



Hutterthal Mennonite Church

Christ-centered - Living, Relating, Serving

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*“And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world,
and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.”*

~ John 3: 19, NKJV

Prelude

Gathering

Come, Thou Almighty King

HWB 41

The Lord is King

HWB 69

Welcome/Call to Worship

Prayer

Scripture Reading

Romans 1: 18-25 (Pew Bible p. 594)

How Bless'd Are They

HWB 525

Sharing Time

Congregational Prayer

Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

Worship Music: *Here I Am*

STJ 100

Time of Offering

Offering Invitation

Offering Prayer

Children's Time

Row, Row, Row, Your Boat?

Far, Far Away From My Loving Father

HWB 139

Scripture Reading

Judges 8: 22-32 (Pew Bible p. 136)

Message

Playing the Harlot

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

HWB 145

Benediction

Musical Response

Postlude

PRAYER CONCERNS

- Family of Melvin Glanzer (passed away 2/18)
- Reagan Medina (scheduled for heart procedure in April)
- Melissa Hofer
- Larry Hofer
- Additional Prayers

TODAY — February 26, 2017

Greeters: Lyndon & Barbie Hofer

9:45 am: Worship Service

Accompanist: Elvera Deckert

Worship Music: Darnell & Lori Tschetter

Worship Music Accompanist: Amy Hofer Vetch

Children's Time & Message: Todd Jones

Coffee Time: John & Monica Clem

11:10 am: Sunday School

NEXT SUNDAY — March 5, 2017 (1st SUNDAY of LENT)

Greeters: Joe & Sannie Byler

Accompanist: Amy Hofer Vetch

Worship Music: Fortis

Children's Time & Message: Todd Jones

Coffee Time: Doug & Becky McCune

11:10 am: Sunday School for All Ages

MARCH PROJECTS

Congregational Ministries: Soap & Hygiene Kits for MCC

Children's S.S. Department Project: Swan Lake Christian Camp

THIS WEEK

Tuesday, 7:00pm: Tuesdays with Dave Webinar

Wednesday, ASH WEDNESDAY

12:00pm: Freeman Ministerial (parsonage)

6:30 pm: Soup supper and Midweek Bible study

Saturday, 6:00pm: Swan Lake C.C. Annual Meeting

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mar. 6, 8:00pm: Rural Revival (Freeman Library)

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

Mar. 8, 12:00pm: Freeman Network for Justice & Peace (F. Library)

Mar. 12: Daylight Savings Time Begins

Mar. 13, 7:00pm: Prayer Shawl

Mar. 16, 7:30pm: Church Board

Mar. 19-21: Annual Leaders Retreat (Schuyler, NE)

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

Midweek Bible Study: “Courage for the Journey” – Midweek Bible study will conclude on March 1 with the session:

The Joyful Path: Worship

The final session begins with an optional **pizza 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.)

You can nurture your families 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).

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.

The hospitality committee at North Church is asking for help from Hutterthal in hosting 52 people from Bethel College on Sunday, March 19, following their choir concert that evening at North Church. An offering will be taken to benefit Mennonite Central Committee. Responsibilities include Sunday overnight lodging, breakfast and a sack lunch for the road on Monday. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer with a response needed **by March 6**. [Please note that Hutterthal will be joined by *Open Road*, a Bethel College Men’s Ensemble, on Sunday morning, March 19!]

The **Freeman Academy** Board of Directors is pleased to announce Nathan Epp, Marion, as its next **Head of School**. Nathan currently teaches science and Bible, serves as athletic director, and coaches multiple sports. He will assume his administrative duties in July. Please keep Nathan and the Academy community in your prayers as they make this transition.

Explore what God is doing around the world through **Youth Venture**, a short-term service and

learning program of Mennonite Mission Network. Teams of youth and adult leaders will join local ministries in Belfast, Benin, Detroit, and Perú for 2-3 three weeks this summer. These formational are geared for ages 14 – 22. They are often the stepping stones to a lifetime of service and church leadership. Space is filling up fast so apply today! For more information visit mennonitemission.net/YouthVenture.

Schmeckfest Notes:

Heritage Hall Museum is looking for volunteers for our pre-Schmeckfest work day on Saturday, March 11, at 9:00 a.m. This will include cleaning, rearranging, and some last-minute work on exhibits. The museum is also in need of hosts to assist visitors during both weekends of Schmeckfest, specifically volunteers who are interested in the Deckert House or Diamond Valley School. Hosting is a fun, simple job and can be done with a partner so bring a friend! Contact Kelsey Ortman at 605-421-1318 or email museum@freemaninfo.com for more information. The final Cottage Cheese Pocket workday in preparation for Schmeckfest is scheduled for Tues. Feb. 28 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.

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