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Christ-centered - Living, Relating, Serving

February 15, 2015

Prelude

Lighting of the Peace Lamp:

L: "Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ."

P: We gather in the light of our God, resting in the peace of our Savior, and sharing His grace by the power of Spirit that's alive in us.

Gathering Song: HWB no. 71,

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Romans 1: 7b (NKJV)

Welcome

Call to Worship

L: Led by the Holy Spirit, we come to this place.

P: God has given us this haven where we may bring our hopes, our fears, our doubts, our wonder.

L: Led by the Holy Spirit, we will gather as the Body of Christ.

P: Where God's people are gathered, Jesus is there among them, filling them with grace and peace.

L: Led by the Holy Spirit, we will go to serve God's people.

P: Even in the face of temptation, we will walk in the ways of our God that Jesus might be manifested in us.

ALL: We are led by the Holy Spirit; we are blessed to worship our God!

Prayer

Hymn: STJ no. 43, Loving Spirit

Children's Time

Sharing Time
Congregational Prayer
Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

Worship Music

Time of Offering
Offertory Invitation
Sharing Our Gifts
Offertory Prayer

Scripture Reading:
Silent Meditation

Luke 4: 1-13 (Pew Bible p. 542)

Hymn: HWB no. 533, Jesus, My Lord, My God, My All

Message: Facing Temptation

Hymn: HWB no. 544, When We Walk with the Lord

Benediction

Postlude

Worship Participants: Charlene Friesen (accompanist), *Monica Clem (worship leader)*, *Monica Hofer (children's time)*, *LaVonne Tschetter (worship music)*, & Dennis Schrock (message)

PRAYER CONCERNS

· Heather VanMeveren

· Glenda Langeland (in therapy)

TODAY

Greeters: Marj Hofer & Adeline Friesen **Coffee Time:** Chad & Rebecca Hofer

11:10am: Sunday School

MW January Project: Cash - Swan Lake Christian Camp

Children's S.S. Winter Quarter Project: MMN Argentina - funding Mennonite

workers' travel

NEXT SUNDAY: FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Greeters: Lyndon and Barbie Hofer **Accompanist:** Norma Lee Hofer

Worship Music: Worship Committee **Coffee Time:** John and Monica Clem

THIS WEEK

Mon.: Deacons Meeting—7:00pm (M. Hofer Residence) **Tues:** "Tuesday's with Dave" — 7:00pm (Bethany MC)

Wed.: ASH WEDNESDAY

Thurs.: Church Board — 7:00pm

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Feb. 25: Connections Deadline

"Tuesday's with Dave" — 7:00pm (Bethany MC)

Mar 1: Second Sunday of Lent

Mar. 4: Freeman Network for Justice & Peace—11:30am (Library)

Mar. 5: Freeman Ministerial – 10:00am (Freeman Academy)

Mar. 10: Deacons Meeting — 7:00pm (Parsonage)

Mar. 29-Apr. 1: Holy Week Services feat. Marlene Kropf — 7:00pm

The **from Anabaptist Seed class** will reconvene in the sanctuary today.

The Intergenerational class is sponsoring a Songfest **March 15**. We will have a pot luck after Sunday School followed by a time of singing together. Our theme for the time of singing is Happiness. If you have suggestions of happy songs you would like to sing, give them to Les Rensink. Emails welcome les@goldenwest.net, or drop a note in my mail box.

Preparations continue for "**Tuesdays with Dave**," a video teleconference for congregations scheduled for Tuesday, **February 17**/24 at 7:30 pm CST. Dave Boshart, Executive Conference Minister for Central PMC will address questions of congregational outreach. All CPMC congregations have been invited to participate in this video teleconference. Please plan to attend. More information is available from your pastor or from David Boshart at 319.936.5904.

SCHMECKFEST:

Cottage cheese pocket making: **Feb. 17 and March 3, 9am** in Pioneer Hall. Everyone is welcome to come help. Please bring a rolling pin. Contact June Pullman or Boni Hofer if you have any questions.

Knepf making: Fri., **Feb. 27, 2-7 p.m**. and **Sat., Feb. 28, 9am-3pm** to make 96 gallons of knepf.

Kuchen Prep: March 2, 6 & 11, 1-7pm or 8pm, Pioneer Hall – this is to prepare the fillings needed for the kuchens that will be baked at the Tyndall Bakery; come for all or part of a shift; need 4-6 people/shift; donations of peaches, cherries, mulberries, rhubarb, raspberries, etc., as well as cash are welcome

Kuchen Baking: Mar. 4, 7 & 12; need about 10 people each day in Tyndall; 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.

DISCOVERY DAY at FA! Students & parents are invited to attend Freeman Academy's DISCOVERY DAY on Monday, February 16. Come, visit and spend time with a "Buddy" to experience a creative day at FA. All are invited, but please call and let us know if you are coming so we can plan for you (especially for Grades 1st-4th). Call Nanette Hofer, Enrollment Director at 605-924-4237 Ext. 225. We would love to have you with us!

March 3 (Tuesday) — Bluffton University's (Bluffton, OH) Camerata Singers will present a concert at 7 p.m. at Salem Mennonite Church. This 29-member select chamber choir is under the direction of Dr. Mark J. Suderman, nephew of Pastor S. Roy Kaufman. Other close Freeman connections are choir members Brittney Ries, daughter of Duane and Donna Ries, and Sam Stucky, grandson of LaNae (LaVerne) Waltner.

The Annual meeting and Appreciation Dinner for the Swan Lake Christian Camp association is set for March 7, 2015 at 6:00 pm. All are invited to attend. Tours of the new

retreat center will begin at 5:30 pm. Please RSVP by March 1 if you plan to attend. 605-326-5690 or campoffice@myslcc.com

Volunteers Needed! Would you like to enjoy a morning or afternoon with friends while volunteering your talents and time to assist with various projects at Freeman Academy? We would like to match your interest and gifts to assorted tasks such as cleaning, painting, gardening, mowing, etc. Coffee breaks, lunch and special t-shirts are planned to make your time one of fellowship and teamwork! If you have a few hours to contribute from time-to-time in this way, please contact Vernetta Waltner at 925-4237, ext. 235 or vwaner@freemanacademy.org to join our group efforts.