



Hutterthal Mennonite Church

Christ centered- Living, Relating, Serving

On the road to readiness

What does readiness look like?
How might we prepare ourselves to receive the One
sent to save us?
May our heart's desire be to make space to receive
the gift God has sent.



TODAY November 29

First Sunday of Advent

10:00 am: Worship Service

Accompanist: Charlene Friesen

Worship Leader: Joyce Hofer

Opening Hymn: by Maria Paff

Sharing of Thanksgiving

Special Music: Cello by Aprille Birkey

arranged by Merlin and Sylvia Hofer

Children's time: Les Rensink

Lighting Advent Candles: Cameron , Rina and Camilla Hofer

Message: Pastor Gene

Closing Hymn: by Jayme Giesbrecht

Jayme is a childhood friend of Kate Friesen

11:00 am: Children's Sunday School

NEXT SUNDAY December 6

Second Sunday of Advent

10:00 am: Worship Service

Accompanist: Amy Hofer Vetch

Worship Leader: Charlene Friesen

Special Music: arranged by Paul and Priscilla Hofer

Children's time: Les Rensink

Lighting Advent Candles: John and Monica Clem

Message: Pastor Gene

11:00 am: Children's Sunday School

CALENDER

Wednesday, December 2, 7:00pm WILL BE HELD ON ZOOM,
HMC Annual Congregational Meeting, followed by
Congregational Ministries organizational meeting

Wednesday, December 16, 7:30pm Church Board meeting

TODAY: We will be having a '**Sharing of Thanksgiving**' during our worship service. You are invited to bring an item that symbolizes something you are grateful for and place it on the prepared altar table as well as share with us why you give thanks for this.

It is difficult for us to social distance while we all are either hanging up or retrieving our coats at the same time from the racks in the Ed. Wing foyer. It would be helpful if adults would consider taking our coats into the sanctuary and placing them on the empty pew in front of us. Thank you

The **Hutterthal Annual Congregational meeting** will be held Wednesday, Dec. 2, at 7 pm in the sanctuary. We will adhere to the safety guidelines that we use for our worship services.

The Church Board will bring the following recommendation, regarding the Designated Distribution for 2021, to the annual congregational meeting for approval:

CPMC 35%

Freeman Academy 9%

MCC 6%

MCC local meat canning 8%

MC USA 25%

Swan Lake Christian Camp 12%

Wellspring Wholistic Care Center 5%

Scholarship Committee Fundraiser: The Scholarship Committee provides tuition assistance to students attending Mennonite schools or colleges and Christian camp. This past year we were unable to hold a meal fundraiser due to COVID precautions and the account could use a boost. In lieu of a meal fundraiser, the Scholarship Committee is inviting you to consider donating monies the next two Sundays, November 22 and the 29th. An offering plate will be located in the back of the church, near the weekly offering plate.

If you would like, instead, to mail in a check that would be lovely! We thank you for your continued support of Mennonite education for our church members. Amy Hofer Vetch, chair

Checks may be made out to: Hutterthal Scholarship Committee

Checks may be mailed to: Joline Thomas,
44036 US. Hwy 44. Marion, SD 57043.

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE: Due to current circumstances, the church board has decided to hold the annual meeting by Zoom this year. While this is not a plan that will please everyone, it feels that it would be more beneficial than detrimental at this time. Those who do not have a computer or I-pad can call in by phone and be part of the meeting. Chad will provide the needed information to get you connected and also be available before the meeting starts for assistance. We ask for grace as we move forward in what we feel is best for our congregation.

Giving Tuesday is coming up on December 1st. Your contribution to Mission Network will help us Be the Gospel through our valued partnerships, ministries, and resources. Visit MennoniteMission.net/Donate to give on or before December 1st.

Prayer Requests and Praise:

- We give thanks for providing Randall & Morgan & little Vivienne this new home. May they find delight and joy as they settle in and make it their home. We pray for your blessings on it. We give thanks for their family who helped them move and ask for safe travel as they return home.
- Lord, may we abide under the shadow of your strength. In the midst of this pandemic, may we take shelter in you, placing our trust in your deliverance. Lord, address our fears; help us face the threats of job losses, hunger and disease with courage and hope. In your love, deliver us.

November Project

Mennonite
Disaster Service
Cash project

Pastor Gene Miller
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BALLOT CANDIDATES FOR 2020 ELECTION
FOR 2021+TERMS

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT: Barbie Hofer
(1-year term)

ADULT ASSISTANT SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT:
Suzanne Koerner (Will become Adult Sunday
School Superintendent in 2022)

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT:
Rebecca Hofer (1-year term)

CHILDREN'S ASSIT. SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT:
Kylea Waltner (Will become Children's
Sunday School Superintendent in 2022)

SECRETARY/TREASURER: Mary Rensink (1-year term)

ELECTED MEMBER: Todd Koerner (1-year term)

DEACON: Charlene Friesen (3-year term)

TRUSTEE: Donovan Friesen (3-year term)

SECRETARY: **Need someone to fill out 2 years (3-year term)**

TREASURER: John Clem (3-year term)

LEADERSHIP SELECTION COMMITTEE:

Need someone to fill a 3-year term)

CONNECTION ADVISORY BOARD: Suzanne Koerner
(3-year term)

MUSIC COMMITTEE: Kathy Pullman (1-year term)

LIBRARY REPRESENTATIVE: Norman Hofer (2-year term)

ASSISTANT HEAD USHER: Joyce Hofer

(1-year term, then becomes head usher)

USHERS: (1-year terms) Aprille Birkey

Donovan Friesen

Jarrod Kramer

Phil Thomas

Eric Neuharth

Darnell Tschetter

Cameron Hofer will become head usher in 2021

Are you anticipating a Long Cold Winter? Then join us for a series of warm webinars for a cold season! Each month of this season, the Christian Formation Committee from CPMC is putting together a series of webinars to help us connect, learn, play and pray together. First up, “Building anticipation: Praying the Anabaptist Prayerbook in Advent,” on Mondays during December. For more information about this and the rest of the webinars in the series (and for the Zoom link), visit our website, centralplainsmc.org

MCC asks for support for Central American hurricane recovery. Not one, but two hurricanes within two weeks have caused extensive flooding in Honduras, Guatemala and Nicaragua. Hurricanes Eta and Iota have destroyed crops and forced people from their homes. MCC is working with churches and community organization to provide emergency food, hygiene supplies and cleanup support. Join us as we help these communities recover. You can donate online mcc.org/eta-iota-relief, by phone (888) 563-4676 or by mail at MCC, 21 S. 12th St., PO Box 500, Akron PA 17501

Join MCC for a series of “MCC and me” webinars to hear more about service opportunities. Are you ready to step out and into service? To gain new skills and experiences while working for relief, development and peace in the name of Christ?

MCC is working to adapt our programming as the situation with COVID-19 develops. All sessions relate to anticipated service needs, though timing and some other details may be subject to change.

- December 9 at 7 p.m. EST: Serving and Learning Together (SALT)
- January 13 at 3 p.m. EST: Summer Service leadership program
- February 25 at 10 a.m. EST: Sharing With Appalachian People (SWAP) summer staff
- February 25 at 8 p.m. EST: International service worker
- March 6 at 12 p.m. EST: International service worker
- March TBD: Mobile Meat Canner

For more information and to register: mcc.org/mcc-me-webinar-series-service-opportunities