



Hutterthal Mennonite Church

Christ-centered - Living, Relating, Serving

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*“Give unto the Lord, O you mighty ones, give unto the Lord glory and strength. Give unto the Lord the glory due to His name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.”
Psalm 29: 1-2, NKJV*

Prelude

Welcome

Lighting of the Peace Lamp

Prayer

Call to Worship

L: God speaks to us through the prophet, “Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine.”

P: We affirm that we belong to God, His precious possession.

L: Therefore, whether we pass through the waters or the fire, He declares:

ALL: “Fear not, for I am with you.”

L: Beyond measure, we are honored and loved,

ALL: fed upon the very grace of God who leads us into life

L: Come, let us worship Him in the beauty of holiness.

P: Come, let us bow before our God and King.

Hymn: HWB no. 459,

I Come with Joy to Meet My Lord

Children's Time:

Plain Water

Time of Offering

Offertory Invitation

Offertory Prayer

Scripture Reading:

Isaiah 43: 1-7 (Pew Bible p. 381)

Silent Meditation

Hymn: HWB no. 603,

Sometimes a Light Surprises

Message:

Beautiful Pain

Communion

Worship Music:

Sharing Time

Congregational Prayer

Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

Hymn: HWB no. 170,

The King of Love My Shepherd

Benediction:

L: Let us go forth having been filled upon all the fullness of God.

P: We go forth in the assurance of God's Word, "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine."

L: As God's precious possession, honored and love, share the grace that has led you to life.

P: We will walk with God, that the beauty of His holiness may abound through us.

Musical Response

Postlude

Worship Participants: Amy Hofer Vetch (accompanist), LaVonne Tschetter (worship music), and Todd Jones (children's time & message)

PRAYER CONCERNS

- **Mercedes Jade** (born 1/5/16 to Sam & Christy Hofer)
- **Tim Detweiler** (undergoing chemo)
- **Frank Wiebe** (undergoing chemo)
- **Central Plains Mennonite Conference (CPMC):** Pray for the workshop on Conflict Transformation Skills to be held next weekend in Freeman, South Dakota. Pray that many will learn valuable skills they can put to use in their relationships and congregational leader-ship roles.
- **Mennonite Mission Network (MMN):** Odessa Theological Seminary is closed for four months during the winter to save on heating costs. Pray for Mary Raber of MMN as she prepares courses for classes scheduled to resume in March.
- **Additional prayers**

TODAY: Communion/Benevolent Fund

9:00am: Gathering 58:6

Greeters: Phil & Joline Thomas

9:45am: Worship Service

Coffee Time: Larry & Nicolle Timmerman

11:05am: Sunday School for all ages

2:00pm: Baby shower for Camilla Hofer

MW January Project: Blankets, Sheets or Towels (see mailbox flyer for details)

Children's S.S. Fall Project: CPMC Ecuador Partnership

NEXT SUNDAY:

Greeters: Steve Mendel & Moses Glanzer

Accompanist: Edie Tschetter

Music: Larry & Brigitta Hofer

Coffee Time: Steve Mendel

THIS WEEK

Mon.: 7:00pm Prayer Shawl

Wed.: 11:30am FNJP (Freeman Library)

6:30pm Midweek Bible Study: "Why Is Israel/Palestine Holy Land?" (2)

Fri.-Sat.: Conflict Transformation Workshop (North Church)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Jan. 18: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Jan. 19: 9:15am Pastor-Peer (Sioux Falls)

Jan. 20: 6:30pm Midweek Bible Study

Jan. 21: 7:00pm Church Board

Jan. 26: 7:00pm Worship Planning Team

Jan. 27: 6:30pm Midweek Bible Study

This morning we will celebrate **Communion** together at HMC. All are welcome and encouraged to participate with us in knowing and receiving the blessing of table fellowship with Christ and one another. A **Benevolent Fund Offering** will also be received in an offering basket in the foyer. All gifts will be used to confidentially assist members who are experiencing acute financial need. If you are aware of such need please contact an HMC Deacon (Monica Hofer, Monica Clem, or Todd Koerner). Thank you!

Please join us in fellowship for a **baby shower** honoring Rina and Camilla Hofer **this afternoon at 2:00 pm** in HMC Fellowship Hall. (See more details in the January *Connection!*)

Midweek Bible Study: "Holy Land" — Our Midweek Bible study featuring guest presenter Pastor. S. Roy Kaufman will continue on January 13. We begin each Wednesday session with a soup supper fellowship beginning at 6:30pm with the study starting promptly at 7pm. A study syllabus has been placed in your mailboxes and includes a list of relevant Scripture readings for each week. *Childcare* is available. Please contact Pastor Todd if you will require childcare so appropriate arrangements can be made.

Edie Tschetter has submitted her resignation as **Church Office Administrative Assistant** as of March 1. If you are interested in, or have suggestions for this position, please contact one of the Trustees - LeRoy Pullman, Darnell Tschetter or Paul Hofer. You are invited to **recycle** old annual report books and yearbooks in the box available by the library.

Are you interested in how worship happens? Do you like to share ideas and work beside others? Do you have a vision for our Lenten Season—how it might look, feel, and how might use that time to draw us nearer to Him? If you answered yes to any of these questions, then the Worship Planning Team is for you! **The Worship Planning Team will meet on January 26 at 7pm at HMC** to discuss the upcoming Lenten season. All are welcome to gather and share. Those interested are asked to pick up a copy of the latest edition of *Leader Magazine* from the church foyer and read through it in preparation.

Thinking about retirement? Faith-based Everence understands how your values and dreams are important as you make decisions for your future. Use Everence resources – such as a retirement income calculator and other worksheets – to help you determine if you’re ready at everence.com/retire. Contact Everence rep John Clem for more details.

Heritage Hall Museum and Archives fundraiser: Sunday, January 17 featuring the Lincoln Page Bi Plane flown by the Waltner brothers. The plane has been hanging in the Museum since the 1970s but was taken down and moved to the transportation room late last month. This is an opportunity to see the plane on the ground and look in the cockpit before it “takes flight” again. The museum will be open to the public from 1-5. There will be children’s activities and prizes for grades 1-6 from 1:15 pm to 1:45 pm. Norman Hofer will share stories at 2:00 pm in front of the plane in the transportation room. Admission is by free will donation. Check the Freeman Courier for more information.

The Freeman Academy Auxiliary will be **making noodles** for the Schmeckfest Country Kitchen and meals on **Tuesday, February 2, Saturday, February 6 and Tuesday, February 9**, in the Pioneer Hall dining room starting at 9 a.m. Volunteers to help with the noodle making project will be appreciated.

A **half day retreat, “Word and Spirit”**, will be **January 30** at Salem Mennonite Church, rural Freeman, to prepare for Lent. This devotional retreat will be from 8:30 to 12:00. Resource leaders will use spiritual practices to provide a morning of worship and reflection with texts for Lent. Though sponsored by the Central Plains Conference Christian Formation Committee, the resource leaders invite participation across denominational and generational lines. Light refreshments will be served during the morning. The workshop is free but a donation basket will be available for participants to contribute. Please register at the Central Plains Office in Freeman (925-4463) by January 18. Resource leaders are Barbara Tieszen, Dawn Stahl, and Lois Janzen Preheim. For

more details, contact your church secretary as brochures with more details have been sent to both conference and local churches.

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