



Hutterthal Mennonite Church

Christ-centered - Living, Relating, Serving

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“By faith in Christ you are in direct relationship with God. Your baptism in Christ was not just washing you up for a fresh start. It also involved dressing you in an adult faith wardrobe — Christ’s life, the fulfillment of God’s original promise. In Christ’s family there can be no division into Jew and non-Jew, slave and free, male and female. Among us you are all equal. That is, we are all in a common relationship with Jesus Christ. Also, since you are Christ’s family, then you are Abraham’s famous ‘descendant,’ heirs according to the covenant promises.”

Galatians 3: 25b-29, MSG

Prelude

Lighting of the Peace Lamp

Call to Worship: HWB no. 56

Awake, Arise, O Sing a New Song

Prayer

Welcome

Hymn: HWB no. 47,

Earth and All Stars

Scripture Reading:
Silent Meditation

Psalm 98 (Pew Bible p. 318)

Children’s Time:

Who’s Invited?

Time of Offering
Offertory Invitation
Offertory Music
Offertory Prayer

Hymn: HWB no. 87,

Great Is the Lord

Message:
Communion

Aggiornamento

Hymn: HWB no. 579,

Lift Every Voice and Sing

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

Hymn: HWB no. 59,

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns

Benediction:

L: Go forth, singing to God a new song, singing praises from the ends of the earth — a people filled;

P: a people made new!

ALL: Praise be to God, our righteous judge!

L: Go forth, shouting joyfully — forgiven and redeemed.

P: God's salvation is made known,

ALL: we are blessed to go forth proclaiming it!

Musical Response

Postlude

Worship Participants: Paige Zachariasen, accompanist; Jill Hofer & Clara Koerner, song leaders; Todd Jones, worship leader, message & children's time

PRAYER CONCERNS

- **Ashland Christian Fellowship** (Partnership Opportunity)
- **Family of Crystal Hofer**
- **Frank Wiebe**
- **Mennonite Mission Network (MMN):** Pray for Youth Venture participants and

leaders as they learn from, serve alongside, and worship with host communities in Lithuania and Los Angeles this month.

- **Central Plains Mennonite Conference (CPMC):** Next weekend, youth from all over Central Plains will gather to consider how their identity in Jesus Christ shines from the Inside Out. that God may speak to all who attend through music, activities, fellowship, and Michele Hershberger's messages.
- ***Additional Prayers***

TODAY

Greeters: Brandon Waltner & Xavier Ward

9:45 am: Worship Service including Communion

Coffee Time: Les & Mary Rensink

12:00 noon: Fellowship potluck meal

MW July Project: Cash for MEDA—Mennonite Economic Development

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

NEXT SUNDAY— July 17

Greeters: Lyndon & Barbie Hofer

Accompanist: Charlene Friesen

Coffee Time: Randy Glanzer

Worship Music: LaVonne Tschetter

“Discernment Gathering” (during the Sunday School Hour)

THIS WEEK

Monday, 7:00 pm: Prayer Shawl

8:00pm: Rural Revival (Freeman Public Library)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 21: 8:00pm Church Board

July 23: MCC Relief Sale

July 24: Discernment Gathering during Sunday School Hour

July 27: August Connection Deadline

Aug. 7: Congregational Meeting following worship

12:00 pm: Scholarship Committee Fundraiser Meal

JLV Memorial Fund Movie Event (Downtown Freeman)

You are invited to consider donating toward the Benevolent Fund this morning. **The Benevolent Fund** is a confidential fund overseen by the Deacons. The funds are used to

assist members who are struggling financially. If you or someone you know is struggling financially, please contact Monica Hofer, Monica Clem or Todd Koerner who can confidentially assist you. Thank you!

A **potluck meal** will be offered for lunch **TODAY** following Sunday School. All are encouraged to attend. This meal is a simple celebration of the truth that we are one in Christ, called to share together in fellowship and blessed to sit at table as the family of God. Come and join us!

