

# Mennonite Heritage Sunday



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**Bulletin Cover Image:** “Compassion for the Enemy” [Taken from page 36 of the *Mirror of the Martyrs* by John S. Oyer & Robert S. Kreider (Intercourse, PA: Good Books, 1990)] A depiction of Dirk Willems turning back to save his persecutor (1569)



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**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship:** STJ no. 133 (adapted)

L: O God, who called all life into being,

**All: the earth, sea and sky are Yours; women and men are Yours.**

L: Your presence is all around us;

**All: every atom is full of energy, every face reflecting Your own.**

L: Your Spirit enlivens all who walk the earth;

**All: with Your Spirit we yearn for justice to be done,**

L: for creation to be freed from bondage,

**All: for the hungry to be fed,**

L: for captives to be released,

**All: for each person You've created to be valued and cherished,**

L: for right relationships between all of Your children,

**All: for Your kingdom of peace to come among us. Amen.**

**Opening Prayer**

**Hymn:** HWB no. 91,  
*Immortal Praise*

*Praise to God,*

**Psalter Reading:**

Psalm 65: 1-5, 8, & 11

L: Praise is due to You, O God! To You all flesh shall come.

**P: When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us, You forgive our transgressions. Happy are those whom You choose and bring near to live in Your courts. We shall be satisfied with the goodness of Your house.**

L: By awesome deeds You answer us with deliverance, O God of our salvation.

**P: You are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas. Those who live at earth's farthest bounds are awed by Your signs.**

L: You make the gateways of the morning and the evening shout for joy!

**P: You crown the year with Your bounty; Your wagon tracks overflow with richness!**

**Children's Time:**

God's Wagon Tracks

**Sharing Time**

**Pastoral Prayer**

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

**Worship Music:**

**Time of Offering**

**Offertory Invitation**

**Sharing Our Gifts**

**Offertory Prayer**

**Dwelling in the Word:**

2 Timothy 4: 6-8 (Pew Bible p. 629)

**Silent Meditation**

**Hymn:** HWB no. 486,

*God of Our Life*

**Message:**

Signposts Along the Way

**Hymn:** HWB no. 327,

*Thy Faithfulness*

*Great Is*

**Benediction:**

by Hilary J. Scarsella

**ALL:** *May you know in your deepest heart that you are valuable, gifted, and worthy of love. May you know that every person you meet is equally valuable, gifted, and worthy of love.*

**Musical Response**

**Postlude**

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**Worship Participants:** Phyllis Hofer (organ), Joline Thomas (provided by Gordon & Alvina Hofer), and Todd Jones (children's time & message)

**PRAYER CONCERNS/PRAISES**

• **Byron Thomas**

- **From CPMC:** Pray for the new Conflict Management Support Team which is prepared to help congregations in conflict and plans to provide training workshops for Central Plains folks.
- **From MMN:** *Bopaganang Basha* Youth Centre in Botswana has a troupe of actors who present dramas dealing with HIV/AIDS, substance abuse, and domestic violence. Although the group is much in demand for their productions, Mennonite Mission Network's Melanie Quinn requests prayer for the participants' spiritual growth and life skills.

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: MENNONITE HERITAGE SUNDAY**

**Greeters:** Delmer & Shirley Hofer

**Nursery:** Open

**Coffee Time:** Delmer & Shirley Hofer

**MW project:** Relief Kits (see *Connection!* for details; call Dollar & Cents for completed kit 925 -7921) **NEW: NO \$10 this year**

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

**NEXT SUNDAY**

*Note: Daylight Savings Time Ends*

**Greeters:** Gordon & Alvina Hofer

**Nursery:** Kylea Waltner

**Piano:** Paige Zachariasen

**Music:** Larry & Brigitta Hofer

**Coffee Time:** LeRoy & Kathy Pullman

**THIS WEEK**

**Wednesday:** Women's Bible Study, 7:00pm @ HMC

Worship Committee, 8:00pm @ HMC

**Friday:** Men's Group, 8:45am @ Parsonage

**Saturday:** Youth Group @ Sky Zone (Sioux Falls)

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**November 3:** *Daylight Savings Time Ends!*

**November 4:** FNJP, 12pm @ Freeman Public Library

MW Annual Meeting, 7:00pm @ HMC

**November 5:** District OI Competition, 8am @ DWU (Mitchell)

Deacons Meeting, 7:30pm @ Parsonage

**November 6:** Women's Bible Study, 7:00pm @ HMC

**November 7:** Freeman Ministerial, 10:00am @ CPMC Office

Church Board, 7:30pm @ HMC

**November 8:** Men's Group, 8:45am @ Parsonage

**November 10:** Gathering 58: 6, 9am @ HMC

**Freeman Academy's annual fall church drive** concludes **TODAY**. During this traditional harvest season, we invite you to consider a gift for Freeman Academy's general fund. Bruce Hofer and Lyndon Hofer will be in the library **today** to receive your donations. If you have not been in church the Sundays of the drive and would like to participate, self-addressed envelopes are available on the narthex table for your convenience.

