



Hutterthal Mennonite Church

Christ-centered - Living, Relating, Serving

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Prelude

Prelude: Devotion ~ Doane

Gathering Song: STJ no. 3,

Jesus Calls Us Here to Meet Him

Welcome

Lighting of the Peace Lamp
Passing the Peace

Call to Worship:

Psalm 98 (ERV)

Prayer

Hymn: STJ no. 38,

Beloved, God's Chosen

Children's Time:

Friends

Sharing Time

Congregational Prayer
Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

Worship Music:

Time of Offering

Offertory Invitation

Sharing Our Gifts

Offertory Prayer

O Love that Wilt Not Let Me Go ~ A. L. Peace

Scripture Reading:

John 15: 9-17 (Pew Bible p. 571)

Silent Meditation

Hymn: HWB no. 522,

My Jesus, I Love Thee

Message:

The Command to Love

Hymn: HWB no. 420,

Heart with Loving Heart United

Benediction: HWB no. 64,

Asithi: Amen

Musical Response

Postlude

Postlude: The Rejoicing ~ Handel

Worship Participants: Shirley Hofer (accompanist), Jada Koerner, Claire Hofer, Nathanael Jones, Savanna Timmerman, Felicity Jones, Torrie Zachariasen, & Peyton McCune (call to worship), Sunday School Children (worship music) and Todd Jones (worship leader & message)

TODAY

Greeters: Gordon & Alvina Hofer

Coffee Time: Dustin & Kym Tschetter

11:10am: Sunday School

MW May Project: cash for MEDA project

Children's S.S. Spring Project: First Fruit Community Gardens

NEXT SUNDAY

Greeters: Cameron & Rina Hofer

Accompanist: Charlene Friesen

Worship Music: John & Monica Clem

Coffee Time: Paul & Priscilla Hofer

THIS WEEK

Mon: Prayer Shawl, 7:00pm (HMC)

Wed.: Freeman Area Baccalaureate Service, 7:00pm (Freeman Community Center)

Fri.: Freeman Ministerial, 2:00pm (Living Fountain)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 26-30: Cross-Culture Thailand Trek VBS

May 31: VBS Closing Worship, 10:30am

VBS Celebration Lunch, 11:45am

June 1: Freeman Network for Justice & Peace, 11:30am (Library)

June 2: Deacons Meeting, 7:30pm (Hofer Residence)

June 7: Shalom Readers Kick-Off Pizza Party, 12:00pm

PRAYER CONCERNS

· ***The people of Nepal***

· ***Heather VanMeveren***

· ***Central Plains Mennonite Conference (CPMC):*** Pray for Central Plains conference ministers Tim Detweiler, David Boshart and Shana Peachey Boshart in these busy weeks leading up to Central Plains Annual Mtg. & Mennonite Church USA Convention.

· ***Mennonite Mission Network (MMN):*** Edgardo Sánchez, a church leader in Argentina and globally through Mennonite World Conference, died Easter Sunday morning. Pray for his wife, Erica, and his three children, the Argentina Mennonite Church, and the MMN partnerships for which he provided guidance.

· ***Additional Prayers:***

We are recruiting **VBS volunteers** (multiple or even single days) for preschool and school age crew leaders and assistants, decorators and miscellaneous assistants; sign-ups for supplies donations will be available, too. Please prayerfully consider how you might assist with this ministry. VBS Directors

HMC is **gearing up** for the Central Plains Mennonite Conference (CPMC) Annual Mtg. in Minneapolis, MN on June 18-21 and the Mennonite Church USA Biennial Convention to

be held in Kansas City, MO on June 30-July 5 and you can help in several ways:

- 1. Pray over these important gatherings;**
- 2. Have you read Myth of A Christian Nation or Letters from a Skeptic? Author Greg Boyd will speak in three worship sessions at Central Plains Annual Meeting June 18-21 in St. Paul. Hosted by local Central Plains churches, we will meet on the campus of Greg's church, Woodland Hills. Consider being a delegate for HMC at the CPMC annual mtg. (contact Colin Hofer or Pastor Todd).**
- 3. Financially support** our 2 delegates attending the Mennonite Church USA Convention by placing a **monetary gift in the basket in the church foyer.** Watch Jessica Preheim's peace dove emerge in the offering basket as the donations rise.

Our SD MDS unit is hoping to respond to MDS's request for volunteer workers at the Pilger, NE work site during the week of May 11. If a group can be arranged, we would travel in the MDS van. The duration will be for one day or more according to the volunteers' availability. The work is house construction of all phases, exterior and interior - women welcome too! Please call our unit coordinator, Eldon Berg at 648-3507 if interested. If the group plan does not work for you, you may also go on your own anytime between May 11 to 22 since there is a worker shortage during that entire time. Just call the Pilger office at 717-823-0681 to coordinate your plans.

Freeman Baccalaureate Invitation - You are invited to the 2015 Freeman Community Baccalaureate held **8:00pm Wed., May 13th** in the **Community Center**. This worship service offers thanksgiving and seeks God's blessing for the graduating seniors from our two schools, Freeman High School and Freeman Academy. Your association of local churches and faith leaders, the Freeman Ministerial, is arranging this celebration.

Sanford Hospice Freeman invites friends and family of hospice patients and community members to their annual Celebration of Life memorial service on **Sunday, May 17**, 4 pm. at the Arboretum Visitors Center. Registration is not required and the service is open to friends and family who have experienced the death of a loved one in the past 12 months. For more information call LaVonne Brockmueller at 925-2120.

Heritage Hall Museum and Archives is looking for friendly **volunteers** to act as greeters at the Museum this summer. This would require someone to open the doors at 10 am and welcome guests until the Museum closes at 4 pm. It is a fun, low stress job and

can be done with a friend! Contact Kelsey Ortman at 888-595-9755 or email museum@freemaninfo.com with questions

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