



Hutterthal Mennonite Church

Christ-centered - Living, Relating, Serving

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August 20, 2017

Prelude

Gathering Hymns

This is a Day of New Beginnings

HWB #640

Come, Thou Fount

HWB #521

Welcome/Call to Worship

Prayer

Backpack Blessing

Worship Music

Sharing Time

Congregational Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading

John 9: 1-41 (Pew Bible p. 566)

Time of Offering

Offering Invitation

Offertory Music

Offertory Prayer

Why Should I Feel Discouraged

STJ #103

Message

Blind, But Now I See

Amazing Grace

HWB #143

Benediction

Musical Response

Postlude

PRAYER CONCERNS

- Rex Walker (Pastor's uncle; diagnosed with Stage 4 Cancer)
- Additional Prayers

TODAY - August 20, 2017

Greeters: Cameron Hofer

9:45am: Worship

Accompanist: Amy Hofer Vetch

Worship Music: Andre & Lillie Eisenbeis

Message & Children's Message: Pastor Todd

Coffee Time: Carrol & Glenda Langeland

11:10 am: Sunday School for all ages

12:00pm: Potluck Fellowship

NEXT SUNDAY - August 27, 2017

Greeters: Todd & Suzanne Koerner

9:45am: Worship Service

Accompanist: Norma Hofer

Worship Music: Dave & Brandy Friesen

Message & Children's Message: Pastor Todd

Coffee Time: Preston & Paige Zachariasen

11:10 am: Sunday School for all ages

AUGUST PROJECTS

- Congregational Ministries: MCC School Kits
- Children's S.S. Department MCC School Kits

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 21: First Day of School (Menno & Marion)

August 22, 9:15am: Pastor-Peer (Sioux Falls)

August 23: First Day of School (Bridgewater-Emery & Freeman
Public)

12:00pm: FNJP (Freeman Public Library)

12:00pm: September Connection Deadline

August 24: First Day of School (Freeman Academy)

Sept. 4: LABOR DAY

Celebrating Summer! We will be enjoying a time of **potluck fellowship today** after Sunday School at noon. Come and enjoy good food and good fellowship. Please bring a dish to share, if you are able. Come to the potluck, even if you don't bring anything. We hope to see you there! --The Deacons

Freeman Academy Convocation: All parents, students and community members are invited to attend school opening activities *this evening*. The evening begins with a lite picnic supper served in the Link from 5:30-6:30 p.m. At 7:00 p.m. we will gather in Pioneer Hall for a service of blessing for the new school year. All faculty and staff will be introduced along with new students. Hope to see you there!

Brenda Yoder of Dove's Nest will present a **Circle of Grace curriculum training workshop** at Salem-Zion Mennonite Church from 7:00-8:30 p.m *tomorrow*. Sunday school teachers and those who work with children or youth are especially invited to attend. Dove's Nest's mission is to empower and equip faith communities to keep children and youth safe in their homes, churches, and communities. There is no charge for the training, but please RSVP by Aug. 18 to salemzion@gwtc.net.

Wellspring Wholistic Care Center, Freeman, SD is sponsoring a **Grief Seminar** on September 16, from 1-5 pm. Janell Christenson, Veterans Administration grief counselor is the featured speaker. Speakers from the surrounding area will share their grief challenges. The seminar's purpose is to assist persons grieving loss to process their journey of mourning. Grieving well is difficult work and may be aided in various ways including sharing stories, mutual encouragement, and receiving therapeutic counsel. For more information feel free to call 925-4542 or text 605-661-0601

Searching for an exciting way to serve? MCC is urgently searching for a Canner Operator, with CDL truck driving experience, to travel with the mobile cannery before the season begins in October. Canner Operators travel to 30 different locations in the United States and Canada, canning meat, which is then sent around the world to hungry people. Come serve in this exciting way! Meet new people, and take advantage of experiences you'll never forget. For more information please contact John Hillegass at johnhillegass@mcc.org or (717) 859-1151.

Registration is now open: Sat., Nov. 18, 4th biennial Worship and the Arts Symposium at Bethel College, "Seasons of the Soul: Enacting the Mystery of Faith," with special guest presenter and resource person Ted Swartz. Symposium registration includes Swartz's performance of "Slightly Left of Normal," Fri., Nov. 17, in Krehbiel Auditorium (admission charge for non-symposium registrants). Registration discount for groups of 3 or more from a single congregation – for a complete schedule and online registration, see bethelks.edu/worshiparts

Earn an MDiv without relocating! Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary's Master of Divinity (MDiv) Connect program offers you the chance to pursue a seminary degree right where you live. By taking 13–14 credit hours per year in online and hybrid formats, you can complete the 80-hour program in six years. Scholarships and financial aid are available. www.ambs.edu/mdivconnect

AMBS online short course: Exploring Anabaptist History and Theology: Sept. 13 – Oct. 24, 2017. This Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary online short course taught by **Jamie Pitts**, Ph.D., covers the birth and development of 16th-century Anabaptist movements and looks at various interpretations of the meaning of “Anabaptism” today. Cost: \$200 before Aug. 23; \$250 after. CEUs available. www.ambs.edu/lifelong-learning/anabaptist-short-courses

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