



Hutterthal Mennonite Church

Christ-centered - Living, Relating, Serving

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EPIPHANY SUNDAY
January 4, 2015

Prelude

Lighting of the Peace Lamp

Gathering Hymn: HWB no. 199,

The First Noel, the Angel Did Say

Welcome

Call to Worship

L: Come, let us worship in faith the God who is here and desires our worship.

Time of Silence

L: Incarnate God, work in our hearts, that our worship would be filled with the awe that comes from remembering Your saving mystery.

ALL: In a little Child, God is revealed to us.

L: The mystery, kept hidden in ages past, has been made known.

P: We, who were once outsiders, now share in the inheritance.

L: All of us, part of the same body, share the same promise,

P: through the Gospel of Christ Jesus, our Lord.

L: Throwing light on the inner workings of this mystery was God's plan from all eternity.

ALL: In thankfulness we treasure the immeasurable riches of Christ!

Prayer

Hymn: HWB no. 218,

As with Gladness Men of Old

Children's Time:

Star of Bethlehem

Sharing Time

Sharing Together

Congregational Prayer

Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

Time of Offering

Offertory Invitation

Sharing Our Gifts

Offertory Prayer

Scripture Reading:
Silent Meditation

Matthew 2: 1-12 (Pew Bible p. 509)

Hymn: HWB no. 216,

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

Message:

New Member Reception:

Child Dedication:

Through the Darkness

Dustin & Kym Tschetter

Gunnar John Tschetter

Hymn: HWB no. 220,

Worship the Lord in the Beauty

Benediction

L: People of God, arise! Shine! Our light has come;

ALL: the glory of the Lord has risen upon us!

L: Nations come to the light, and kings to the brightness of the dawn. So, lift up your eyes and see. See and be radiant!

P: With hearts afire with Christ's light, we go now into the world to declare His wonder!

Musical Response

Postlude

Worship Participants: Elvera Deckert (piano), Todd Jones (children's time & message), & Jill Hofer (worship leader)

PRAYER CONCERNS

- **Family of Harold & Phyllis Hofer**
- **Family of Elsie Friesen** (Donovan Friesen's mother-funeral 12-30)
- **Heather VanMeveren**
- **Glenda Langeland** (undergoing therapy)
- **CPMC:** Pray for pastors and lay leaders of our Northern Cheyenne churches as they lead the Ashland, Lame Deer and White River Cheyenne Mennonite congregations.
- **MMN:** Mary Raber, serving with MMN, is currently in the United States for a few months. She requests prayer for Ukraine and the upheaval that touches all levels of

society. Pray for wisdom and restraint for government authorities, and pray that churches will model Jesus' way as an alternative to violence.

TODAY

Greeters: Phil & Joline Thomas

Coffee Time: Vernon & Twyla Hofer

11:10am: Sunday School

MW January Project: Blankets, sheets or towels - see mailbox list

Children's S.S. Winter Quarter Project: to be announced

NEXT SUNDAY: Communion & Benevolent Fund Offering

Greeters: Paul & Priscilla Hofer

Organ: Edie Tschetter/Dave Friesen guitar

Worship Music: Phil & Joline Thomas

Coffee Time: Steven & Angela Hofer

THIS WEEK

Tues.: Deacons Meeting, 7:30pm (Koerner Residence)

Wed.: Freeman Network for Justice & Peace, 11:30am (Library)

Midweek Bible Study — 6:30pm Soup Fellowship

7:00pm Orientation

Thurs.: Freeman Ministerial, 10:00am (Oakview Terrace)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Jan. 11: Communion & Benevolent Fund

Jan. 13: Worship Committee, 7:00pm

Jan. 14: Midweek Bible Study — 6:30pm Soup Fellowship

7:00pm Study/Children's Ministry

Jan. 15: Church Board, 7:00pm

Jan. 18: Worship, 2:30pm (Diamond Care Center)

You are invited to attend an **alternative discussion-based Sunday School** class on January 4, 11, 18, 25. We will be studying the book from Anabaptist Seed by C. Arnold Snyder. We will be discussing 1. Anabaptist Doctrines, 2. Anabaptist Church Ordinances, 3. Discipleship: Living the Faith, 4. Conclusion: Now what?. There is a sign-up sheet in the back foyer, please sign up so we can get you a book. I am leading this study as part of my PSDE studies and would appreciate your participation. -Jill Hofer

Communion & Benevolent Fund: We will celebrate Communion next Sunday, January 11, 2015. This time of thanksgiving is open to all persons who are seeking Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, regardless of church affiliation. January 11 will also mark the first of four annual Benevolent Fund Offerings. The Benevolent Fund is administered by the Deacons of HMC (Todd Koerner, Monica Hofer, & Monica Clem) and is used to offset acute financial needs. If you or someone you know is in financial need, please contact one of the Deacons who can confidentially assist you.

One Thousand Gifts: Our Midweek Bible Study will kick off this Wednesday with a fellowship meal and orientation at 6:30pm. All are invited to gather with us. We also encourage you to sign up your K-6th Grade children for our Children's Ministry which runs in conjunction with the adult study! (Child Care for ages newborn through Pre-Kinder.)

KC2015, the Mennonite Church USA Convention will be held from June 30-July 5, 2015 in Kansas City and we are currently seeking an interested person to represent Hutterthal as a delegate. Information regarding this important gathering of the national church can be found on the MCUSA website. Those interested in participating as a delegate or who would like further information regarding being a delegate are asked to speak with Colin Hofer or Pastor Todd.

Rural Revival will meet on Monday, January 5, 2015 at 8:00pm in the Freeman Public Library. All are welcome! Visit the website at www.ruralrevival.org.

The next meeting of the **Freeman Network for Justice and Peace** will be Wednesday, **January 7 at 11:30 am.**, in the Freeman Public Library Community Room. Please join us!

The Freeman Academy Auxiliary will be **making noodles** for the Schmeckfest Country Kitchen on **Tues., Jan. 27 and Sat., Jan. 31** at the Pioneer Hall dining room starting at **9:00 A.M.** The snow date is Tues., Feb.3.