



# Hutterthal Mennonite Church

*Christ-centered - Living, Relating, Serving*

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**November 19, 2017**

Prelude

Call to Worship

Welcome/Prayer

Gathering Hymn

*We gather together*

HWB #417

Sharing Time

Congregational Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Worship Music

Time of Offering

Offering Invitation

Offertory Music

Offertory Prayer

*Open my eyes*

HWB #517

Scripture Reading

Romans 12: 1, 2, 9 - 18 (Pew Bible p. 600)

Message

Keeping in Step with the Spirit

Sending Hymn

*God of grace and God of glory*

HWB #366

Benediction

Musical Response

## Postlude

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### **PRAYER CONCERNS**

- Paul Hofer (recovering at home from second surgery)
- Those in our congregation who are hurting
- Additional Prayers

### **TODAY - November 19, 2017**

*Greeters:* Lyndon & Barbie Hofer

9:45 am: Worship Service

*Accompanist:* Norma Hofer

*Worship Leader:* Todd Koerner

*Worship Music:* LaVonne Tschetter

*Message:* Dennis Schrock

*Coffee Time:* Jarrod & Bekka Kramer

11:10 am: Sunday School for all ages

2:30 pm: Congregational Ministries Meeting

### **NEXT SUNDAY - November 26, 2017**

*Greeters:* Vernon & Norma Hofer

9:45 am: Worship Service

*Accompanist:* Charlene Friesen

*Song Leader:* Joline Thomas

*Worship Leader:* Brigitta Hofer

*Music:* Aprille Hofer

*Message:* S. Roy Kaufman

*Coffee Time:* Steve Mendel

### **NOVEMBER PROJECTS**

**Congregational Ministries:** cash for CPMC Mennonite Women (see *Connection!* for details).

**Children's S.S. Department:** Bethany Food Pantry

### **THIS WEEK**

**Wednesday noon, Nov. 22:** *Connection!* deadline

### **CALDENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Thanksgiving Day Service 10:30am:** North Church

**Monday, Dec. 4, 7:00pm:** Annual Congregational Meeting

**Thursday, Dec. 7, 7:00pm:** Church Board meeting

**Friday, Dec. 15 10:00am:** Cookie Walk at Freeman Sr. Citizens Center

**Sunday morning, Dec. 17:** S.S. Christmas program & brunch

The Deacons and Church Chair have agreed that **we will not have a Thanksgiving Day service at Hutterthal this year** but we look forward to returning to established patterns in the future. However, **Hutterthal has been invited** to join the North and South Churches at the North Church for their Thanksgiving Day service.

The **Leadership Selection Committee** will bring the following **ballot** to the annual congregational meeting on Dec. 4:

Church Treasurer John Clem

Deacon (3 year term) Charlene Friesen

Deacon (2 year term to complete term left vacant) Les Rensink

Trustee Donovan Friesen

Leadership Selection Committee Brigitta Hofer

*Connection!* Advisory Board Suzanne Koerner

Assistant Head Usher Dave Friesen

Ushers Bruce Hofer, Cameron Hofer, Joyce Hofer

Jarrold Kramer, LeRoy Pullman, Marcia Schrock

Music Committee Steve Friesen

Music Committee (1 year term) Kathy Pullman

**Note:** Our by-laws state that the Music Committee shall consist of the head organist (now head accompanist), children's choir director, adult mixed choir director, 2 elected members, and pastor. At the present time we do not have a children's or adult mixed choir director so the Music Committee has requested an additional person for a one-year term to assist with duties.

**Motion:** The **Church Board recommends** to the congregation to absorb total responsibility and assume the assets of the Cemetery upon the potential dissolution of Hutterthal Cemetery Association. (Jill H., Lyndon H.) Passed. This will be voted on at the annual meeting.

The third and final **Central Plains Bible Study webinar** with Keith Slater is coming up! Join us at **7:30pm on Tuesday, November 28**. Keith will give guidance on how to prepare good questions in A Unified Purpose: Preparing to Lead. RSVP on the Bible Study Webinars page at [www.centralplainsmc.org](http://www.centralplainsmc.org) by Monday, November 27.

Nurture children's faith at home this **Advent and Christmas** through family worship. Find a free, downloadable guide at [www.anabaptistfaithformation.org](http://www.anabaptistfaithformation.org). For use between December 3 and January 6, it includes a daily Bible reading, short litany, songs, hands-on activities and questions to ponder together.

## **CONNECTING TO THE COMMUNITY**

**Blue Christmas Memorial Service, November 19<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m. at Salem (South) Mennonite Church.** As the holidays approach many look forward to festive family gatherings. The holidays can be difficult for those who have experienced the loss of a loved one or have had other traumatic person events in their lives. The Blue Christmas Service is a time of reflection, devotion, release of your grief and sense of loss or change in your life. If this describes you or someone you know, please plan to attend.

**Freeman Academy invites the community** to join students and staff in a dedication worship service for the newly renovated chapel on the second floor of the Administration Building. The service will be held on **Monday, November 27 at 10:00 a.m.**

Believe it or not, it's that time of year again! The **Et Cetera Shoppe is seeking donations of peppernut cookies** for us to sell as an additional holiday fundraiser for Mennonite Central Committee. Peppernuts baked from your favorite recipe can be brought to the shop ANYTIME. We begin selling them on the morning after Thanksgiving! Bring your peppernuts in Ziploc bags or ice cream pails and we will package them here. This can be a fun project to do with grandchildren, mentees, friends, Sunday School classes, etc. Your heart will be filled with the joy of giving, and your house will be filled with the aroma of the holidays!

**Swan Lake Christian Camp** is selling raffle tickets for a Christmas quilt. The quilt was made by a quilt gild from Springfield, SD and measures 80x96. Tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased by calling or emailing the camp office. 605-326-5690 campoffice@myslcc.com. Drawing will be December 1st.

The November issue of the Swan Lake Christian Camp newsletter is now available online. To view the newsletter go to <http://www.myslcc.com/about-us/newsletters/> If you would like to receive these notices by email, just let us know by email at [programdirector@myslcc.com](mailto:programdirector@myslcc.com) .

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