



# Hutterthal Mennonite Church

*Christ-centered - Living, Relating, Serving*

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*“With all humility and gentleness, and with patience, support each other in love. Take every care to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds us together.”*

~ Ephesians 4: 2-3, NJB

## **Prelude**

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

## **Call to Worship:** HWB no. 659

L: Grace unto you and peace from God, who was and is and who is to come,

**P: and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the first born of the dead, ruler above all rulers of the earth.**

L: In love Jesus Christ suffered death to free us from our sins,

**P: making all who confess Christ a nation of priests set aside for God’s service.**

***ALL: To Jesus Christ be glory and power forever and ever! Amen.***

## **Welcome**

## **Prayer**

**Hymn:** HWB no. 305,

*Where Charity and Love Prevail*

**Scripture Reading:**

Philippians 1: 27—2: 4 (Pew Bible p.620)

## **Silent Meditation**

**Reception of New Member:**

Jarrod Kramer

**Child Dedication:**

Joseph Kramer

**Children's Time:**

What was that all about?

**Worship Music:**

*Jericho  
Siciliana and Giga*

**Time of Offering**

**Offertory Invitation**

**Offertory Music**

**Offertory Prayer**

**Hymn:** HWB no. 342,

*At the Name of Jesus*

**Message:**

More than Noise

**Hymn:** HWB no. 306,

*In Christ There is No East or West*

**Sharing Time**

**Congregational Prayer**

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

**Hymn:** HWB no. 602,

*Lift Up Your Hearts*

**Benediction**

**Musical Response**

**Postlude**

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**Worship Participants:** Elvera Deckert, accompanist; Todd Jones, worship leader, message, & children's time; and Felicity Jones (piano) & Hannah Jones (flute), worship music

***PRAYER CONCERNS***

- **Ashland Christian Fellowship** (Partnership Opportunity)
- **Michelle Hofer** (Celtic Pilgrimage June 6-27)
- **CPMC Annual Meeting** (June 16-19)
- **Frank Wiebe** (undergoing chemo)
- **Central Plains Mennonite Conference (CPMC):** In just five weeks, Central Plains youth will gather for Youth Escape 2016. for all involved in planning, all who will participate, and speaker Michele Hershberger.
- **Mennonite Mission Network (MMN):** Today, Linda Oyer of MMN leads a “walking church” in a 142-acre park near Paris, France. Pray for this annual tradition that makes it easy for people to invite their neighbors who would not easily enter a church. This year’s theme is “The Symbolism of Water in the Bible.”
- **Additional Prayers**

## **TODAY**

**8:30 am:** Youth Breakfast Fundraiser

**Greeters:** LeRoy & Kathy Pullman

**10:30am:** Worship Service

**Coffee Time:** Vernon & Twyla Hofer

**MW June Project:** Cash for *The Banquet* in Yankton

**Children's S.S. Spring Project:** Swan Lake Christian Camp

**12:00pm:** Ladies' Choir Practice

**12:00pm:** Shalom Reader's Kick-Off

## **NEXT SUNDAY: June 19, 2016 ~ FATHER'S DAY**

**Greeters:** Larry & Nicolle Timmerman

**Accompanist:** Paige Zachariasen

**Coffee Time:** LeRoy Hofer

**Worship Music:** Ladies' Choir

## **THIS WEEK**

**Mon, 12:00 pm:** FNJP (Freeman Public Library)

**Mon, 7:00 pm:** Prayer Shawl

**Mon, 7:00 pm:** Women's Choir practice

**Thur-Sun:** CPMC Annual Meeting (Des Moines, IA)

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Jun 22:** July Connections! Deadline

**Jun 23, 8:00pm:** Church Board

## **Jul 7: The Banquet (Yankton, SD)**

**TODAY** we will be celebrating the **transfer of Jarrod Kramer's membership** to Hutterthal Mennonite Church as well as the dedication of Joseph Kramer. Please keep the Kramer's in your prayers as we prepare to celebrate with them. May they find here a place not only to deepen their faith, but to walk alongside others and share the love of Jesus in word and deed.

There will be a **Shalom Kick-Off party on Sunday, June 12**, for all children ages 4 - 14 who are interested in reading books from the CPMC Shalom Reading List this summer. Please join us in the church fellowship hall immediately after Sunday School for pizza and Shalom activities. Your parents may pick you up at 1:00 p.m.

**Women's choir** will be singing for Father's Day, June 19th. will NOT meet Sunday (today) after service. I would like to have rehearsal Monday evening, June 13 at 7:00 pm and Saturday TBD by the members. We sing June 19th! Come on out!

With deep appreciation, the Church Board would like to thank the members and friends of HMC who contributed to the **Sanctuary Stage and Carpet Project**. This project has been fully funded! Thank you for your generous and loving support as we continue to walk together in ministry.

### **SD MCC Relief Sale, July 23:**

- 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. Registration forms are available on the table in the foyer, the website://sdmccreliefsale.weebly.com/bike-riderace.html or by email to [SDMCCReliefSale@gmail.com](mailto:SDMCCReliefSale@gmail.com). The deadline to receive a t-shirt is June 30!
- 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.
- The **deadline for auction items registration is June 30**. Forms are available in outside the former MCC office.

### **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 **June 26, July 3, July 17, & July 23**. 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. Today, you will find a copy of “**Agreeing and Disagreeing in Love**” in your church mailbox. 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?

On July 10, we will be celebrating **Communion at HMC**. Communion is celebrated as an “open table” in which all who have a saving relationship with Christ are invited to participate in the sharing of the bread and the cup. In conjunction with Communion, you are invited to consider donating toward the Benevolent Fund that 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 on Sunday, July 10 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!

**On July 7**, we will, once again, be serving at **The Banquet in Yankton** for the evening meal. We encourage you to consider participating in this ministry by: 1) volunteering to help serve; 2) volunteering needed food items; and/or 3) making a financial contribution

to this ministry. Stay tuned for more information in next Sunday's bulletin! A sign-up sheet for those who would like to serve is available in the foyer.

### **Community events:**

- This evening at 7:00pm, Salem MB will be hosting a viewing of the film ***Do You Believe?*** (PG-13) — a film about people longing for something more and discovering the power of the cross. As the film has a PG-13 rating, children's activities will be provided.
- The next meeting for the **Freeman Network for Justice and Peace** (FNJP) will be held Monday, June 13 at 12:00 noon in the room of the Freeman Public Library. All are welcome to attend.
- The **Freeman Academy Studio Subscription Series** invites you to join us for the final event of the season, Sunday, June 19th at 7:00 pm. Michael Graber, violin, Freeman Academy alum, shares a variety of music ranging from classical to folk. Mr. Graber will be accompanied by Dr. Anne Waltner. The recital will take place at the Salem-Zion (North) Mennonite Church. Tickets, which include a dessert reception, can be purchased at the door: single event admission \$15/adult and \$8/student (K-12). For further information see the Freeman Courier or contact Amy Hofer Vetch at 605-925-4237 Ext. 240 or by email [ahofer@freemanacademy.org](mailto:ahofer@freemanacademy.org).