



# Hutterthal Mennonite Church

Christ Centered- Living, Relating, Serving

**Sunday, August 22, 2021**

**9:45 a.m.**

**Prelude**                      *Joyful, joyful we adore Thee* by Beethoven

**Call to Worship and Prayer**

**\*Gathering and Praising**

*I'm pressing on the upward way* STJ #96

Hymn of the month: *When peace, like a river* HWB #336

**Sharing Time and Prayer**

**Children's Story**

**Special Music**                      *Holy Manna* arr. by Joel Raney

**Scripture Reading**                      James 1:1-18 Pew Bible p. 636-637

**Message**    "Endurance"

**Offering Prayer**

**Responding and Sending**

*How clear is our vocation, Lord* HWB #541

*Why should I feel discouraged* STJ #103

**\*Benediction**    HWB # 773

**Postlude**                                      *The heavens are telling* by Haydn

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

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

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

**TODAY August 22, 9:45 am**

**Accompanist:** Norma Hofer

**Worship Leader:** Brandon Waltner

**Presentor:** Marj Hofer

**Hymn of the Month:** chosen by Edie Tschetter

**Children's Story:** Barbie Hofer

**Special Music:** performed by Men's Quartet  
arranged by Alvina Hofer

**Message:** Pastor Randall

**Coffee Time:** Paul and Priscilla Hofer

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

**NEXT SUNDAY August 29 9:45 am**

**Accompanist:** Charlene Friesen

**Worship Leader:** Brigitta Hofer

**Children's Story:**

**Message:** Pastor Randall

**Coffee Time:** Paige Zachariasen

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

**6:30 pm: HMC Ice Cream Social at the Arboretum**

**CALENDER:**

**Next Sunday, Aug. 29th:** 6:30 pm. HMC Ice Cream Social  
at the Arboretum

September 12: Sunday School Kick-off

September 16: 8:00 pm. HMC Board Meeting

September 19: Scholarship Meal

October 17: HMC picnic after Sunday School

October 31: Harvest Mission Festival

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

**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

Visiting with one another

Experiencing the beauty of nature

**Bring your lawn chair and join the fun!!**

**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.

***ALL ARE WELCOME*** to attend **Freeman Academy's Convocation** on Sunday, August 22. We will be serving a light supper starting at 6:00pm. Presentations will begin at 7:00pm. View our renovation progress and enjoy a delightful evening of fellowship as we prepare for the new school year with our amazing faculty and students. Please bring a lawn chair and park at the Link.

**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 316.283.2720 or curriculum author Jes Stoltzfus Buller at peacefulpractices@mcc.org.

**Shane and Amy Hofer Vetch will be hosting a volunteer from Bangladesh.** Juliet Jenith, participant of MCC's IVEP (International Volunteer Exchange Program) program, will be staying at Shane and Amy's for the next 11 months. Juliet arrives August 25th and will be volunteering at Freeman Academy in a number of capacities. Please pray for her transition to our community and Freeman Academy. Also, please keep Shane and Amy in your prayers as they welcome Juliet into their home and family.

Information about the IVEP program taken from the IVEP Manual for Hosts and Partner Agencies: IVEP is an experience that is intended to connect people from around the world with each other in genuine relationships. IVEPers live and work with hosts and volunteer with partner agencies for 11 months. IVEPers and hosts are Christians and this experience of communal living provides the opportunity for an enriching spiritual experience for participants, hosts, and partner agencies. We hope that those closest to the IVEPer will benefit through the mutual sharing of their faith journeys, seeing their own worship community through new eyes, and learning more about Christianity around the world.

**Join MCC in prayer and support for those suffering in our world.** MCC has pre-positioned relief materials in Haiti for immediate use. Earlier this month an additional shipment of supplies was sent to Haiti and is expected to arrive in September. MCC continues to respond to needs around the world in Ethiopia, Afghanistan, Myanmar, Congo and other crisis areas. We greatly appreciate your monetary donations to keep current projects going and to help with extra expenses due to recent disasters; and we could use your help in replenishing our supplies of relief kits and hygiene kits. Questions can be directed to 316.283.2720 or [centralstates@mcc.org](mailto:centralstates@mcc.org).

**The August edition of On the Level** is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In our current issue: A couple who served as RV volunteers reflect on their time with MDS, bridges are constructed in collaboration with Engineers in Action and MDS, and MDS actively monitors the wildfire situation in the western and central U.S. and British Columbia.

**Go to this link to read more:** <https://conta.cc/3D1sPDO>

## Prayer Requests and Praise:

- Pray for Shane and Amy Hofer Vetch as they host Juliet. in their new season.
- Please pray for all of the families of the victims of the most recent earthquake in Haiti. The death toll continues to rise day by day, and hospitals are full of injuries. Pray for resilience and strength for all of those who are trying to continue their lives in the midst of such devastation. Pray for God's insight and guidance for each of us in how we could get involved in helping alleviate some of the damages.
- *Prayer for Afghanistan* God of safe passage, open the way.  
God of hospitality, prepare rooms to receive.  
God of protection, envelop those in danger.  
God of peace, remove the seed and tools of violence.  
God of tears, hold us in your embrace.  
Oh, Afghanistan! May peace flow down like cooling rain.

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