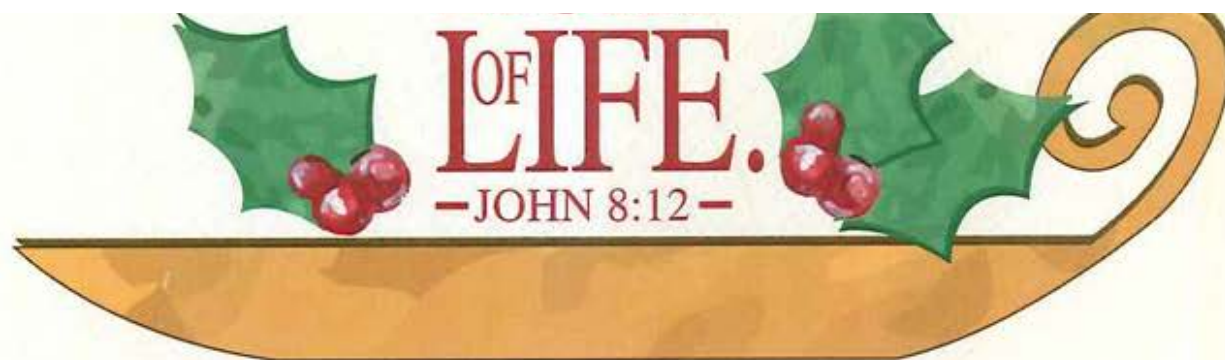


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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
November 29, 2015

Prelude

Lighting of the Advent Wreath:

The Candle of Hope

L: Together, we light the first candle of Advent in anticipation of God's justice breaking in.

P: In the midst of our realities and the realities of the world, God longs to free us from all that holds us captive to fear, confusion, even despair.

L: We light this candle as a reminder to take heart.

ALL: God is coming to make things right!

L: The path God reveals is freedom.

P: In the Christ child, we find freedom from fear,

ALL: freedom from sin, freedom from injustice.

L: In the Christ child, we find hope!

Hymn: HWB no. 172,

O Come, O Come, Immanuel

Welcome

Passing the Peace

Call to Worship

L: We live in troubled times, waiting for God's burst of light in our dark world.

P: Come, Lord Jesus! Come quickly and be born in us today!

L: Liberating God, sustain us and help us to walk in Your ways.

P: Free us from the chains of prejudice and fear. Free us from the shackles of sin.

L: Lord, wake us from our slumber and set us free!

ALL: Let us worship God, whose mercy promises us new life through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Prayer

Hymn: HWB no. 182,
HWB no. 189,

*How Shall I Receive Thee Oh,
To Us a Child of Hope is Born*

Time of Offering

The Invitation

Sharing Our Gifts

Prayer

Children's Time:

Together Hope

Scripture Reading:

Jeremiah 33: 14-16 (Pew Bible p. 417)

Silent Meditation

Message:

The Day is Coming

Hymn: HWB no. 188,

Sleepers, Wake!

Sharing Time

Congregational Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

Benediction

L: Now may God increase our love for one another and for all, and strengthen our hearts in holiness so that we will be blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

ALL: Amen.

Musical Response: HWB no. 174,

Bless'd be the God of Israel

Postlude

Worship Participants: Paige Zachariasen (accompanist), Monica Hofer (worship leader), and Todd Jones (children's time & message)

PRAYER CONCERNS

- ***Camilla Hofer*** (daughter of Cameron & Rina, born Nov. 23)
- ***Larry Hofer***
- ***Pastor Tim Detweiler*** (diagnosed with lung cancer)
- **Central Plains Mennonite Conference (CPMC):** Pray for Tim Detweiler and Dave and Shana Boshart as they attend the annual gathering of Mennonite Church USA conference ministers in Orlando, Florida. Pray that God's Spirit would be powerfully present in this gathering.
- **Mennonite Mission Network (MMN):** Jason Boone of MMN's Peace and Justice Support Network requests prayer for soldiers experiencing pain of "moral injury as a result of what they have done or seen in combat." Pray for Jesus' peace in their lives as Mennonites share from "our deep history of peacemaking."
- **Additional Prayers:**

TODAY

Greeters: Todd Koerner & Ian Hofer

9:45am: Worship Service

Coffee Time: Jarrod Kramer

11:05am: Sunday School for all ages

MW November Project: Cash - CPMC MW dues approx. \$10-15
Children's S.S. Fall Project: Food Pantry

NEXT SUNDAY

Greeters: Shane & Amy Hofer Vetch

Accompanist: Edie Tschetter/David Friesen

Coffee Time: LaVonne Tschetter

THIS WEEK

Wed.: 6:00-7:00pm K-6th Grade Christmas Program Practice

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Dec. 7: 7:00pm Annual Meeting

Dec. 9: 6:00-7:00pm K-6th Grade Christmas Program Practice

Dec. 11: Christmas Cookie Walk (Sr. Citizen Center)

Dec. 16: 6:00-7:00pm K-6th Grade Christmas Program Practice

Dec. 20: 6:30pm Family Christmas feat. K-6th Grade Christmas Program

Agenda for the **Church annual meeting on Dec. 7 at 7 pm** will include: review of the minutes, statistical report, financials, voting on offering distribution, elections, discussion on the future of the Hutterthal Mennonite Men organization and any other business that comes before the meeting. The Leadership Selection Committee is bringing the following ballot:

Chair (3 year term)

Dennis Schrock

Deacon (3 year term)

Todd Koerner

Trustee (3 year term)

Paul Hofer, Jr.

