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Christ-centered - Living, Relating, Serving

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"... whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for [Jesus'] sake will save it." Luke 9: 24, NKJV

Prelude:

O Savior Hear Me (Glock) Song Without Words (Mendelssohn) Assurance (Knapp/Bach)

Lighting of the Peace Lamp

Call to Worship:

L: We come to worship our God, to listen to the One who calls us here.

P: We come trusting God to led us in the coming days, as surely as were our grandparents in the faith.

L: We come to worship our God, to shout with joy to the God of all people.

P: We come to the Creator of all things, to be bathed in the waters of life.

L: We come to the feast of God's faithful, to be fed by the One who never forsakes us.

P: We come to worship our God, to sing aloud to the One who saves us.

L: We come;

ALL: We come!

Prayer

Welcome

Hymn: HWB no. 121, Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 13: 1-8 & 15-16 (Pew Bible p. 636)

Silent Meditation

Children's Time:Just Dirt

Time of Offering
Offertory Invitation

Offertory Music: To God be the Glory (Doane)

Offertory Prayer

Hymn: HWB no. 383, God, Whose Giving

Message: Parodos

Worship Music

Sharing Time
Congregational Prayer
Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

Hymn: HWB no. 355, Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Benediction

Postlude: Alleluia (Mozart)

Worship Participants: Shirley Hofer, accompanist; Todd Jones, worship leader & message; & Sunday School Children, worship music

PRAYER CONCERNS

- Larry Hofer
- Frank Wiebe
- **Central Plains Mennonite Conference (CPMC):** Thank God for the good news Tim Detweiler got recently: scans detected no active cancer. He will have scans again in three months.
- **Mennonite Mission Network (MMN):** The Argentina Mennonite Church, a MMN partner, operates Life School and Little Seeds Preschool in Neuquén. Pray for

Andrea Pineda, the new director of the high school, and others who contribute to the school administration, as they seek to improve the financial status of their institutions.

• Additional Prayers

TODAY

Greeters: Vernon & Norma Lee Hofer

9:45 am: Worship Service

Coffee Time: Preston & Paige Zachariasen

11:10am: Sunday School for All Ages MW July Project: MCC School Kits

Children's S.S. Summer Project: Swan Lake Christian Camp

2: 30pm: Worship (Oakview Terrace) - Music: Todd & Suzanne Koerner

NEXT SUNDAY—September 4

Greeters: Vernon & Twyla Hofer **Accompanist:** Amy Hofer Vetch

Coffee Time: Vernon & Norma Hofer

Worship Music: LeRoy and Kathy Pullman

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sept. 5: Labor Day

Sept. 7: 10am, Freeman Ministerial

Sept. 11: Church Picnic

Sept. 12: 12pm, Freeman Network for Justice & Peace (Library)

7pm, Prayer Shawl

Children's Sunday School Teachers needed! The SS department is looking for teachers for all age groups for the coming school year. If you are interested in teaching our children about the love of Christ, please talk to Becky McCune or Rebecca Hofer.

We will be having our **Annual Church Potluck Picnic** on September 11, 5:30 pm in our church fellowship hall. We will plan to eat at 6:00 pm. We will have a time for table and group games following. Please bring food to share and table games. We will NOT be providing hotdogs/buns, but will provide beverages and table service.

Central Plains is offering three webinars this fall on reading and interpreting the

Bible. The first, at **7:30 pm Monday, September 12**, is called *Between Joints and Marrow: An Introduction to the Art of Biblical Interpretation.* We'll explore how the literary and historical setting can transform the ways we read and understand biblical texts. We'll also look at basic tips for interpreting different types of biblical literature such as law, stories, poetry, apocalypses, etc. Find more details and RSVP at www.centralplainsmc.org.

Running Low! The Material Resource Center at MCC Central States is running low on the following items: large bars of laundry soap, infant gowns/sleepers (size 3-9 months), and good quality sewing scissors. Your generous donations of these items will allow volunteers in North Newton, Kan. to complete relief kits, infant care kits and sewing kits in a timely manner. These items can be brought to 121 E. 30th St., PO Box 235 in North Newton, Kan., purchased online via Amazon Smile or other retailers and shipped to MCC or we welcome your monetary donations designated Kit Supplies. Thank you for your ongoing support of the worldwide work of Mennonite Central Committee! If you have questions, please call 316.283.2720 or visit mcc.org/kits for more information.

Don't miss this year's **Women's Retreat** at Swan Lake Christian Camp on September 17 & 18. Debra Worth will be our featured speaker, sharing insights from her work with New Americans in Sioux Falls. Deb will also emcee a Saturday evening coffeehouse in the new retreat center overlooking the lake. Come to relax and enjoy – and bring a song, story, or talent to share! Cost for the entire weekend – which includes special interest sessions, delicious meals and snacks, group worship and communion, and lodging – is \$80. Shopping at the Ten Thousand Villages and the Faith & Life Bookstore displays is extra! **Register by next Sunday, September 4,** by e-mailing or calling Elisabeth Harder Schrock (eharderschrock@gmail.com or 507-427-2771).