



# Hutterthal Mennonite Church

Christ Centered— Living, Relating, Serving

**Sunday, August 15, 2021**

**9:45 a.m.**

**Prelude**

**Call to Worship and Prayer**

*Leader: The Lord be with you.*

*People: And also with you.*

*Leader: Lift up your hearts.*

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

*Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**\*Gathering and Praising**

*We Dream of a Turning* VT #209

*Be Still and Know* VT #37

**Sharing Time and Prayer**

**Children's Story**

**Backpack Blessing**

**Special Music**

*Fear is a Liar*, written by Zach Williams

**Scripture Reading**

Luke 2:39-52 Pew Bible p. 541-542

**Message**

"Growing Up"

**Offering Prayer**

**Responding and Sending**

*Lord, we bring to you our children* STJ #90

*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* STJ #95

**\*Benediction**

HWB #756

**Postlude**

**\*please stand if you are able**

**HMC Service may be viewed on our web-page:**

[www.HMCFreeman.org](http://www.HMCFreeman.org)

**TODAY August 15, 9:45 am Backpack Blessing**

**Accompanist:** Amy Hofer Vetch

**Worship Leader:** Charlene Friesen

**Precentor:** Marj Hofer

**Children's Story:** Backpack Blessing

**Special Music:** Performed by Ellie Jo Jaspers  
arranged by Brigitta Hofer

**Message:** Pastor Randall

**Coffee Time:** Paul and Priscilla Hofer

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

**NEXT SUNDAY August 22, 9:45 am**

**Accompanist:** Norma Hofer

**Worship Leader:**

**Children's Story:** Barbie Hofer

**Special Music:** arranged by Alvina Hofer

**Message:** Pastor Randall

**Coffee Time:** Paul and Priscilla Hofer

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

**CALENDER:**

August 29: 6:30 pm. HMC Ice Cream Social at the Arboretum

September 16: 8:00 pm. HMC Board Meeting

October 17: HMC picnic after Sunday School

**HMC August Project:** School kits for MCC (Sharon Waltner has the pencil sharpeners on hand.)

**Today**, we will be doing a backpack blessing for all students and school staff during the children's story. Students are encouraged to carry their backpacks to the front of the sanctuary during our children's story as a part of this blessing and special time in our service.

**HMC Fun Activity:**

**What:** Ice Cream Social

**Where:** Arboretum

**When:** Sunday, August 29, 6:30pm

**Enjoy:** Eating ice cream (cone/dish) with toppings  
Scavenger hunts for all ages

**Rural Revival** is sponsoring a vineyard tour at the David and Cindy Graber farm at 43772 283rd St., Freeman, SD on Tuesday, September 7 at 7:00 P.M. All are invited to attend.

**Rural Revival to meet August 23:** The Rural Revival monthly meeting will be at 8 pm in the Freeman Public Library, downtown Freeman.

**MDS PINE RIDGE PROJECT:** Work on the volunteer center at Pine Ridge continues to progress. There is need for painting, installation of doors and trim, insulation and installing kitchen cabinets. Our SD Unit is planning another work week there from Monday Aug. 30 to Friday, Sept. 3. Please consider assisting with these remaining tasks. As always, transportation, food and lodging will be provided. Call Dennis Ries at 925-7788 or 605-759-4312 to make arrangements.

**New curriculum now available from MCC!** Conflict is a normal part of life. It arises in our workplaces, in our churches and with our families. To help people to learn to work through divisive issues, Mennonite Central Committee has produced a new adult Sunday school curriculum, Peaceful Practices: A guide to healthy communication in conflict. It invites churchgoers to follow Jesus' call to peacemaking through dialogue with each other in nine sessions. The curriculum is available to download for free, or in print for a suggested \$5 donation. Please direct questions to [karinkaufman-wall@mcc.org](mailto:karinkaufman-wall@mcc.org) 316.283.2720 or curriculum author Jes Stoltzfus Buller at [peacefulpractices@mcc.org](mailto:peacefulpractices@mcc.org).

### Prayer Requests and Praise:

- Please pray for people living on and near the Northern Cheyenne reservation in Montana. A wildfire is threatening the towns of Lame Deer, Ashland, and Colstrip, along with rural areas. The fire has already burned 200,000 acres and is expected to continue growing due to high winds and temperatures. Shelters are open in Busby and Broadus for those who have had to evacuate. There are three Central Plains congregations in the area -- Lame Deer Mennonite Church, Ashland Christian Fellowship, and White River Cheyenne Mennonite Church in Busby.
- We ask you God this morning for a blessing on all of the students, teachers, and staff that are returning to school in the coming weeks. As the students feel the weight of their backpacks on their shoulders, may they not only be reminded of their own daily learning in their assignments and books but also of this congregation's love and care for each one of them. We also pray for teachers and staff as they prepare their classrooms, their hearts, and their minds for the children of this community and beyond. May they know intimately this congregation's affirmation of their gifts and call to teaching and learning as well as affirmation of their identity as beloved members of our church community.

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