



# Hutterthal Mennonite Church

*Christ-centered - Living, Relating, Serving*

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**Sunday, December 1, 2019**

Prelude

Worship Hymns

*Blessed Jesus, at Your Word*

HWB #13

*Christ is the World's True Light*

HWB #334

Call to Worship

One: Oh God, our God, we cry out to you.

**Many: Asking, will your kingdom of peace be established on this broken earth?**

One: Are you coming to intervene, to make whole your divided creation?

**All: God, what are you waiting for?**

Opening Prayer

Welcome

Responsive Reading

Leader: The word of the Lord has been established for us.

**People: Come, let us walk in the word of the Lord.**

Leader: The Lord has come to teach us God's way.

**People: Come, let us walk in the way of the Lord.**

Leader: The Lord has come to bring peace to all nations.

**All: Come, let us walk in the peace of the Lord.**

Lighting the Advent Wreath

Confession

Leader: Forgive me Lord, for not expecting you,

**People: even when you have told me that you are coming.**

Leader: Forgive me Lord, for being asleep,

**People: even when you have asked me to wait for you.**

Leader: Forgive me, Lord, for my carelessness,

**People: when all you have asked of me is to care.**

Leader: Forgive me, Lord, for failing to see you,

**People: when your face is so obvious.**

Leader: Blessed be our God, who invites us to walk in the light of the Lord!

Worship Music     *Classic Sonatina 1<sup>st</sup> Movement*

N. Faber

*Ukrainian Bell Carol*

Mykola Leontovych

Children's Time     "The Little Town of Bethlehem"

Offering & Prayer

Hymn     *Come, thou Long-Expected Jesus*

HWB #178

Sharing Time

Congregational Prayer

Scripture

Sermon

Hymn

*Let There be Light, Lord God*

STJ #67

Benediction

Musical Response

Postlude

## **TODAY - December 1**

### **First Sunday of Advent**

**Greeters:** Shane & Amy Hofer Vetch

**9:45 am: Worship Service**

**Advent Candle Lighters:** Lori and Darnell Tschetter

**Accompanists:** Amy Hofer Vetch

**Worship Leader:** Charlene Friesen

**Worship Music:** Todd & Suzanne Koerner

**Children's Time:** Barbie Hofer

**Scripture Reading:** Dennis Schrock

**Message:** Dennis Schrock

**Coffee Time:** Lavonne Tschetter

**10:45 am: Sunday School for all ages**

## **NEXT SUNDAY- December 8**

### **Second Sunday of Advent**

**Greeters:** Joyce Hofer & Brigitta Hofer

**9:45 am: Worship Service**

**Advent Candle Lighters:** Delmer & Shirley Hofer

**Accompanist:** Charlene Friesen

**Worship Leader:** Todd Koerner

**Worship Music:** Jarrod & Bekka Kramer

**Children's Time:** Barbie Hofer

**Scripture Reading:** Norman Hofer

**Message:** Bob Engbrecht

**Coffee Time:** LaVonne Tschetter

**10:45 am: Sunday School for all ages**

### **Prayer Requests:**

- \* Pastor Jack-Recovering from surgery
- \* Other Concerns

**Don't forget to sign up for the Children's Sunday School Christmas Program Brunch in the Narthex today!**

Pastor Jack is taking vacation time to be with his family in Sioux Falls, however he will be present for our annual meeting Dec 2. He will resume his regular responsibilities Dec 12. Until then we ask that you address all pastoral concerns to the

**The HMC Annual Christmas Cookie Walk** will be Friday December 13 (snow date-Mon., Dec. 16).

**Please bring your cookies to the Senior Citizen Center by 9 am.**

Cookie Walk funds raised are designated for Randy Glanzer who has been experiencing health issues and recently underwent surgery.

**Please be reminded about the Annual Meeting of the Hutterthal Mennonite Church on Monday, December 2nd at 7:00pm in Fellowship Hall. Please make plans to attend.**

The Leadership Selection Committee will bring the following ballot to the Annual Congregational Meeting:

### **2019 ballot:**

Secretary (3 year term): Joline Thomas

Deacon (3 year term): Les Rensink

Trustee (3 year term): Lyndon Hofer

Leadership Comm (3 year term): Todd Koerner

Connection Board (3 year term): Marcia Schrock

Music Comm. (2 year term): Alvina Hofer

Music Comm. (1 year term): Kathy Pullman

Still needed:

Asst. Adult Supt. \_\_\_\_\_ (1 year term will be Adult Supt. the next year)

Any nominations from the floor need to be accepted by the nominee prior the meeting.

