



Hutterthal Mennonite Church

Christ-centered - Living, Relating, Serving

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December 10 2017

Second Sunday of Advent

Prelude

Come, O Come, Emmanuel

13th Century Plainsong ~ arr by Rocherolle
O Jesu Sweet, O Jesu Mild ~ James Mansfield

Call to Worship

Leader: Awake! The invitation to carry light comes from the voice who cries out for a smooth way through wild places.

All: O God, your call is uncomfortable. How can we who are weak remove the rough and rugged places?

(pause for silence)

Leader: Quiet our questioning souls.

All: Lead us into your presence so all can see your way.

Leader: Let it be so.

Lighting of Advent Candle

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

HWB #178

Offering/Prayer

Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming

15th Century German Carol ~ arr by Kevern

Children's Story

Jesus came - the heavens adoring

HWB #297

Scripture

Isaiah 40: 1-11(Pew Bible p. 379)

Mark 1: 1-8 (Pew Bible. p. 527)

Sermon

Comfort and Grace

Longing for Light - all verses

STJ#54

Confession

Words of Assurance

Sharing Time

Pastoral Prayer

Comfort, Comfort, O My People

HWB #176

Benediction

Musical Response

Postlude

God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen
19th Century English Carol ~ arr by Kevern

The fabric beneath the Advent candle stand will change weekly going from dark to light colors, symbolizing the darkness of the world before Jesus brought the light with His birth. After Christmas, these fabrics will be made into comforters for MCC relief work to bring warmth and hope to people who are in need.

PRAYER CONCERNS

- Pastor Jack Scandrett as he assumed his Transitional Pastor role at Hutterthal on December 1
- Those in our congregation who are hurting
- Additional Prayers

TODAY - December 10, 2017

9:45 am: Worship Service

Accompanist: Charlene Friesen & Amy Hofer Vetch

Worship Leader: Todd Koerner

Lighting the Advent Candle: Jada Koerner

Children's time: Todd Koerner

Message: Pastor Jack Scandrett

Coffee Time: Phil & Joline Thomas

11:10 am: Sunday School for all ages

NEXT SUNDAY – December 17, 2017 - Christmas Program

Greeters: LeRoy & Kathy Pullman

10:00:am: Children's Sunday School Christmas Program & Brunch

Accompanist: Paige Zachariasen

DECEMBER PROJECTS

Congregational Ministries: cash for families of Amy Hofer Vetch & Rina Hofer who are recovering from hurricane damage in Puerto Rico & St. Croix. **Make checks payable to Congregational Ministries.**

Children's S.S. Department: MCC Project

THIS WEEK

Monday, Dec. 11, 7:00pm: Annual Congregational meeting. Refer to the information in the previous bulletins regarding the meeting.

Wednesday, Dec. 13, 7:00pm: Church Board meeting

Friday, Dec. 15 10:00am: Cookie Walk at Freeman Sr. Citizens Center

Sunday morning, Dec. 17, 10:00 am: S.S. Christmas program & brunch

CALDENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, Dec. 25, 10:00am: Christmas Day Worship Service

Plan to attend the **Christmas program** next Sunday morning at 10am followed by brunch.

Everyone enjoys **coffee time** at HMC. It's a great chance to meet visitors as well as keep connected with regulars. You have the opportunity during the month of December to contribute to the cost by making a donation in the designated "gift box" located in the Fellowship Hall during coffee time. Thank you! ~ Coffee Committee

The HMC annual **Christmas Cookie Walk** will be **Fri., Dec. 15** (snow date-Mon., Dec. 18). Please bring your cookies to the Sr. Citizen Center by 9 am. Proceeds will assist the local food pantry. We are privileged to support this community ministry.

An **offering basket** will be available in the foyer on Christmas Day and thru New Year's Day to support the work of the **S. D. Mennonite Disaster Service Unit** which responds to local disasters. If you will be unable to attend those days and would like to contribute, you may put your gift in an envelope and place it in the offering plate the Sundays before or after Christmas Day and New Year's Day. **Checks should be payable to SD MDS Unit.**

It's not too late to start Advent family worship. Just go to www.anabaptistfaithformation.org and

download “Yes! Let It Be!” a free guide for family worship from December 3 to January 6.

CONNECTING TO THE COMMUNITY

Rural Revival will hold its monthly meeting at **8 pm** at the Freeman Public Library on **Monday, December 11**. Come see what we’re all about!

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Freeman Network for Justice and Peace and area Mennonite churches are sponsoring a **Bible study** looking at Old Testament and New Testament texts from a Native American point of view. A video will be shown in the opening hour and a half session; the three subsequent sessions will be one hour. The Bible studies are open to anyone interested in relationships with Native Americans. The studies will be the four Saturday mornings in January, starting at 9:00 A.M. at Bethany Mennonite Church in Freeman. The Network will provide coffee and snack items. Sessions will begin and end promptly so participants can go about their Saturday. The first Saturday in February is also being blocked off in case we need a snow day. Sessions will be facilitated by Lois Janzen Preheim. Please sign up to participate by contacting Lois at loisjp@gwtc.net by December 15 so she can order study booklets for participants before the holidays.

Swan Lake Christian Camp announces a new **Family Camp** set for January 12-14, 2018. Families with children, grandparents, singles and young married couples are all invited to attend this fun filled weekend led by our speakers Joey and Patti Graber.

Don’t forget to sign your kids up for **Winter Youth Retreats**. Dates are as follows:

5th & 6th Grade Retreat - January 19-21

Junior High Retreat - February 2-4

Senior High Retreat - February 9-11

(Hutterthal pays half the cost)

Doyle Roth is organizing a work team to go to Quito, Ecuador, in late February or early March. Now that the church has moved to their own building, there are projects to be done: construction, painting, etc. If you would like to go on the work team, contact Doyle Roth at doyleroth@hotmail.com or 402-761-2847. To donate to the project, go to www.centralplainsmc.org/donate and use the Quito Property Fund button.

For more information on Hutterthal Mennonite Church happenings visit www.HMCFreeman.org