**Annual Reports are due this week.** See details on the report information you received earlier. Contact Edie with questions. Your prompt response will be much appreciated.

**Sole Hope shoe-cutting party:** please make plans to attend this outreach event on Sunday, **November 10 from 2-4pm**. This is an event for adults and school aged kids. We will be cutting fabric and assembling shoe kits to benefit children in Uganda. There are no special skills needed! Also looking for supply donations- see display in foyer or ask Brandy Friesen for details.

**The public is** invited to attend a photography reception at the Salem-Zion Mennonite (North) Church **this evening, beginning at 7 p.m.** The reception will showcase the photography of two dozen Salem-Zion members who took part in a photography workshop called "Finding Beauty in God's World," led by church member Jeremy Waltner, earlier this summer. The public will be invited to browse the prints on display from 7-7:30 p.m. A short program, as well as refreshments, will follow.

**Freeman Academy Community Service Day** will be held **Fri., Nov. 8**. Students and staff will be available from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. to do yard and household projects for persons who need assistance with strenuous work and who live in Freeman. All work is strictly volunteer - **NO PAYMENT** is accepted for the work. Please call the school office, 925-4237, by noon November 1 to schedule a job.

**Freeman Academy's annual benefit auction** is scheduled for **Saturday, November 9 at 6:00 p.m.** in the Pioneer Hall Dining Hall. We welcome donations of ethnic foods, baked goodies, home-canned produce (jellies, salsa, pickles, etc.), meat bundles, new or gently used small kitchen appliances, tools, sports equipment, jewelry, home décor items, a unique dish/picture, or children's games/toys/puzzles. Watch for more specific details in upcoming church bulletins and the Freeman Courier. Please contact Krista Graber at 925-4736 or [sdnafvsa@gwgc.net](mailto:sdnafvsa@gwgc.net) or Vernetta Waltner at 925-4237, ext. 235 or [vwaltner@freemanacademy.org](mailto:vwaltner@freemanacademy.org) if you are willing to donate any items or assist the committee.

**Work Team to visit Ecuador** late February/early March, 2014. If you are interested in joining together with brothers and sisters from across CPMC to go to Ecuador this winter, please contact Doyle Roth [doyleroth@hotmail.com](mailto:doyleroth@hotmail.com) or call him at 402-641-0266 for more information and scheduling. Exact dates will be confirmed as peoples schedules allow.

Our **MDS** unit has been asked to come help with **rebuilding from the flood in Minot**. We are planning on **leaving Nov.11th** and returning home on the 15th. Anyone willing to go should contact Eldon Berg as soon as possible. Phone # 548-3507. This will be the last trip.

Please join us, November 17, at Salem Mennonite Church at 2 p.m. for a viewing of **Anne Braden: Southern Patriot**. The film will be followed by light refreshments and a time for discussion. This is open to all those in high school and older. Please contact Elizabeth Janssen in the Freeman MCC Office at 925-4859 with questions or to volunteer to bring refreshments.

**Furniture donations welcome!** Et Cetera Shoppe currently has room to receive furniture donations. If you have unused pieces of furniture that are in good, clean and sturdy condition, consider bringing them to the shop soon! Give us your best, and we'll do the rest... "all in the name of Christ"!

## Message Notes:

Discipleship

Theme: Heritage; Faith;

## "Signposts Along the Way"

October 27, 2013

**SCRIPTURE READING:** 2 Timothy 4: 6-8 (Pew Bible p. 629)

## Personal Observations/Thoughts

**2 Timothy 4: 17** – “The Lord stood by us and gave us strength, so that the message might be fully proclaimed.” (NRSV)

**2 Timothy 1: 1b** – “... according to the promise of life which is in Christ Jesus.” (NKJV)

**Luke 9: 23b** – “... deny [oneself], take up [the] cross daily, and follow [Jesus].” (NKJV)

**1 Peter 4: 12-14** – “My friends, [Peter wrote] don’t be surprised at the painful things that you are now suffering, which are testing your faith. Don’t think that something strange is happening to you. But you

should be happy that you are sharing in Christ’s sufferings. You will be happy and full of joy when Christ shows is glory. When people say bad things to you because you follow Christ, consider it a blessing.

When that happens, it shows that God’s Spirit, the Spirit of glory, is with you.” (ERV)

## 3 Signposts along the way:

1) \_\_\_\_\_! (2 Tim. 4: 6)

**2 Timothy 2: 11b-13** – “If we died with Christ, we shall also live with Him. If we bear all our troubles, we shall also rule with Him. If we say we do not know Him, then He will also say He does not know us.

If we do not believe in Him, He still is true, because He cannot say He is not what He is.” (WE)

2) \_\_\_\_\_! (2 Tim. 4: 7)

**Philippians 3: 14** – “... [pressed] toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.” (NKJV)

**Philippians 2: 12c** – “... energetic in [his] life of salvation, reverent and sensitive before God.” (MSG)

3) \_\_\_\_\_! (2 Tim. 4: 8)

**Philippians 1: 21** – “... to live is Christ, and to die is gain.” (NKJV)