



Hutterthal Mennonite Church

Christ-centered - Living, Relating, Serving

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"Keep up Your reputation, God — give me life! In Your justice, get me out of this trouble! In Your great love, vanquish my enemies; make a clean sweep of those who harass me. And why? Because I'm Your servant" — Psalm 143: 11-12, MSG

Prelude

Gathering

Come, We that Love the Lord

HWB 14

Welcome/Call to Worship

Holy, Holy, Holy!

HWB 120

Prayer

Scripture Reading

2 Corinthians 4: 13-18 (Pew Bible p. 611)

I Will Call Upon the Lord

STJ 19

Sharing Time

Congregational Prayer

Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

Worship Music:

Time of Offering

Offering Invitation

Offering Prayer

Children's Time

What Are You Afraid Of?

Just As I Am, Without One Plea

STJ 92

Scripture Reading

Judges 6: 11-32 (Pew Bible p. 134)

Message

Out of the Winepress

Child Dedication

Avery Nichole Waltner (daughter of Brandon & Kylea Waltner)

Otto Lee Mettler (son of Rodney & Amanda Mettler)

Lord, We Bring to You Our Children

HWB 90

Benediction

Musical Response

Postlude

Worship Participants: Paige Zachariasen, accompanist; Les Rensink, worship leader; LaVonne Tschetter, worship music; & Todd Jones, children's time & message

PRAYER CONCERNS

- Elias Peter (born 2/9 to Lance & Lacey Friesen)
- Amos Kleinsasser
- Larry Hofer
- Randy Pullman (brother of LeRoy Pullman)
- Additional Prayers

TODAY — February 12, 2017

Greeters: Paul & Priscilla Hofer

9:45 am: Worship Service

Coffee Time: Donovan and Sherryl Friesen

11:10 am: Sunday School

NEXT SUNDAY — February 19, 2017

Greeters: Joline & Phil Thomas

Accompanist: Norma Lee Hofer

Worship Leader: Edie Tschetter

Worship Music: Larry & Nicolle Timmerman

Coffee Time: Chad & Rebecca Hofer

11:10 am: Sunday School for All Ages

FEBRUARY PROJECTS

Congregational Ministries: Swan Lake Christian Camp (Cash Donations)
Children's S.S. Dec/Jan/Feb Project: MCC Congo Project

THIS WEEK

Monday, 9:15am: Pastor Peer (Sioux Falls)

7:00pm: Prayer Shawl

Wednesday, 12:00pm: Freeman Network for Justice & Peace (Library)

6:30 pm: Soup supper and Midweek Bible study

Thursday, 7:30pm: Church Board

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Feb. 20: President's Day

Feb. 22, 12:00pm: March Connection Deadline

6:30pm: Soup Fellowship & Midweek Bible Study

Feb. 23, 6:00pm: Everence Supper

Feb. 28, 7:00pm: Tuesday's with Dave

Mar. 1, 10:00am: Freeman Ministerial (Parsonage)

6:30pm: Soup Fellowship & Midweek Bible Study

Mar. 7, 7:00pm: Deacons Meeting (Parsonage)

May 29, 9:00am: Vacation Bible School Kick-off!

Midweek Bible Study: "Courage for the Journey" – Midweek Bible study will continue on February 15. Upcoming sessions include:

February 15– The Shared Path: Soul Friends

February 22– The Quiet Path: Solitude

March 1 — The Joyful Path: Worship

Each Wednesday session begins with an optional **soup supper fellowship beginning at 6:30pm the study starting at 7pm.** Please come out for an evening of biblical wisdom, practical guidance and light-hearted inspiration. Leave feeling prepared to face life's challenges with courage and strength. No preparation is required beforehand – you are simply invited to join us. Bonus: watch for encouraging emails in your inbox throughout the weeks of the study (printed copies are available). – Jill Hofer and Michelle Hofer

Delegates Needed!

The Church Board is currently seeking 4 adult delegates for the CPMC Annual Meeting, June 15-18, 2017 in Sioux Falls, SD. Those interested in attending as a HMC delegate are asked to speak with Dennis Schrock. (The Registration Fee is covered by the church.)

The Church Board is currently seeking 1 adult delegate for the MCUSA Biennial Gathering in Orlando, FL, July 4-8, 2017. Those interested in attending as the HMC Delegate are asked to speak with Dennis Schrock. (The Registration Fee is covered by the church and Registration is currently open.)

The Everence Sharing Fund provided \$1,391 in matching funds to support special needs in our church and in the Freeman community in 2016. John Clem serves as the Everence advocate for our congregation. Please contact John for more information.

The **RADICAL Sunday School class** will be starting a new book study on today. We have chosen to study, *In Tune With God: The Art of Congregational Discernment*, by Sally Weaver Glick. This book opens the door for discussion on the topic of congregational discernment and learning to listen for God's will in church decisions and business. This class is open to all adults. If you are interested in joining us, please talk to either Jill, Colin, or Dave so that we can order you a book.

