



Hutterthal Mennonite Church

Christ-centered - Living, Relating, Serving

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
November 30, 2014

Prelude

Lighting of the Peace Lamp

Silent Meditation

Lighting of the Advent Wreath:

The Hope Candle

Gathering Hymn: HWB no. 175,

O Savior, Rend the Heavens

Welcome

Call to Worship: adapted from Isaiah 64 & Psalm 80

L: Come, let us worship in faith the God who is here and desires our worship.

Time of Silence

L: Redeeming God, show Your face, so that we, Your people, would share Your hope.

ALL: Oh, that You would reveal Your hope to us, O Lord.

L: Speak to us, for Your words do not pass away.

P: Walk with us, and the peoples tremble.

L: Restore us, that we might be saved.

P: Mold us, and we will bend to Your will.

ALL: Rend the heavens and come down, O Lord of hope.

Prayer

Hymn: HWB no. 189,

To Us a Child of Hope is Born

Children's Time:

The Christmas Tree

Sharing Time

Sharing Together

Congregational Prayer

Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

Time of Offering

Offertory Invitation

Sharing Our Gifts

Offertory Prayer

Scripture Reading:

Mark 13: 24-37 (Pew Bible p. 537)

Silent Meditation

Hymn: HWB no. 216,

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

Message:

Something of Eternity Within

Hymn: HWB no. 182,

Oh, How Shall I Receive Thee

Benediction

Musical Response

Postlude

Worship Participants: David, Brandy, Tristan, Sam, & Noelle Friesen (*Advent Wreath*), Paige Zachariasen (*piano*), and Todd Jones (*worship leader, children's time & message*)

PRAYER CONCERNS

- **Glenda Langeland**
- **Central Plains Mennonite Conference (CPMC):** Pray for wisdom for our conference ministers Tim Detweiler, David Boshart and Shana Peachey Boshart. Pray also for the annual meeting of conference ministers taking place next weekend in San Antonio, TX.
- **Mennonite Mission Network (MMN):** Nearly 50 participants are three months into their Mennonite Voluntary Service assignments, a Christian Service program of MMN. Pray for these young adults as they adapt to life in community and work in fields that include public health, immigration law, and home repair.

TODAY

Greeters: Dennis & Marcia Schrock

Coffee Time: Jarrod & Joani Kramer

11:10am: Sunday School

MW November Project: Cash for CPMC Mennonite Women

Children's S.S. Fall Quarter Project: Sole Hope in Uganda

NEXT SUNDAY

8:30am: Youth Bible Study

Greeters: Vernon & Norma Hofer

Piano: Amy Hofer Vetch

Coffee Time: LaVonne Tschetter

THIS WEEK

Mon.: Annual Meeting, 7:00pm

Fri & Sat: State Oral Interpretation Festival (Huron, SD)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Dec. 8: Prayer Shawl, 7:00pm

Dec. 10: Christmas Program Practice, 7:00pm

Dec. 12: Christmas Cookie Walk (Sr. Citizen Center in Freeman)

Dec. 14: Worship, 2:30pm (Oakview Terrace)

Dec. 17: Christmas Program Practice, 7:00pm

Dec. 18: Youth make cheese logs, 6:30pm

Dec. 20: Youth make cheese logs, 9:30am

Dec. 21: Christmas Program, 7:00pm

Throughout the Seasons of Advent and Christmas we will be celebrating “family.” During these seasons, **you are invited** to bring a “Christmas card picture” of your family, your “Christmas Letter”, or a Christmas Card that you will be sending out as part of our “Family Christmas” display on the bulletin board in the foyer by the sanctuary entrance.

Families: on display in the foyer is a sample set of Advent At-Home Devotionals. Check out the sample and if you are interested, you will find the materials at <http://resources.mennonitechurch.ca/SelectDownloadFormat/43/17175>.

Everyone enjoys **coffee time** at HMC. It’s a good chance to meet visitors as well as keep connected with regulars. You have the opportunity, during the month of December, to contribute to the cost by making a donation into the “gift box” located in Fellowship Hall during coffee time. Thank you. Twyla Hofer

Order your Christmas Cheese Logs! Cheese logs are homemade by the Hutterthal Youth Group. We have 4 **varieties of cheese logs to choose from:**

***Ranch**

***Parmesan/Asiago**

***Feta/Sweet Red Pepper**

***Garlic/Cheddar**

*each cheese log is \$10.00

Place your order with any youth member or sponsor starting November 30th and ending December 14th. Delivery date: December 21st.

The **Leadership Selection Committee** will bring the following slate to the annual congregational meeting on Mon., Dec. 1 at 7:-00pm.

Church Treasurer (3 yr. term) Edie Tschetter

Deacon (3 yr. term) Monica Clem

Trustee (3 yr. term) LeRoy Pullman

Music Committee (2 yr. term) Marj Hofer

Leadership Selection Com. (3 yr. term) Brigitta Hofer

Connection! Advisory Board (3 yr. term) Marcia Schrock

Assistant Head Usher (moves to head next year) Cameron Hofer

Ushers: (1 yr. terms) John Clem, Stan Hofer, Rodney Mettler,

Derrick Preheim, Phil Thomas, Brandon Waltner

The **Christmas Cookie Walk**, sponsored by Mennonite Women, will be Friday, Dec. 12 (snow date-Monday, Dec. 15). Please bring your cookies to the Sr. Citizen Center by 9 am. Proceeds will assist Carrol & Glenda Langeland with expenses incurred since Glenda suffered a brain aneurysm on Nov 2. We want this to be an encouragement that shows our love & support. Thank you - Sherryl, Barbie, Edie.

'Tis the season! Once again, the **Et Cetera Shoppe** is seeking donations of **peppernut cookies** to sell as an additional holiday fundraiser for Mennonite Central Committee. Peppernuts baked from your favorite recipe can be brought to the shop ANYTIME. 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.!

The **Freeman Academy Studio Subscription Series** is excited to host **Flower and Flame, Monday, December 8 at 7:00 pm** in Pioneer Hall on the Freeman Academy campus. Flower and Flame, professional musicians and an actor, present "A Christmas Carol" with story-telling and music. Doors open at 6:30 pm. Tickets may be purchased at the door and include a dessert reception following the performance. For further information please contact Amy Hofer Vetch at 605-925-4237 Ext. 240 or by email

ahofer@freemanacademy.org.

The Freeman Academy music department features “**A Renaissance Yuletide**”, **December 18 & 19, at 6:30 pm in Pioneer Hall. Reservations** are needed for this event and are requested **by Dec. 10**. Please check the Courier for the order form or the Freeman Academy website www.freemanacademy.org . You may mail the order form with your payment or stop in the Freeman Academy office to purchase tick-ets. For additional information please call the office at 925-4237.

Freeman Academy is grateful for the very positive response during our annual fall church drive. A total of \$9700 was given by Hutterthal members as of November 24. If you missed this opportunity, we would welcome any additional gifts since we have not met our budget goal for church drives this year. Thank you! Katie Minster, administrator and Vernetta Waltner, development director.

Freeman Academy wants to hire an **assistant cook** for the school lunch program. Hours are 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. each school ay. Contact Katie Minster at 925-4237.