Asst. Head Usher (1 year term):  
Cameron Hofer

Ushers (1 year term):

Joyce Hofer Cole Hofer

Eric Neuharth Boni Hofer

Aprille Hofer Darnell Tschetter

## December Projects

**Congregational**

**Ministries:**

Cookie Walk

**Children's Sunday School**

**Department:** Swan Lake

Christian Camp

## Calendar of Events

**Dec. 2, 7:00pm:** Annual Congregational Meeting

**December 6 & 12th, 6:00pm:** HMC Live Nativity

**December 13, 10:00am:** Cookie Walk Senior Citizen Center

**December 15, 10:30am:** SS Christmas Program

**December 18, 7:00pm:** Church Board Meeting



*Friday, December 6th & Thursday, December 12th, 6—7pm.*

*We still need people to be in the*

*Live Nativity & to help set up.*

*Are you willing to lend power cords? If so, please label them  
with your name.*

## Community & Beyond

As the holidays approach, the **Et Cetera Shoppe** once again will welcome your **donations of traditional pfeffernusse (peppernut) cookies** made from the recipe of your choice. Every year, the sale of peppernuts at the shop greatly boosts our end-of-year giving to the work of Mennonite Central Committee. Making peppernuts can be a fun holiday activity to do with grandchildren, mentees, youth groups, extension clubs, and anyone else – so please consider making a batch and bringing them to the shop any time before Thanksgiving!

**Thursday, December 5, 6:30 pm:**

Freeman Academy Grades 1-6 Christmas Musical

### *The Light Before Christmas*

Mark your calendars for the 1-6<sup>th</sup> grade Christmas musical! Thursday, December 5, 2019 at 6:30 pm in the Dining Hall! Students in Miss Cutler's Science class are getting ready for their Christmas party with Beaker trying to make snow. While waiting for the snow, Miss Cutler takes the opportunity to tell them about the "Light of Christmas." Refreshments will be enjoyed!

**Saturday, December 7, 6:00pm:** Swan Lake Christian Camp will be hosting Piano night at the Lake. A meal will be served while being entertained with music from area musicians. Reservations are required and a free will donation will be taken. Call 605-326-5690 or email [campoffice@myslcc.com](mailto:campoffice@myslcc.com) to make your reservation. A raffle is being held for a Christmas quilt. The winner will be drawn at Piano night. Tickets are \$5 each and can be purchased by contacting Judi. You need not be present to win. Pictures of the quilt can be seen on the Swan Lake Christian Camp Facebook page.

All MCC volunteers and alumni are invited to our annual come-and-go MCC Christmas Soiree on Thursday, December 12 from 5-7 p.m. at MCC in North Newton (121 E. 30<sup>th</sup>). We will have food, Christmas cheer and plenty of time for fellowship. At 6 p.m. we'll pause for a short program about Christmas around the world from our International Volunteer Exchange Program (IVEP) participants.

You don't want to miss this annual event!



The poster for the Community Toy Box drive features a colorful illustration of various toys including a rocket, teddy bears, a dog, a doll, and a baby. The text on the poster reads: "community TOYBOX NOW THROUGH 12.5.19 toys for every child!". To the right of the illustration, it says: "Every child deserves a gift this holiday season and the Courier, in partnership with the Freeman Food Pantry, invites you to join us in filling a community toy box for local kids. Please consider spreading some holiday joy to those less fortunate this holiday season." Below this, it says "giving is easy as 1-2-3" followed by three numbered steps: 1. Purchase a gift in the \$10-\$25 range. 2. Bring unwrapped gifts to the Courier office at 308 S. Main Street, Freeman and help fill our toy box. 3. Be entered into a drawing for \$100 Freeman Bucks. One entry per person. At the bottom, it says "drop off your gifts by THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5TH".

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