MCC Central States is hiring for a **Thrift Shop Coordinator**. The full job description is available at <http://mcc.org/get-involved/serve/openings/thrift-shop-coordinator-cs> . Please contact Heidi Huber at heidihuber@mcc.org for more information.

Our local churches are currently pulling together a **Local Host Committee** for the 2017 CPMC Annual meeting to be held in South Dakota. If you are interested in assisting with planning please contact Pastor Todd.

The **sermons** from Central Plains Annual Meeting are on the conference website. They can be accessed on the home page or go to them directly at the following link: <http://www.centralplainsmc.org/am-2016-sermons.html>

Mennonite Men, a bi-national organization working with MCUSA and MC-Canada is **seeking a half-time Coordinator** to begin August 1. A detailed job description may be found at www.mennonitemen.org/news/Pages/Coordinator-Job-Description.aspx

Interested parties should send a cover letter and resume to Lonnie Bartel at lonnie.bartel@gmail.com

The **MCC Material Resource Center in North Newton** is in need of the following items: full size Fiskars scissors, sew-on snaps (20-25 per package), large bars of laundry soap, full-size bath towels (medium weight, dark or bright color), and men's briefs (sizes M, L, or XL). These items can be brought to 121 E. 30th St. in North Newton, Kan., purchased online via Amazon Smile or other retailers and shipped to MCC or we welcome your monetary donations designated Kit Supplies. Thank you for your ongoing support of the worldwide work of Mennonite Central Committee! If you have questions, please call 316.283.2720 or visit mcc.org/kits for more information.

SD MCC Relief Sale, July 23, FA Campus:

Donation Drop-Off time 7:00-9:00pm on Friday, July 22.

- Do not call Freeman Academy, for information - call 925-7009 or 660-2714 with your questions.
- Volunteers still needed, check with your church rep—Edie Tschetter
- Check out the website at <http://sdmccreliefsale.weebly.com/>

Discerning God's Will Together:

1. The Deacons will be offering "Discernment Gatherings" in regard to the partnership opportunity with Ashland Christian Fellowship (Ashland, MT). These informal conversations will include times of prayer as well as the sharing of questions, concerns, and blessings. The conversations will be held in the Sunday School room directly across from the I-G Class and will be offered during the Sunday Schools hour on **July 17, & July 24**. The Deacons ask that you consider joining (at least) one of the conversations (participating in all is not expected or necessary). Further, we *strongly* encourage you to speak and pray together over this matter.
2. **"Agreeing and Disagreeing in Love:"** At the biennial gathering in Kansas City last summer, MCUSA asked that local congregations consider adopting this as a way to help us be the Church together at the local, conference, and national level. As we continue to walk together, seeking to be faithful in the midst of cultural change and trying to discern together through the crossroads of questions, concerns, and blessings that we come too, the time seems ripe for us to work at this. So, please, carefully read the document, pray over and through it, share thoughts together regarding what it might mean for us to adopt it, and take the opportunity at one of the "Discernment Gatherings" to speak on this matter. Let us be the Church together.
3. A **congregational meeting** will be held on **August 7** in regard to both adopting "Agreeing and Disagreeing in Love" and the invitation we have received to partner with Ashland Christian Fellowship. We will be voting in regard to each item and we need to hear from you. How is God's Spirit moving in regard to these things? How would Christ have us move in response to the denominations recommendation and the Ashland Christian Fellowship invitation?
4. **Motion:** The HMC Church board makes the following **recommendation** to accept the amendments to the by-laws. (Edie, Todd K.) Passed.

Should the family of a deceased church member desire a funeral service to be held at HMC, a Mennonite Pastor shall officiate. The HMC pastor is to receive preference. For information regarding facility use and rent, see CHURCH PROPERTY A, B, and C.

We will vote on this amendment at the August 7 congregational meeting.

