



Hutterthal Mennonite Church

Christ-centered - Living, Relating, Serving

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PENTECOST SUNDAY
May 24, 2015

Prelude

There is a Fountain; I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

Gathering Song: HWB no. 28,

Breathe Upon Us, Holy Spirit

Welcome

Lighting of the Peace Lamp
Passing the Peace

Call to Worship:

written by Amy Loving

L: The Spirit of God has brought us here.

P: The Lord has set us down here, though our bones are tired.

L: Can these dry bones live?

P: Yes! The Breath of God will revive us! The Word of God will awaken us!

L: Today, we come together to experience new life.

P: Let us give thanks to the Wild, Life-Giving Spirit of God!

Prayer

Hymn: STJ no. 35,

O Breath of Life

Children's Time:

The Wind of the Spirit

Sharing Time

Congregational Prayer

Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

Time of Offering

Offertory Invitation

Sharing Our Gifts

Offertory Prayer

Old Country Church

Hymn: HWB no. 129,

Fire of God, Undying Flame

Scripture Reading:

John 15: 26—16: 15 (Pew Bible p. 571)

Silent Meditation

Message:

When the Helper Comes

Hymn: HWB no. 292,

Away with Our Fears

Benediction

Musical Response

Postlude

Worship Participants: Elvera Deckert (accompanist), and Todd Jones (worship leader & message)

TODAY

Greeters: Larry & Brigitta Hofer

Coffee Time: Lyndon & Barbie Hofer

11:10am: Sunday School

2:30pm: Worship (Diamond Care Center)

MW May Project: cash for MEDA project

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

NEXT SUNDAY

10.30am: VBS Closing Worship

11:45am: VBS Celebration Lunch

Greeters: Colin & Michelle Hofer

Accompanist: VBS

Worship Music: VBS

Coffee Time: NO COFFEE TIME

THIS WEEK

Tues.-Sat.: Cross-Culture Thailand Trek VBS

Wed. noon: *Connection!* deadline

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

June 10: Church Cleaning, 6:30pm

June 11: Church Cleaning, 9:00am

June 18-21: CPMC Annual Meeting (St. Paul, MN)

June 30-July 5: MCUSA Convention (Kansas City, MO)

PRAYER CONCERNS

· ***Vacation Bible School***

· ***Heather VanMeveren***

· ***Central Plains Mennonite Conference (CPMC):*** Pray for Monica Clem, office manager for Central Plains, as she oversees registration, prepares delegate packets, and arranges many other details in preparation for Annual Meeting 2015 in St. Paul.

· ***Mennonite Mission Network (MMN):*** Nancy Frey and Bruce Yoder of Mennonite Mission Network request prayer for Mennonite Church members in Sidi, Burkina Faso, where village leaders with-hold land to punish Christians. Pray for resolution and that Christians would be able to grow food for their families on the land.

· ***Additional Prayers:***

The **Trustees** have placed some **surplus items** in Fellowship Hall that have been in

storage. Any items left by today are available to be taken home for a donation. We want this cleaned up before VBS starts. Please contact the Trustees if you have any questions.

VBS will be dismissing at 11:30, not 12:00 as previously announced.

Connection! Deadline: Wed. noon, May 27. Give all info to Edie and Church News to Twyla.

Shalom Reader's Club Kickoff with a pizza party, reading and activities for children. June 7, noon -1:00 pm. At the church.

Annual church cleaning will be scheduled for the second week of June. Wednesday evening, **June 10 at 6:30pm** we will be cleaning the sanctuary and basement. Thursday morning, **June 11 at 9:00am** cleaning in the educational wing will be done. Preliminary jobs and other major jobs will also be assigned. Please allow a few hours in your schedules to participate in this necessary work.

Central Plains Mennonite Conference (CPMC) Annual Mtg. will be held in Minneapolis, MN on June 18-21 and the Mennonite Church USA Biennial Convention in Kansas City, MO on June 30-July 5 and you can help in several ways:

1. Pray over these important gatherings;
2. **TODAY IS THE LAST SUNDAY to 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.

Heritage Hall Museum and Archives is kicking off the season on May 26 with a **Heritage Hall Historical Society Program** featuring the Met Theater's advertising slides from early Freeman businesses. Local historian Ben Bengston will show these slides and photos of the actual businesses that once sat on Main Street. Come see how the business side of Freeman has changed and grown! The program will be held in the Archives at 7 p.m. Admission is \$5. Historical Society members are admitted for free. Contact Kelsey Ortman at 888-595-9755 or email museum@freemaninfo.com with questions.

Freeman Academy Studio Subscription Series is excited to host ASS3MBLY, at Salem-Zion Mennonite (North) Church Sunday, May 31, at 7:30 pm. ASS3MBLY is a dynamic new trio championing the chamber music of our time for flute, piano, and

percussion. Comprised of flutist Lindsey Goodman (principal flutist, West Virginia Symphony Orchestra), percussionist Scott Christian (principal timpanist, West Virginia Symphony Orchestra), and Freeman native, pianist Anne Waltner (assistant professor, Eastern Mennonite University). Tickets may be purchased at the door and include a dessert reception. Contact Amy Hofer Vetch at ahofer@freemanacademy.org or 925-4237 X240 for further information.

2015 Schmeckfest written and financial **reports** are available on the table in the foyer.

FIRST FRUITS COMMUNITY GARDEN is launching into its second year. Its primary goal is to provide fresh produce for the Freeman Bethany food pantry. Local churches and organizations are invited to participate in this ministry by weeding or harvesting for one or more weeks during the gardening season. We envision groups of 2 to 6 individuals, such as family groups, youth groups, Sunday school classes, 4-H clubs, etc, adopting the garden for a week at a time, probably working once or twice in that week. You would be informed of the specific work that needs to be done for the week which you chose. Questions can be directed to Todd Koerner, phone number 605-360-4604 or Dennis Ries, phone number 925-7788

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