmas carols. The "retreat" aspect of the evening will provide for personal reflection through the reading of scripture and moments of silence. Time allowing, there will be an opportunity for personal song requests.

**FJC/FA Alumni Fellowship and Basketball** will be held on Friday, December 27 at Sterling Hall. A women's bb game will begin at 7 p.m. followed by a men's game. Free popcorn and beverages will be served from the concession stand and Bobcat gear will be raffled throughout the evening. All friends and family of Freeman Academy are welcome to attend!

Learn outside of the box. **Service Adventure** is a one-year opportunity to learn about God, life, and yourself, while serving others. Info and applications at [MennoniteMission.net/Serve](http://MennoniteMission.net/Serve).

**A learning experience like no other!** This summer, Youth Venture invites young adults ages 14-22 to serve and learn together with churches in Philadelphia, Ft. Myers, Japan, Spain, and more! Info and applications at [MennoniteMission.net/Serve](http://MennoniteMission.net/Serve).

