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Christ-centered - Living, Relating, Serving

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Prelude *I know whom I have believed* ~ McGranahan

Welcome

Call to Worship: based on Isaiah 45: 3-8 (NKJV)

L: Those who have known darkness and who have rested in shadowy places declare the Word of the Lord:

P: "I will give you the treasures of darkness, and hidden riches of secret places, that you may know that I, the Lord, who call you by your name, am the God of Israel."

L: Darkness is *not* dark to God and the One who formed you knows you:

P: "I have even called you by your name; I have named you, though you have not known Me. I am the Lord, and there is no other; there is no God besides Me."

L: So, let the worries of the day be washed in the cleansing stream of His grace and know that He is near to you.

P: "Rain down, you heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness; let the earth open, let them bring forth salvation, and let righteousness spring up together."

L: The Lord has created it.

ALL: Let all His people rise up and worship, children of a Father for whom the night is as bright as the day.

Opening Prayer

Hymn: HWB no. 448, Awake, Awake, Fling Off the Night

Children's Time: News

Sharing Time
Pastoral Prayer
Lord's Prayer (debts and debtors)

Worship Music:

Time of Offering
Offertory Invitation
Sharing Our Gifts Children of the heavenly Father ~ arr. Don Hustad
Offering Prayer

Scripture Reading: Job 19: 1-29 (Pew Bible p. 277)

Silent Meditation

Hymn: STJ no. 103, Why Should I Feel Discouraged

Message: Never Doubt in the Darkness

Hymn: HWB no. 599, He Leadeth Me

Benediction

Musical Response

Postlude *My heart ever faithful* ~ Bach

Worship Participants: Norma Hofer (organ), S.S. children (worship music), and Pastor Todd (children's time & message)

We respectfully request that the *designated pews* remain open for families with young children and those with physical needs. We also request that the *crying room* remain available for infants and nursing mothers.

A *Handicap Accessible Bathroom* is located in the basement.

PRAYER CONCERNS/PRAISES

• **Ray Hofer** (recovering from heart by-pass)

- · Carol Detweiler (undergoing treatments)
- **Dorothy Haas** (daughter of Moses Glanzer)
- · **Heather VanMeveren** (wife of Pastor Shane at Bethany Mennonite)
- **From CPMC:** Pray for Youth Ministry Council, a gathering of Mennonite Church USA youth sponsors and pastors for resourcing, networking and support. They meet in Kansas City Monday through Thursday of this week.
- · **MMN:** Angela (Wenger) and Tomoki Yamanaka of Mennonite Mission Network are co-pastors at Asahikawa Gospel Church in Japan. Their four children, Taira (7), Yoshiki (5), Mirai (4) and Kiera (1), provide natural opportunities to reach out to their community. Pray that the good news of Jesus' love will continue to flow thorough the Yamanaka family.

TODAY:

Greeters: Les & Mary Rensink

Coffee Time: Melvin & Emma Hofer

MW April project: CASH - MEDA Project

Children's Sun. School project: MMN N. Ireland Peacemaking

NEXT SUNDAY

Greeters: Aaron & Marcella Glanzer

Piano: Paige Zachariasen

Worship Music: Todd & Kim Jones **Coffee Time**: Paul & Priscilla Hofer

THIS WEEK

Mon.: Prayer Shawl, 7pm

Tues.: Worship Committee, 7pm Mission & Outreach Committee, 8pm **Fri.:** Men's Group, 10am (Parsonage)

Sat.: Freeman Public H.S. Graduation, 2pm (Freeman Public H.S.)

Freeman Academy Graduation, 6pm (Freeman Academy)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 20: Pastor-Peer, 9:15am (Sermon On the Mount)

May 22: Church Board, 8:00pm

May 23: Men's Group, 10am (parsonage)

May 27-31: Vacation Bible School, 9am-12pm

June 4: Bridal shower for Rebecca Trumble (fiancée of Aaron Tschetter)

June 19-22: CPMC annual mtg., Mt. Pleasant, IA

July 26: S.D. MCC Relief Sale (Freeman Community Center)

Seeking volunteers for Weird Animals VBS Tues.- Sat., May 27- 31. Please talk to Brandy Friesen at 940-1493 for details.

Work continues on the new **Hutterthal Pictorial Directory**. If you have not yet submitted your information and photo, please do so. If you need a paper form, pick one up in the upper foyer. You may also sign up there for an in-house photo to be taken of your family. If you have questions, please contact Monica Clem. 925-4603 monicasclem@yahoo.com

The children of Twyla Hofer invite you to an **open house** in celebration of Twyla's 75th birthday **on Saturday, May 24 from 7:00-9:00pm** in the Hutterthal Fellowship Hall.

Please join the **pep band** for their outdoor (weather permitting) concert **Thursday**, **May 15**, **beginning at 6:30 p.m**. A freewill offering will be taken for the instrument fund. The concert will be moved indoors in inclement weather. A picnic supper will be served as you arrive at the concert. Following the concert, the art, yearbook, academic and spring sports awards will be recognized. **Dennis Schrock** will also be acknowledged for his many years of service at Freeman Academy.

Register now for Youth Escape 2014 August 1-3 in central Iowa. Jeremy Kempf will lead our worship music, Glen Guyton will speak on the theme Agents of the Kingdom, and you will have lots of fun with new friends from all over Central Plains! Find Youth Escape 2014 on Facebook for more info.

At Central Plains Annual Meeting 2014, Jewel Gingerich Longenecker will speak on the theme, "Joyfully Following Jesus: Formed by God's Word." Come to Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, **June 19-22** to learn, fellowship and discern with your sisters and brothers.

I want to thank everyone for a wonderful evening, April 27 at the **Spring Sing**. Thank you to those who attended, who brought pies, who gave donations and those who shared their talents with us. It was a special evening and we **raised over \$7,000** for the work of Mennonite Central Committee. **Also, are you traveling to the Newton, KS area?** The MCC Northern Tier Office is overflowing with school kits, hygiene kits, comforters and many more items waiting for a ride south. If you have any room for a bag, or box, please contact Elizabeth Janssen. The drop off room in KS is open 24/7. Thank you! Elizabeth

Join Youth Venture in South Philadelphia! Together with a diverse group of Mennonite youth, you can make a difference by serving in local ministries. Young adults ages 14-20 can apply by June 1 at MennoniteMission.net/Serve.

Mennonite Central Committee would like to invite you to a **Learning Tour to Haiti November 8-17, 2014**. This 10 day tour will give you a first-hand look at the socialeconomical issues Haiti continues to face. The estimate cost for this learning tour is **\$700**per person, which includes food, lodging, and in-country transportation. Airfare needs to
be purchased separately. Space is very limited. For more information contact Anna Yoder
by **Monday June 2, 2014** at annayoder@mcc.org or 316.283.2720.

Summer Staff or Volunteer Opportunity at Wilderness Wind, Ely, MN:

Wilderness Wind is looking for one more support staff person to work at base camp this summer. Work will include things like introducing campers to Wilderness Wind, general grounds-keeping, assisting in the kitchen, cleaning, and organizing gear. Please email director@wildernesswind.org or call (218) 365-5873 for more info and an application. Spread the word!