The first of a series of three **"Tuesdays with Dave"** Webinars is coming soon! This series will focus on how the life and message of our churches can be infused with grace, joy and peace in a world seeking hope. Join us on Tuesday, February 28, at 7 pm for the first teaching video "Witness in Exile: Longing for a Better Place" or at 7:30 pm for an online interactive conversation based on this video. You are strongly encouraged to view the teaching video ahead of time in any setting where groups in your congregation gather (Sunday School, Bible Study, small group, etc.) or by individuals at home. The teaching videos can be accessed at the Central Plains Mennonite Conference website at: <http://tinyurl.com/TuesdayswithDave> . Information for connecting to the Tuesday night online conversation is available from your church office and on our website.

Schmeckfest Notes:

Cottage Cheese Pocket workdays in preparation for Schmeckfest are scheduled for Tues. Feb. 14th, 21st. and 28th starting at 9 A.M. Join us at Freeman Academy in the Pioneer Hall kitchen. Contact June Pullman @ 825-4277 if you have any questions.

Volunteers are needed for making 1400 kuchen that will be used at the meal (600) and sold in the Country Kitchen (800) over the four days of Schmeckfest - March 24-25 and March 31-April 1. We will be baking all kuchen at the Tyndall Bakery on three separate days: **March 4, March 8 and March 15 from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. each day.** The filling needs to be made in the Pioneer Hall kitchen prior to each baking day. **March 3, March 7 and March 14** will need workers from 1:00-7:00 or 8:00 p.m. each day. Helpers are welcome for all or part of a shift. Donations of peaches, cherries, mulberries, rhubarb, raspberries, etc. would be appreciated. We need about 10 people for each baking day and 4-6 for making pudding. **Please contact Vernetta Waltner at 321-7351, 925-7620 or waltners@hotmail.com to volunteer your time in any of these ways.** Cash donations to defray the costs for kuchen can be given to Debra Schmeichel or any area Schmeckfest food committee member.

Families with elementary children are invited to **Discovery Day** on Feb. 20 at Freeman Academy. Interested families can “try on” Freeman Academy for a day. Discovery Day guests will experience classes, tour campus, worship in chapel and visit with parents and teachers over lunch. Discovery Day begins at 9am on the first floor of the Administration Building and concludes at 1 pm. Reserve space for your family by contacting Lynnelle Allison, Enrollment Director, at 605-925-4237 extension 225 or email lallison@freemanacademy.org Please RSVP by Feb. 16.

Families interested in Freeman Academy are invited to a **progressive supper** beginning at 4:30 pm *today* at Sterling Hall. Freeman Academy parents are welcoming guests to their homes to hear the impact the school’s caring community has had on their families. Join us for an engaging evening as parents, students, and teachers share their hearts. Supper, creative activities and active games are provided for the children of guest families. RSVP by Feb. 8 to Lynnelle Allison, Enrollment Director, by calling 605-925-4237 extension 225 or email lallison@freemanacademy.org

You can nurture your family’s faith at home this Lent and Easter with family worship. **“Restore Us, O God,”** a devotional resource can be picked up in the church foyer (or print your own from the website: www.anabaptistfaithformation.org). This resource is for use beginning March 1 (Ash Wednesday) and running through April 16 (Easter Sunday).

Wellspring Wholistic Counseling announces a part-time job opening for its administrative position. This position serves as secretary and treasurer for the Wellspring Board and includes the coordination of billing information among the counselor, billing agency, and Board as well as other

administrative tasks. Interested individuals should contact Dr. Dennis Ries, Wellspring Board president, at 925-7788 for more information. Wellspring is a church supported, non-profit counseling service located in Freeman and serving the surrounding community areas. The holistic concept of Wellspring supports each individual's physical, emotional and social well-being by providing a supportive environment and empowering individuals and families to experience safe, productive and positive life changes.

Swan Lake Christian Camp will be holding its Annual Meeting and Appreciation Dinner on Saturday March 4 at 6:00 pm. Doug Peterson, University of Sioux Falls Cross Country Coach, will be the featured speaker. All are welcome to attend whether you are a long time supporter or just want to find out how you can be part of the ministry at Swan Lake. Please RSVP by February 26 to campoffice@myslcc.com or 605-326-5690.

WELCOMING IMMIGRANTS AND REFUGEES AS NEIGHBORS.

1) Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) U.S. decries the executive actions on immigration enforcement taken this week by President Trump as well as actions on refugee resettlement expected later. In our society, rejection of the immigrant—“the other”—still runs deep. By building walls and turning away refugees we ignore Christ’s call to care for those in need and to love the newcomer. We encourage you to consider new ways you can welcome and refugees as neighbors in your community, and to make your voice heard by contacting the White House and your members of Congress. Pray with us for hearts of love for one another.

2) MCC Statement on Welcoming Immigrants: <https://mcc.org/stories/statement-welcoming-immigrants-refugees-neighbors>

3) MCC U.S. Immigration Policy Principles: <https://mcc.org/media/resources/664>

4) MCC Washington Office Action Alert: <https://mcc.org/get-involved/advocacy/alerts/more/migration>

Looking for a **summer internship**? Learn, grow and develop your skills while interning (some positions are paid) for an organization that makes a difference in the world! Check out our opportunities at: <https://mcc.org/get-involved/serve/openings/short-term>