



# Hutterthal Mennonite Church

*Christ-centered - Living, Relating, Serving*

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*“If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves,  
and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways,  
then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.”*  
2 Chronicles 7: 14, NKJV

## **Prelude**

### **Lighting of the Peace Lamp**

## **Call to Worship:**

L: God of creation, majesty and glory,

**P: we come to worship You.**

L: God of humanity, who makes us family,

**P: we come to celebrate with You.**

L: God of beauty, wonder and mystery,

**P: we come to praise and be in awe of You.**

L: God of all nations, of all peoples, of all places,

***ALL: we are Yours and we place all we are before You.***

## **Prayer**

## **Welcome**

**Hymn:** HWB no. 71,

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

**First Scripture Reading:**

Mark 7: 1-8 & 14-23 (Pew Bible p. 532)

## **Silent Meditation**

## **Children's Time**

## **Time of Offering**

### **Offertory Invitation**

### **Offertory Music**

### **Offertory Prayer**

## **Scripture Reading:**

James 1: 17-27 (Pew Bible p. 637)

## **Silent Meditation**

## **Hymn:** HWB no. 355,

*Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

## **Message:**

Let's Think About 'Closer' & 'Right' Relationship with God

## **Worship Music**

## **Sharing Time**

### **Congregational Prayer**

### **Lord's Prayer** (debts/debtors)

## **Hymn:** HWB no. 301,

*Joys Are Flowing Like a River*

## **Benediction**

## **Postlude**

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**Worship Participants:** Amy Hofer Vetch, accompanist; Michelle Hofer, worship leader; Charlene Friesen, children's time; Eric Deckert, message; Jillian Schnabel, worship music (arranged by LeRoy & Kathy Pullman)

## **PRAYER CONCERNS**

- **Lee & Ashton Dockendorf**, the birth of their daughter, Leighton Emma on August 31.
- **Larry Hofer**
- **Frank Wiebe**
- **Central Plains Mennonite Conference (CPMC):** Pray for Central Plains congregations who are looking for pastors. Pray that God's will be done for the pastoral candidates and our sister congregations.

- **Mennonite Mission Network (MMN):** MMN requests prayer for the UK Mennonite Trust (previously the London Mennonite Centre) as it provides resources for Anabaptism in the United Kingdom. Pray for chairperson Stuart Murray Williams as he mentors the next generation of Anabaptist leaders.
- ***Additional Prayers***

## **TODAY**

**Greeters:** Vernon & Twyla Hofer

**9:45 am:** Worship Service

**Coffee Time:** Vernon & Norma Hofer

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

**MW July Project:** MCC School Kits

**Children's S.S. Summer Project:** Swan Lake Christian Camp

## **NEXT SUNDAY— September 11**

**Greeters:** Delmer & Shirley Hofer

**Accompanist:** Edie Tschetter

**Coffee Time:** Colin & Michelle Hofer

**Worship Music:** Fortis

## **This Week**

**Mon.,** Labor Day

**Tues. 7:00pm,** Deacon Meeting

**Wed., 10am,** Freeman Ministerial

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Sept. 11:** Church Picnic

**Sept. 12: 12pm,** Freeman Network for Justice & Peace (Library)

**7pm,** Prayer Shawl

**Sept. 15: 8:00pm,** Church Board

**Sept. 17-18:** Women's Retreat (Swan Lake)

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

We will be having our **Annual Church Potluck Picnic** on September 11, 5:30 pm 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*. We'll explore how the literary and historical setting can transform the ways we read and understand biblical texts. We'll also look at basic tips for interpreting different types of biblical literature such as law, stories, poetry, apocalypses, etc. Find more details and RSVP at [www.centralplainsmc.org](http://www.centralplainsmc.org).

**Running Low! The Material Resource Center at MCC Central States is running low on the following items:** large bars of laundry soap, infant gowns/sleepers (size 3-9 months), and good quality sewing scissors. Your generous donations of these items will allow volunteers in North Newton, Kan. to complete relief kits, infant care kits and sewing kits in a timely manner. These items can be brought to 121 E. 30th St., PO Box 235 in North Newton, Kan., purchased online via Amazon Smile or other retailers and shipped to MCC or we welcome your monetary donations designated Kit Supplies. Thank you for your ongoing support of the worldwide work of Mennonite Central Committee! If you have questions, please call 316.283.2720 or visit [mcc.org/kits](http://mcc.org/kits) for more information.

Today is the last day to register for **Women's Retreat at Swan Lake Christian Camp** on September 17 & 18! Special interest sessions will include PiYo (please bring a yoga mat). You can look forward to speaker Debra Worth sharing on the topic Finding solace and joy in faith! Cost for the entire weekend is \$80. Churches, please send in your group registration form today to Elisabeth Harder Schrock ([eharderschrock@gmail.com](mailto:eharderschrock@gmail.com)); individuals may also sign up by e-mailing or calling her at 507-427-2771.

**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.