



Hutterthal Mennonite Church

Christ-centered - Living, Relating, Serving

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Prelude

Gathering Hymn

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

HWB #71

Come, Let Us Unite to Sing

HWB #12

Welcome/Call to Worship

Prayer

Children's Time:

Depending on Jesus

Worship Music:

Sharing Time

Congregational Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading

Matthew 13: 1-9 & 18-23 (Pew Bible p. 516)

Time of Offering

Offering Invitation

Offertory Music

Offertory Prayer

The Love of God

STJ #44

Message

Fertile Soil

God Loves All His Many People

HWB #397

Benediction

Musical Response

Postlude

PRAYER CONCERNS

- Delmer Hofer
- Melvin Hofer
- Additional Prayers

TODAY - July 23, 2017

Greeters: Marj Hofer & Joyce Hofer

9:45am: Worship

Accompanist: Norma Hofer

Worship Music: Joe & Sannie Byler

Message & Children's Message: Pastor Todd

Annual Sunday School Meeting

Coffee Time: Joyce Hofer

11:10 am: Sunday School for all ages

NEXT SUNDAY - July 30, 2017

Greeters: Joe & Sannie Byler

9:45am: Worship Service

Accompanist: Edie Tschetter & The Koerner Family

Message & Children's Message: Pastor Todd

11:10 am: Sunday School for all ages

Coffee Time: Alvina Hofer

JULY PROJECTS

- Congregational Ministries: MEDA (Mennonite Economic Development Associates) - cash donations (\$58 will help a farmer in Nicaragua acquire skills, information and access to financing for equipment to help their business flourish)
- Children's S.S. Department MCC School Kits

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 26: August Connection Deadline

July 29, 1:30pm: Wedding Shower for Rebekka Jordan

August 6: Scholarship Noon Meal

August 12: Jordan-Kramer Wedding

Aug. 13: Baby shower for Melissa & baby, Chris Hofer

August 20: Fellowship Potluck

The **annual Sunday School meeting will be held next Sunday**, July 23rd, following the worship service. The Leadership Selection Committee will bring the following slate to the meeting:

Adult SS Superintendent: Sylvia Hofer (moved up from Assistant)

Adult Assistant SS Superintendent: Monica Clem

Children's SS Superintendent: Rebecca Hofer

Children's Assistant SS Superintendent: Rebekka Jordan

Secretary/Treasurer: Mary Rensink

Elected member: Delmer Hofer

August 20 - we will be having a **fellowship potluck**. Mark your calendars for a time for food and fellowship following Sunday School. Details to follow as the date draws closer.

Ladies: please join as we **welcome Rebekka Jordan** and as we celebrate her upcoming wedding as she marries Jarrod Kramer. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us on **Saturday, July 29**, at **1:30pm**. Details about the shower will be in mailboxes soon. If you would like to contribute to the group gift, contact Rebecca Hofer.

Ivan and Rachel Friesen will celebrate their **50th wedding anniversary** with an open house at Grace Mennonite Church, Pandora, Ohio, on August 6. They were married on August 27, 1967, at First Mennonite Church in Bluffton, Ohio. The Friesens were pastors at Hutterthal, 1999-2007.

CONNECTING TO THE COMMUNITY

The acreage has been sold and **SD MDS** will have to vacate the current storage facility and **find a new storage place** for the van, trailer and other supplies. This needs to be done by August 15 of this year. Contact LeRoy Pullman or Larry Tschetter with any ideas.

The Salem Mennonite Home in Freeman, is looking for individuals who would like to volunteer to spend some time with our residents. Volunteer activities could be things such as: reading to a resident with poor eyesight, playing a game, doing a craft project, cooking or baking, or even calling Bingo. The possibilities are endless. Please prayerfully consider sharing a bit of your free time with our residents. To get started please call Denise Peterson at the Salem Mennonite Home at 925-4994.

The 2017 issue of *Mennonite Life*, Bethel College's annual online journal, is now live at ml.bethelks.edu. This special issue is almost completely devoted to a consideration of "500 years of Anabaptism," with an essay by Ben Goossen, "Why 500 Years?: A Critique of Anabaptism's Upcoming Anniversary Celebration," and 13 responses from Anabaptists in the United States and Canada, as well as Colombia and South Korea.

Save the date: Sat., Nov. 18, 4th biennial Worship and the Arts Symposium at Bethel College; "Seasons of the Soul: Enacting the Mystery of Faith," with special guest presenter and resource person Ted Swartz. Symposium registration includes Swartz's performance of "Slightly Left of Normal," Fri., Nov. 17, in Krehbiel Auditorium (admission charge for non-symposium registrants). For a complete schedule and online registration, see bethelks.edu/worshiparts

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