



Hutterthal Mennonite Church

Christ-centered - Living, Relating, Serving

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FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
December 28, 2014

Prelude

Christmas Medley

Lighting of the Peace Lamp Silent Meditation

Gathering Hymn: HWB no. 318,

Joy to the World

Welcome

Call to Worship

L: Come, let us worship in faith the God who is here and desires our worship.

Time of Silence

L: Incarnate God, work in our hearts, that our worship would be filled with the joy that comes with remembering Your beauty.

ALL: In a little Child, God is revealed to us.

L: This is God's plan of freedom, held up for the nations to see.

P: A revealing light to all peoples, the glory of God's Kingdom people.

L: We rejoice in our rescue and celebrate creation's redemption.

P: The hills and the mountains praise the Lord.

L: The animals, wild and tame, all kings and people of the earth, lightning and hail, snow and fog, women and men, old and Young,

ALL: all praise the Lord together. Our Messiah has come, alleluia!

Prayer

Hymn: HWB no. 205 vs. 1 & 3-6,

From Heaven Above to Earth I Come

Children's Time:

Presents

Sharing Time

Sharing Together

Congregational Prayer

Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

Time of Offering

Offertory Invitation

Sharing Our Gifts

Star of the East

Offertory Prayer

Scripture Reading:
Silent Meditation

Luke 2: 22-40 (Pew Bible p. 541)

Hymn: HWB no. 213,

Let All Together Praise Our God

Message:

An Act of Reconciliation

Hymn: HWB no. 210,

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

Benediction

L: We have seen the Christ child; we have held Him in our hearts; we have felt His love for us!

ALL: We can go now, and every day, in peace!

Musical Response

Postlude

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

Worship Participants: Todd Jones (worship leader, children's time & message)

PRAYER CONCERNS

- ***Heather VanMeveren***
- ***Glenda Langeland*** (undergoing therapy)
- ***Central Plains Mennonite Conference:*** Pray for the pastors and lay leaders of our Spanish-speaking churches as they carry out the ministries to which God has called them.
- ***Mennonite Mission Network:*** Kelly and Brian McPhail of MMN serve in China as teachers and administrators through Mennonite Partners in China. Pray for them as they seek to live out Christian values through English teaching in Beijing and through providing logistical support for MPC's relationships with other agencies.

TODAY

Greeters: Clara Koerner & Monica Hofer

Coffee Time: Derrick & Jessica Preheim

11:10am: Sunday School

MW December Project: Carrol & Glenda Langeland/Cookie Walk
Children's S.S. Winter Quarter Project: to be announced

NEXT SUNDAY

Greeters: Phil & Joline Thomas

Organ: Edie Tschetter/David Friesen

Coffee Time: Vernon & Twyla Hofer

THIS WEEK

Wed.: New Year's Eve

Thurs.: New Years Day

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Jan. 6: Deacons Meeting, 7:30pm (Koerner Residence)

Jan. 7: Freeman Network for Justice & Peace, 11:30am (Library)

Midweek Bible Study — 6:30pm Soup Fellowship

7:00pm Orientation

Jan. 8: Freeman Ministerial, 10:00am (Oakview Terrace)

Jan. 11: Communion & Benevolent Fund

Jan. 12: Prayer Shawl

Jan. 13: Worship Committee, 7:00pm

Jan. 14: Midweek Bible Study — 6:30pm Soup Fellowship

7:00pm Study/Children's Ministry

Jan. 15: Church Board, 7:00pm

Jan. 18: Worship, 2:30pm (Diamond Care Center)

You are invited to attend an **alternative discussion-based Sunday School** class on January 4, 11, 18, 25. We will be studying the book from Anabaptist Seed by C. Arnold Snyder. We will be discussing 1. Anabaptist Doctrines, 2. Anabaptist Church Ordinances, 3. Discipleship: Living the Faith, 4. Conclusion: Now what?. There is a sign-up sheet in the back foyer, please sign up so we can get you a book. I am leading this study as part of my PSDE studies and would appreciate your participation. -Jill Hofer

One Thousand Gifts: Our Midweek Bible Study will kick-off with a fellowship meal and orientation on January 7, 2015 at 6:30pm. In anticipation of our study titled "One Thousand Gifts," the Deacons invite you to take and read a copy of the book by Ann Voskamp that inspired it. Physical copies of the book can be found in the church foyer

(one per household please!) or can be purchased at The Kairos. (Digital editions are also available for both Kindle and Nook.)

Communion & Benevolent Fund: We will celebrate Communion on January 11, 2015. This time of thanksgiving is open to all persons who are seeking Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, regardless of church affiliation. January 11 will also mark the first of four annual Benevolent Fund Offerings. The Benevolent Fund is administered by the Deacons of HMC (Todd Koerner, Monica Hofer, & Monica Clem) and is used to offset acute financial needs. If you or someone you know is in financial need, please contact one of the Deacons who can confidentially assist you.

KC2015, the Mennonite Church USA Convention will be held from June 30-July 5, 2015 in Kansas City and we are currently seeking an interested person to represent Hutterthal as a delegate. Information regarding this important gathering of the national church can be found on the MCUSA website. Those interested in participating as a delegate or who would like further information regarding being a delegate are asked to speak with Colin Hofer or Pastor Todd.

FJC/FA Alumni & Friends Holiday Fellowship will be held on Monday, **December 29** in Sterling Hall! There is interest in both women's volleyball and basketball games - so if there is enough participation, we will begin at 6 p.m. with VB followed by women's BB and finally a men's BB game. Free admission, popcorn & pop, sponsored by the Alumni Association! Enter the raffle for a variety of Bobcat spirit items given away throughout the evening! If participating in women's vb, please contact Kelsey Ortman and for women's bb, Lindsay Waltner asap so we can plan accordingly. Hope to see you there!