



Hutterthal Mennonite Church

Christ-centered - Living, Relating, Serving

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December 3, 2017
First Sunday of Advent

Prelude

Lo How a Rose E'er Blooming ~ Pretorius
He shall feed His flock ~ Handel

Call to Worship

Lighting of Advent Candle

Welcome

Opening Prayer

O Come, O Come, Immanuel

HWB #172

Offering/Prayer

Christmas Pastorate ~ Hughes

Children's Story

Scripture

Luke 1:26-38 (Pew Bible p. 540)

Sermon

The Invitation

From heav'n above to earth I come (vs 1,3,4)

HWB #205

Confession

Words of Assurance

Sharing Time

Pastoral Prayer

O Savior, Rend the Heavens

HWB #175

Benediction

Musical Response

Postlude

O come all ye faithful ~ Hofland

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
- Shane & Amy Vetch family (Shane's sister passed away Nov. 21 with Christian burial on Nov. 25)
- Those in our congregation who are hurting
- Additional Prayers

TODAY - December 3, 2017

Greeters: Shane & Amy Hofer Vetch

9:45 am: Worship Service

Accompanist: Norma Hofer

Worship Leader: Amanda Mettler

Lighting the Advent Candle: Madeline & Claire Hofer

Children's time: Rebecca Hofer

Message: Pastor Jack Scandrett

Coffee Time: LaVonne Tschetter

11:10 am: Sunday School for all ages

NEXT SUNDAY – December 10, 2017

Greeters: Joe & Sannie Byler

9:45 am: Worship Service

Accompanist: Charlene Friesen

Worship Leader:

Children's Time: Todd Koerner

Message: Pastor Jack Scandrett

Coffee Time: Phil & Joline Thomas

DECEMBER PROJECTS

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

Children's S.S. Department: MCC Project

CALDENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, Dec. 4, 7:00pm: Annual Congregational Meeting

Thursday, Dec. 7, 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

Jack Scandrett has accepted the call to be our transitional pastor. Pastor Scandrett has served as a pastor or chaplain for 35 years in Mennonite churches in Colorado, Maryland and Pennsylvania. He & his wife Cathy are currently living in Sioux Falls. They will be introducing themselves more fully as this year's annual meeting.

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

Please be reminded to bring your Annual Report Books to the **annual congregational meeting** on **Mon., Dec. 4 at 7:00pm** in Fellowship Hall. The Leadership Selection Committee will bring the following **ballot** to the annual congregational meeting:

Church Treasurer (3 year term) - John Clem

Deacon (3 year term) - Charlene Friesen

Deacon (2 year term to complete term left vacant) - Les Rensink

Trustee (3 year term) - Donovan Friesen

Leadership Selection Committee - Brigitta Hofer

Connection! Advisory Board - Suzanne Koerner

Assistant Head Usher - Dave Friesen

Ushers - Bruce Hofer, Cameron Hofer, Joyce Hofer

Jarrold Kramer, LeRoy Pullman, Marcia Schrock

Music Committee - Steve Friesen

Music Committee (1 year term) - Kathy Pullman

Note: Our by-laws state that the Music Committee shall consist of the head organist (now head accompanist), children's choir director, adult mixed choir director, 2 elected members, and pastor. At the present time we do not have a children's or adult mixed choir director so the Music Committee has requested an additional person for a one-year term to assist with duties.

Motion: The Church Board recommends to the congregation to absorb total responsibility and assume the assets of the Cemetery upon the potential dissolution of Hutterthal Cemetery Association. (Jill H., Lyndon H.) Passed. This will be voted on at the annual meeting.

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.

Advent At Home begins today! Download the free guide for **Advent family worship** at www.anabaptistfaithformation.org. "Yes! Let It Be!" will help you slow down with your children to ponder and prepare for what it means to receive Jesus.

Dear members of Central Plains, your conference needs your financial support. Our recent brochure tells the stories of how we all benefit from sharing together in the mission of Central Plains Mennonite Conference. Together, we can do things that we cannot do by ourselves. Please consider a year-end gift and donate at www.centralplainsmc.org/donate or P.O. Box 101, Freeman, SD 57029. We are so grateful for the strong support of our members!

~ Shana (for the staff and board)

CONNECTING TO THE COMMUNITY

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.

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