



# Hutterthal Mennonite Church

*Christ-centered - Living, Relating, Serving*

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*“Listen closely, you who diligently work for justice and look for the Eternal One, for what is fair and true. It would be good for you to look back, look to the place from where you came, the rock out of which you were shaped and the quarry from where you were mined. Look to your spiritual ancestors — Abraham, your father, and Sarah, who birthed you, Abraham was the only person when I called him. But with generous goodness, I made him a numerous people.”*

~ Isaiah 51: 1-2, The Voice

## **Prelude**

*As the Deer, Nystron  
Change My Heart, O God, Espinso*

## **Lighting of the Peace Lamp**

## **Call to Worship**

L: Sing praise to God who has shown His love for us through His Son, Jesus Christ.

**P: His love is a shelter in the storm and a light in the darkness.**

L: If we will listen, His presence will direct our lives.

**ALL: Lord, help us to listen that we may go where You lead us.**

L: Come, let us worship together!

## **Prayer**

## **Welcome**

**Hymn: HWB no. 1**

*What Is This Place*

**Scripture Reading**  
**Silent Meditation**

Mark 15: 21-39 (Pew Bible p. 538)

**Children's Time**

Shalom Readers

**Sunday School Teacher & Staff Dedication**

**Time of Offering**  
**Offertory Invitation**  
**Offertory Music**  
**Offertory Prayer**

*Bradbury Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us,*

**Hymn:** HWB no. 250

*Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

**Message**

Ground Zero

**Worship Music**

*Love the Lord Your God*

**Sharing Time**  
**Congregational Prayer**  
**Lord's Prayer** (debts/debtors)

**Hymn:** HWB no. 259

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

**Benediction**

**Musical Response**

**Postlude**

*Jesus, Lead Thou On, Bach*

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**Worship Participants:** Edie Tschetter, accompanist; Todd Jones, worship leader, & message; Becky McCune, children's time; Kathy Pullman, Sunday School teacher & staff dedication; Fortis, worship music

***PRAYER CONCERNS***

- **Lee & Ashton Dockendorf**, the birth of their daughter, Leighton Emma on August 31.
- **Ray Hofer & Joyce Hofer (caregiver)**
- **Larry Hofer**

- **Frank Wiebe**
- **Central Plains Mennonite Conference (CPMC):** Pray for those planning the Deep Faith conference on Anabaptist faith formation for all ages coming up October 6-8 at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary.
- **Mennonite Mission Network (MMN):** Bishop Leonard Dow and Oxford Circle Mennonite Church in Philadelphia will host an African-American leadership gathering on Sept 16-17. Pray for the inspiration of God's Spirit as African-American Mennonite Association and MMN collaborate to deepen relationships and respond to God's call to mission.
- ***Additional Prayers***

### **TODAY—September 11**

**Greeters:** Delmer & Shirley Hofer

**9:45 am:** Worship Service

**Coffee Time:** Gordon & Sharon Waltner

**11:10am:** Sunday School for All Ages

**5:30 pm:** Annual Church picnic at HMC Fellowship Hall

**MW September Project:** Cash donations for MW MCUSA

**Children's S.S. Fall Project:** Bethany Food Pantry

### **NEXT SUNDAY— September 18**

**Greeters:** Ray & Joyce Hofer

**Accompanist:** Elvera Deckert

**Coffee Time:** Colin & Michelle Hofer

**Worship Music:** Eric & Michelle Neuharth

### **THIS WEEK**

**Monday, 12:00 pm:** Freeman Network for Justice & Peace (Freeman Public Library)

**7:00 pm:** Prayer Shawl

**Thursday, 8:00 pm:** Church Board

**Saturday-Sunday:** CPMC Women's Retreat at Swan Lake

### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Sept. 20, 9:15 am:** Pastor-Peer (Sioux Falls)

**Sept. 28:** October Connection Deadline

**Oct. 2:** World Communion Sunday

**Oct. 4, 7:30 pm:** Deacon's Meeting (Clem Residence)

**Oct. 5, 10:00 am:** Freeman Ministerial

**Oct. 9:** Worship with Music provided by Freeman Academy

**Oct. 10, 7:00 pm:** Prayer Shawl

**Oct. 13, 7:00pm:** Worship (Salem Mennonite Home)

**Oct. 30:** Harvest Mission Festival featuring Aaron Myers

We will be having our **Annual Church Potluck Picnic** TODAY at 5:30pm in our church fellowship hall. We will plan to eat at 6:00 pm. We will have a time for table and group games following. Please bring food to share and table games. We will NOT be providing hotdogs/buns, but will provide beverages and table service.

Central Plains is offering three **webinars** this fall on reading and interpreting the Bible. The first, at 7:30 pm Monday, September 12, is called *Between Joints and Marrow: An Introduction to the Art of Biblical Interpretation*. Find more details and RSVP at [www.centralplainsmc.org](http://www.centralplainsmc.org).

Women, did you remember to sign up for **Women's Retreat at Swan Lake Christian Camp** next weekend (17th & 18th)? If not, you can still come and register on Saturday morning. The retreat begins Saturday morning with coffee, cinnamon rolls, and registration at 9:00am and ends after the noon meal on Sunday. Contact Elisabeth Harder Schrock ([eharderschrock@gmail.com](mailto:eharderschrock@gmail.com) or 507-427-2771) with any questions.

**THE MENNONITE-** Anyone interested in getting The Mennonite for 2017 please give your check, made out to The Mennonite, to Ardella Gross by Sept. 18. The Group price is \$37.

Sunday, October 2, 2016 marks **World Communion Sunday**. That morning, in solidarity with churches throughout the world, we will celebrate the Lord's Supper together at a table open to all who desire a deep and abiding relationship with Christ. We will also collect a **Benevolent Fund Offering**, prayerfully remembering those who are in need among us. (The Benevolent Fund is overseen by the Deacons with assistance provided confidentially to members of HMC facing acute financial need. If you know of someone in need, please speak to one of our Deacons. Thank you!)