



Hutterthal Mennonite Church

Christ-centered - Living, Relating, Serving

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 7, 2014

Prelude

Lighting of the Peace Lamp

Silent Meditation

Lighting of the Advent Wreath:

The Peace Candle

Gathering Hymn: HWB no. 174,

Bless'd be the God of Israel

Welcome

Call to Worship:

adapted from Isaiah 40

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

Time of Silence

L: Redeeming God, work in our hearts so that we, Your people, would share in Your peace.

ALL: Oh, that You would reveal Your peace to us, O Lord.

L: The paths of our world are not straight; the ditches are littered with our friends, past and present.

P: Still, we listen for the voice in the wilderness, "Prepare a way for the Lord."

L: Behold, our God is coming.

P: Christ speaks peace into our noisy world.

ALL: "Comfort, comfort, My people," says our God.

Prayer

Hymn: HWB no. 176,

Comfort, Comfort, O My People

Children's Time:

Candles

Sharing Time

Sharing Together

Congregational Prayer

Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

Moment in Mission

Notes of Encouragement

Time of Offering
Offertory Invitation
Sharing Our Gifts
Offertory Prayer

Scripture Reading:
Silent Meditation

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

Hymn: HWB no. 183,

On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry

Message:

The Invitation of Advent

Hymn: HWB no. 184,

Hark! The Glad Sound

Benediction:

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Musical Response

Postlude

Worship Participants: Doug, Becky, Peyton, Lane, & Finley McCune (Advent Wreath), Amy Hofer Vetch (piano), Moment in Mission (Edie Tschetter), Todd Jones (worship leader, children's time & message), and Nanette Hofer (benediction)

PRAYER CONCERNS

- **Heather VanMeveren** (Tumor has returned; Surgery to remove tumor and entire right lung scheduled for this week)
- **Glenda Langeland**
- **Chris & Melissa Hofer** (birth of son, Carsen Paul, on Dec. 4)
- **Central Plains Mennonite Conference (CPMC):** *Pray for leaders of Mennonite Church USA: Executive Director Ervin Stutzman and his staff as well as the Executive Board. May the Holy Spirit guide them in hope and faith as they lead our church.*
- **Mennonite Mission Network (MMN):** *Pray for the transition government in Burkina Faso after violent demonstrations forced Blaise Compaoré to relinquish presidential power. Anne Garber Kompaoré of MMN, requests us to pray "that the*

Lord will lead to a wide consensus for a person full of integrity and wisdom and courage to lead the country to elections next year.”

TODAY

8:30am: Youth Bible Study

Greeters: Vernon & Norma Hofer

Coffee Time: LaVonne Tschetter

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: Ian Hofer & Todd Koerner

Organ: Norma Hofer

Coffee Time: John & Monica Clem

2:30pm: Worship (Oakview Terrace)

THIS WEEK

Mon.: Prayer Shawl, 7:00pm

Wed.: Christmas Program Practice, 7:00pm

Fri.: Christmas Cookie Walk (Sr. Citizen Center in Freeman)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Dec. 17: Youth make cheese logs, 5:30pm

Christmas Program Practice, 7:00pm

Dec. 20: Youth make cheese logs, 8:30am

Dec. 21: Christmas Program, 7:00pm

Throughout the Seasons of Advent and Christmas we will be celebrating “family.” During these seasons, **you are invited** to bring a “Christmas card picture” of your family, your “Christmas Letter”, or a Christmas Card that you will be sending out as part of our “Family Christmas” display on the bulletin board in the foyer by the sanctuary entrance.

Everyone enjoys **coffee time** at HMC. It’s a good 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 into the “gift box” located in Fellowship Hall

during coffee time. Thank you. Twyla Hofer

Families: check out sample set of Advent At-Home Devotionals in the foyer. If you are interested, you will find the materials at

<http://resources.mennonitechurch.ca/SelectDownloadFormat/43/17175>.

Order your Christmas Cheese Logs! Cheese logs are homemade by the Hutterthal Youth Group. We have 4 **varieties of cheese logs to choose from: *Ranch, *Parmesan/Asiago, *Feta/Sweet Red Pepper and *Garlic/Cheddar.** Each cheese log is \$10.00. Place your order with any youth member/sponsor Dec. 14th. Delivery date: Dec. 21.

The MW **Christmas Cookie Walk** will be Fri., Dec. 12 (snow date-Mon., Dec. 15). Please bring your cookies to the Sr. Citizen Center by 9 am. Proceeds will assist Carrol & Glenda Langeland with expenses incurred since Glenda suffered a brain aneurysm on Nov 2. We want this to be an encouragement that shows them our love & support.

Please bring a plate of Christmas Goodies the morning of the **Dec. 21st** to be shared around the tables with fruit and peanuts provided for our Family Christmas/S.S. Christmas program. We hope everyone can attend!

THE MENNONITE Anyone interested in receiving The Mennonite at the group price give a check to Ardella Gross for \$37 made out to The Mennonite.

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

The **Freeman Academy Studio Subscription Series** is excited to host **Flower and Flame, Monday, December 8 at 7:00 pm** in Pioneer Hall on the Freeman Academy campus. Flower and Flame, professional musicians and an actor, present "A Christmas Carol" with story-telling and music. Doors open at 6:30 pm. Tickets may be purchased at the door and include a dessert reception following the performance. Questions? Please contact Amy Hofer Vetch at 605-925-4237 Ext. 240 or by email ahofer@freemanacademy.org.

Please join us for the next **Freeman Network for Justice and Peace** in Freeman Public Library Community room at **11:30** am on **December 10**. All are welcome!

The **1-4th grade students** are preparing to share a **musical** on Thursday, **December 11 at 4:30 pm in Pioneer Hall**. Journey with the Fourth Wise Man Artaban (Artie, for short) to Bethlehem as he goes in search of the newborn King of Kings. Along the way, Artie is joined by Magdalyn the Angel who helps him on his quest. During their journey, Artie and Magdalyn meet some people in need and Artie misses the birth of Jesus, but he learns some important Biblical truths as well. The musical is open to the public. Refreshments will be provided following the performance. Bring your little and big friends to this engaging performance of "The Legend of the Christmas King."

The Anchorage Service Adventure (Renee Neufeld is the leader) unit is busy making **things to sell to raise money** for our year end trip in June. Alaska-made caramels, cookie mixes, coasters and mugs are just a few of the items that would make great Christmas gifts. We have an online store at: store6165092.ecwid.com that shows all our wares. Email eener_n@yahoo.com if you would like a paper form. **Orders need to be received by December 14th** in order to arrive at your home by Christmas. Shipping is included in the prices. Thanks so much for your support of us this year!

The Freeman Academy music department features "**A Renaissance Yuletide**", **December 18 & 19, at 6:30 pm in Pioneer Hall**. **Reservations** are needed for this event and are requested **by Dec. 10**. Questions? Please call the office at 925-4237.

Freeman Academy wants to hire an **assistant cook** for the school lunch program. Hours are 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. each school day. Contact Katie Minster at 925-4237.