



Hutterthal Mennonite Church

Christ-centered - Living, Relating, Serving

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“The Lord will command His lovingkindness in the daytime, and in the night His song shall be with me — a prayer to the God of my life.”

Psalm 42: 8, NKJV

Prelude

Lighting of the Peace Lamp

Call to Worship:

based on Psalm 42

L: Jesus, we gather: a people thirsting for Your abiding presence.

P: As the deer pants for the water brooks, so we pant for you, Oh God.

L: Living God, we gather: a people acquainted with tears, yes, but acquainted even more with comforting prosperity.

P: Lord, rise over us until we lift to You the voice of joy and praise, not for what we have, but for who You are.

L: Transforming Spirit, we gather: a people of disquieted within; for, we have placed our hope in blessings rather than the One who blesses.

P: Turn our hope to You,

ALL :that we may yet praise You, the help of our countenance and our God.

L: Let us offer ourselves to God....

Welcome

Prayer

Hymn: HWB no. 483,

O God, Who Gives Us Life

Scripture Reading:
Silent Meditation

Luke 8: 26-39 (Pew Bible p. 546)

Children's Time:

Discernment

Worship Music:

His Eye is on the Sparrow

Moment-in-Mission:

16th CPMC Annual Meeting

Time of Offering
Offertory Invitation
Offertory Music
Offertory Prayer

Hymn: HWB no. 491,

Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling

Message:

I, Gadarene

Hymn: HWB no. 493,

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

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

Hymn: STJ no. 62,

Christ's is the World

Benediction

Musical Response

Postlude

Worship Participants: Edie Tschetter & the Koerner Family, accompanist; Todd Jones, worship leader, children's time, & message; Kathryn Kleinsasser, worship music recorded at an earlier time; and Colin Hofer & Clara Koerner, moment-in-mission

PRAYER CONCERNS

- **Ashland Christian Fellowship** (Partnership Opportunity)
- **Michelle Hofer** (Celtic Pilgrimage June 6-27)

- **Frank Wiebe**
- ***Additional Prayers***

TODAY

Greeters: Todd Koerner & Ian Hofer

9:45am: Worship Service

Coffee Time: Brandon & Kylea Waltner

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

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

NEXT SUNDAY: July 3

Greeters: Marj Hofer

Accompanist: Amy Hofer Vetch

Coffee Time: Norman & Darlene Hofer

Worship Music: Lavonne Tschetter

“Discernment Gathering” (during the Sunday School Hour)

THIS WEEK

Mon., 7:00pm: FA School Board Meeting

Sat: Hofer Reunion

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Jul 5: 7:30pm Deacons Meeting (Parsonage)

Jul 7: The Banquet (Yankton, SD)

July 10: Potluck Following Worship

July 11: 7:00pm Prayer Shawl

July 24: Discernment Gathering during Sunday School Hour

Aug. 7: Congregational Meeting following worship

12:00pm Scholarship Committee Fundraiser Meal

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 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.

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.

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!

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. 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.
- **Kuchen** will be made at Swan Lake Camp on Saturday **June 25 at 9AM**. We will need about 6 people. Please contact Karen Stucky (925-7021) if you can help.
- **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Hutterthal needs to supply: - 1 tray carrier for breakfast (7:45-10:00) and 2 tray wipers for breakfast (7:45-10:00) Please contact Edie if you are able to fill these slots!
- The **deadline for auction item registration is June 30**. Forms are available in outside the former MCC office.