



Hutterthal Mennonite Church

Christ-centered - Living, Relating, Serving

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“You also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.”

1 Peter 2: 5, NKJV

Prelude

Fairest Lord Jesus
Holy is the Lord, arr. Fred Bock

Lighting of the Peace Lamp

Call to Worship:

based on Psalm 138

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord with our whole hearts, bowing down to sing God’s praise.

P: Let us give thanks to God’s name for steadfast love and faithfulness.

L: We have called, and God has answered, increasing the strength of our souls.

P: Let us all sing the ways of the Lord who is great in glory.

L: Though God is high above all, He looks with care upon the lowly.

P: God’s outstretched hand will save and complete God’s purpose for us.

ALL: *God’s steadfast love endures forever.*

Prayer

Welcome

Hymn: STJ no. 35,

O Breath of Life

**Scripture Reading:
Silent Meditation**

Matthew 16: 13-19 (Pew Bible p. 518)

Children's Time:

An Anonymous Hero

**Time of Offering
Offertory Invitation
Offertory Music
Offertory Prayer**

How Firm a Foundation, arr. Penny Rodriguez

Hymn: HWB no. 363,

Renew Your Church

Message:

A Call to Action

Worship Music

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

Hymn: HWB no. 416,

For Christ and the Church

Benediction

Musical Response

Postlude

Our God Reigns, Arr. Fred Bock

Worship Participants: Charlene Friesen, accompanist; Todd Jones, worship leader, message & children's time; LaVonne Tschetter, worship music

PRAYER CONCERNS

- **Ashland Christian Fellowship** (Partnership Opportunity)
- **Family of Crystal Hofer**
- **Frank Wiebe**
- **Mennonite Mission Network (MMN):** Pray for Jane and Jerrell Ross Richer and their four children are transitioning from their Mennonite Mission Network ministry in Ecuador to six months of mission work in the United States. Pray for a smooth cultural move. Remember also those suffering from Ecuador's 7.8-magnitude earthquake in April.

- ***Additional Prayers***

TODAY

Greeters: Lyndon & Barbie Hofer

9:45 am: Worship Service

Coffee Time: Randy Glanzer

11:10am: Sunday School for All Ages

MW July Project: Cash for MEDA—Mennonite Economic Development

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

NEXT SUNDAY— July 24

Greeters: LaVonne Tschetter & Monica Hofer

Accompanist: Edie Tschetter/Dave Friesen

Coffee Time: Ray & Joyce Hofer

Worship Music: Steve Mendel

“Discernment Gathering” (during the Sunday School Hour)

THIS WEEK

Thursday, 8:00 pm: Church Board

Saturday: MCC Relief Sale

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 27: August Connection Deadline

Jul 31: Annual Sunday School Meeting following worship

Aug. 7: Congregational Meeting following worship

12:00 pm: Scholarship Committee Fundraiser Meal

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 **annual Sunday School meeting will be held Sunday, July 31**, following the worship service. The Leadership Selection Committee will bring the following slate to the meeting:

Adult SS Superintendent: Kathy Pullman (moved up from Assistant)

Adult Assistant SS Superintendent: Sylvia Hofer

Children's SS Superintendent: Rebecca Hofer

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Secretary/Treasurer: Phil Thomas

Elected member: LeRoy Hofer

Children's Sunday School Teachers needed! The SS department is looking for teachers for all age groups for the coming school year. If you are interested in teaching our children about the love of Christ, please talk to Becky McCune or Rebecca Hofer.

Missing: Merchant's State Bank money pouch belonging to Christian Education's Children's Sunday School. Was last seen on the library table in the library. The record book was left but the money pouch is missing. It went missing between the close of Sunday School and the end of the potluck lunch. Please return to Phil Thomas. Thank you.

MCC invites you on a **Learning Tour to Haiti** Oct 31-Nov 8, 2016. Contact Anna Yoder at annayoder@mcc.org or at 316.283.2720 for more information.

New staff at MCC Central States! We are happy to welcome two new people to the staff at MCC Central States and we hope you'll help us welcome them as well! **Patsy Dirksen** started in June as our new Office Manager, please say "Hello!" the next time you're at MCC in North Newton. We are also excited to introduce you to **Ana Hinojosa**, our new Immigration Education Coordinator!

SD MCC Relief Sale, July 23:

- Enjoy the display of items for the MCC Relief Sale in Fellowship Hall this morning!
- The **3rd Annual Bike Ride/Race** for MCC will take place on July 23, 2016 at 8:00 am starting at Freeman Academy parking lot.
- If at all possible, please bring your **donations** of baked goods, auction items, crafts, etc., from 7:00-9:00pm on Friday, **July 22**.
- There is still time to plan and gather items for a theme basket.
- Check with your church representative about **volunteer opportunities**. Many hands make light work. If your church does not have a Sale Rep, contact Edie Tschetter at 925-7009 to volunteer.

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, & July 31**. 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 ballot 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.*