



# Hutterthal Mennonite Church

*Christ-centered - Living, Relating, Serving*

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“God be merciful to us and bless us, and cause His face to shine upon us,  
that Your way may be known on earth, Your salvation among all nations.”

Psalm 67: 1-2, NKJV

## **Prelude**

## **Welcome**

### **Lighting of the Peace Lamp**

## **Prayer**

## **Call to Worship**

L: Praise the Lord, all you saints!

**P: Praise Him, all you heavenly hosts!**

L: So great a cloud of witnesses surrounds us.

**P: They witness to God's mighty acts.**

L: They witness to God's steadfast love.

**P: Their witness guides us in our faith.**

L: Give thanks to God for the conversion of Paul:

**P: Apostle of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

L: Sing praise to God, sing praise to Him.

**P: Sing praise and thanks for all His saints.**

**Hymn:** HWB no. 129,

*Fire of God, Undying Flame*

**Children's Time:**

Room to Grow

**Time of Offering**

**Offertory Invitation**

**Offertory Prayer**

**Scripture Reading:**

Galatians 1: 11-24 (Pew Bible p. 615)

**Silent Meditation**

**Hymn:** STJ no. 43,

*My Faith Has Found a Resting Place*

**Message:**

Transformative Love

**Worship Music:**

**Sharing Time**

**Congregational Prayer**

**Lord's Prayer** (debts/debtors)

**Hymn:** STJ no. 53,

*O God in Heaven*

**Benediction**

**Musical Response**

**Postlude**

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**Worship Participants:** Felicity Jones (prelude), Amy Hofer Vetch (accompanist),  
worship music arranged by LeRoy Hofer, and Todd Jones (children's time & message)

***PRAYER CONCERNS***

· **Tim Detweiler** (undergoing chemo)

- **Frank Wiebe** (undergoing chemo)
- **Central Plains Mennonite Conference (CPMC):** Pray for the Central Plains Pastoral Leadership Committee meeting next week-end. They will be conducting credentialing interviews for several new pastors.
- **Mennonite Mission Network (MMN):** Lauren Baer, Laura Haar, Malte Kaliske, Jessica Lindsay, and Pablo Lorenzana make up MMN's Service Adventure unit in Albany, Oregon. Pray for them as they work with Habitat for Humanity, care for older adults, help in the local school system, and engage in ministries with homeless people.
- **Additional prayers**

## **TODAY:**

**Greeters:** LeRoy & Kathy Pullman

**9:45am:** Worship Service

**Coffee Time:** Eric & Michelle Neuharth

**11:05am:** Sunday School for all ages

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

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

## **NEXT SUNDAY:**

**Greeters:** Donovan & Sherryl Friesen

**Accompanist:** Charlene Friesen

**Music:** Melvin & Emma Hofer

**Coffee Time:** Alvina Hofer

## **THIS WEEK**

**Tues.:** 7:00pm Worship Planning Team

**Wed.:** 6:30pm Soup Fellowship

7:00pm Midweek Bible Study

**Fri.:** 10:10am Chapel (Freeman Academy)

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Feb. 2:** 7:00pm Deacons Meeting (M. Hofer Residence)

**Feb. 3:** 10:00am Freeman Ministerial (South Church)

6:30pm Soup Fellowship

7:00pm Midweek Bible Study

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.

**Connection! Deadline:** Wed., noon, Jan. 27. Give all info to Edie and Church News to Twyla.

**Midweek Bible Study: “Holy Land”** — Our Midweek Bible study featuring guest presenter Pastor. S. Roy Kaufman will continue on January 27. We begin each Wednesday session with a soup supper fellowship starting at 6:30pm with the study starting promptly at 7pm.

**Next Sunday** will be the last day that the donation box will be in the upper foyer to receive **donations** to offset the costs of the **Pictorial Directory**. The Directories cost \$20 each to produce. The Deacons encourage you to use your Directories as a prayer journal and a reference for birthdays or anniversaries.

There will be a **brief congregational meeting** following the worship service on **Feb. 7** to vote on the following recommendation presented by the Church Board. “The Board recommends that we add a permanent extension to the stage area at the front of the church and replace the sanctuary carpet at an approximate cost of \$7,000. The funds will come from the Capital Improvement Fund.” (This does not include the piano or pipe organ areas.)

Are you interested in making deeper connections with the work of our conference? Would you like to help influence that ongoing ministry? Currently, we are **seeking delegates** to the Annual Meeting of the **Central Plains Mennonite Conference**. The meeting is scheduled for **June 16-19, 2016 in Des Moines, Iowa**. Those interested in learning more or participating as delegates are asked to contact Pastor Todd for further information.

**Heritage Hall Museum and Archives fundraiser: this after-noon, (postponed**

**from January 17),** featuring the Lincoln Page Bi Plane flown by the Waltner brothers. 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.

A half day retreat, “**Word and Spirit**”, will be **January 30** at Salem Mennonite Church, rural Freeman, to prepare for Lent, **8:30—12:00**. Resource leaders will use spiritual practices to provide a morning of worship and reflection as they work with three texts from Lent.

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.

Freeman Academy Auxiliary committee lists are available on the table in the foyer.

**Donations of ground beef** for the FA dorm would be appreciated if any of our alumni, parents or friends are planning to butcher this winter or have extra in their freezers. Please contact Chandra van Zyl at [cvanzyl@freemanacademy.org](mailto:cvanzyl@freemanacademy.org) or Vernetta Waltner at [vwaltner@freemanacademy.org](mailto:vwaltner@freemanacademy.org) if you can help in this way.

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