Music Committee (2 year term)

Steve Friesen

Leadership Selection Committee (3 year term)

Kathy Pullman

Connection! Advisory Board (one 3 year term)

Twyla Hofer

Assistant Head Usher (becomes head usher next year)

Brandon Waltner

Ushers:

John Clem Cole Hofer Eric Neuharth

Dave Friesen Kim Jones Joline Thomas

Order your Christmas cheese logs homemade by the Hutterthal Mennonite Church Youth Group. We have four varieties of cheese logs to choose from: Feta Red Pepper (feta cheese, red peppers, and rolled in walnuts), Parmesean/Asiago (parmesean and asiago cheese and rolled in walnuts), Jalapeno (cheddar cheese, jalapenos, and rolled in spicy

cheddar crackers), and Honey Dijon (honey, dijon mustard, and rolled in pretzels). Each cheese log is \$9.00. Place your order with any youth member (Xavier, Ian, Tristan, Jaden, Hannah, & Madeline) or youth sponsors (Brandon & Kylea) starting **November 22nd and ending December 16th**. You can pick up your cheese log at church on December 20th. Thank you for supporting your youth group.

The HMC 2016 Yearbook needs your help: please get all information (schedules - coffee, ushers, PA, etc.) as well as updates for the contact information directory **by Dec. 20**. You may make changes to the directory by e-mailing Edie or by updating the 2016 directory available during coffee time.

Hutterthal Families! Advent is the perfect time to model faith at home with your kids. Download the FREE Advent Family Devotions that go with the Leader worship materials, "Freedom Bound!" Find prayers and activities to use from November 29 through January 9 at <http://tiny.cc/adventathome>. An early childhood supplement makes these useful even for families with preschoolers.

The **MW Christmas Cookie Walk** will be **Fri., Dec. 11** (snow date-Mon., Dec. 14). Please bring your cookies to the Sr. Citizen Center by 9 am. Proceeds will assist Brian & Deb Koster with expenses since Brian suffered health problems earlier this year and is unable to be employed. We want this to be an encouragement that shows them our love & support.

The **Freeman Academy Studio Subscription Series** invites you to join us **December 5th at 7:00 pm** to hear the Rawlins Piano Trio. Since its founding in 1987, the internationally-recognized Rawlins Piano Trio has distinguished itself as a dynamic group of performers, teachers and scholars. The trio consists of piano, violin and cello and will feature music from German composer Johann Nepomuk Hummel, American composer M. Scott Robins and Czech composer Antonín Dvořák. Tickets, which include a dessert reception, can be purchased at the door: single event admission \$15/adult and \$8/student (K-12). For further information see the Freeman Courier or contact Amy Hofer Vetch at 925-4237 Ext. 240 or by email ahofer@freemanacademy.org.

The Freeman Academy 1-4th grade students are preparing to share **Christmas Tea** with you, **Thursday, December 10 at 4:00 pm** in Pioneer Hall. Students in grades 3-4 have been working on their recorder and mallet skills. They will be sharing Christmas songs that incorporate recorders, Orff instruments and some auxiliary percussion. The 1-

2nd grade have been working on several songs celebrating the shepherds, the joy of Christmas and Jesus as the light of the world. In addition, each class will present a Reader's Theatre and poetry readings. Come join us for Tea and cookies!

The **Freeman Academy music department** features "A Jazzy Yuletide", **December 17-18, 6:30 pm** in Pioneer Hall. Reservations are needed for this event and are requested **by December 10**. Ticket prices: Adult (grade 5+): \$13 and Students K-4: \$6 (younger than Kindergarten is free.) Please check the Courier for the order form or the Freeman Academy website www.freemanacademy.org. Mail the order form with your payment by Thursday, December 10th. You may also stop in the Freeman Academy office and pick up your tickets. For additional information please call Freeman Academy at 925-4237.

Just as the persistent widow cries to the unjust judge and to God for justice in Matthew 18:6, we call upon the Department of Homeland Security to bring Max Villatoro home. Join us by signing a new petition at tiny.cc/bringmaxback. Please help us meet our goal of collecting 5000 signatures to hand-deliver to the Secretary. --
www.FriendsofPastorMax.org

Notice: In cases of inclement weather, when Freeman schools do not open for the day, the **Et Cetera Shoppe** will not open either. This is for the safety of older volunteers and those who drive in from the country. We do try to maintain regular store hours in cases of late starts and early dismissals. Thank you for your understanding!

The **Conflict Management Support Team** of Central Plains Mennonite Conference will be leading a Conflict in the Church: Entrusted with the Message of Reconciliation workshop at Salem-Zion Mennonite Church in Freeman on January 15-16. This workshop will begin on Friday evening at 7pm and will continue on Saturday from 9am-4pm. This workshop will look at the Nature and Role of Conflict and teach Interpersonal Skills for Managing Conflict. Participants will come away with a better understanding of their own style of response to conflict and will learn skills that will be useful in the church, home and other settings. The workshop is open to all who want to improve their interpersonal peacemaking skills for managing conflict more effectively. More information about registration will be coming soon.

The Hutterthal Christmas Tree: You are invited to bring a favorite Christmas ornament to worship and place it upon the Hutterthal Christmas Tree in the sanctuary

this season. You can place your ornament anywhere on the tree you like either before or after our time of worship together. (Ornaments will be available for pick-up in January)

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