



Hutterthal Mennonite Church

Christ Centered – Living, Relating, Serving

Sunday, December 5, 2021

9:45 a.m.

Second Sunday of Advent



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Prelude

Call to Worship and Prayer

***Gathering and Praising**

How Firm a Foundation HWB #567

Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus HWB #178

Words of Confession and Assurance

Scripture Reading Mal. 3:1-4 Pew Bible p. 504

Sharing Time and Prayer

Children's Time with Advent Candle Lighting

Scripture Reading Luke 1:67-79 Pew Bible p. 541

Message Dare to Imagine: Peace

Offering Prayer

Responding and Sending

For God So Loved Us HWB #167

**He Came Down* STJ #31

***Benediction**

Postlude

***please stand if you are able**

HMC Service may be viewed on our web-page:
www.HMCFreeman.org

Candle Litany:

Leader 1: We light a candle of peace. And we imagine.

Leader 2: God's tender mercy, God's compassion.

Leader 1: We light the candle of peace to feel God's embrace, God's nearness, God's breath.

Leader 2: Imagine that! We are God's wonders, blessed wonders.

The Church Board is bringing the following two recommendations to the annual meeting on December 8 for your approval:

1. The Church Board recommends that the amended Constitution/ Bylaws be approved.
2. The Church Board recommends the approval of the proposed 2022 Designated Offering Schedule:
70% Central Plains Mennonite Conference
30% Mennonite Church USA

HMC Annual Meeting Ballot

Chairman: Todd Koerner (3 year term)

Deacon: _____ (3 year term)

Trustee: Chad Hofer (3 year term)

Leadership Selection Committee: Rina Hofer (2 year term)
Brandon Waltner (3 year term)

Connection Committee: Joline Thomas (3 year term)

Music Committee: Aprille Birkey (2 year term)

Assistant Head Usher: Eric Neuharth
(will become Head Usher next year)

Ushers: (1 year term)

Aprille Birkey Jarrod Kramer

Cole Hofer Jaden Thomas

Cameron Hofer LeRoy Pullman

Assistant Adult Superintendent: Larry Tschetter
(will become Head Adult Supt. 2022)

Assistant Children Superintendent: Rebecca Hofer

Education Committee Sec./Treas.: Mary Rensink

Elected Education Committee member: Todd Koerner

*** The Congregational Ministries meeting will follow the annual meeting.**

FA Yuletide: Freeman Academy's Music Departments will present their Yuletide Dinners December 9 & 10 at 6:30 pm. Reservations are required for the event and are due Dec 1, 2021. Please call the Freeman Academy office to inquire about reservations at 605-925-4237.

Anabaptist World (formerly *The Mennonite*): If you would like a subscription to *Anabaptist World* (formerly *The Mennonite*) included in our group rate (\$39), please contact Charlene Friesen. Checks may be made out to 'Anabaptist World'. We have the current issue in our Hutterthal library if you would like to see just what this colorful, glossy and vibrant magazine has for you.

Swan Lake Christian Camp Piano Night: Swan Lake Christian Camp is hosting Piano Night at the Lake on January 9, 2022 at 6:00 pm. Pianists will be Russell Adrian (a SLCC alum), formerly of Mt. Lake, MN and now choral director at Hesston College, KS along with his colleague Ken Rodgers. They will provide some duets and individual pieces. Mary Anderson will also be providing music as well as a great meal. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 605-326-5690 or emailing at camoffice@myslcc.com. A free-will offering will be taken for the evening.

Freeman Academy Resident Hall Director: Do you have a heart for mentoring students, along with strong organizational skills? Freeman Academy has greatly appreciated the Singletarys and Andersons stepping in for this year as Resident Directors, but it is time to begin our search for a new couple to supervise and encourage our boarding students in on-campus housing beginning next fall. Main responsibilities are building relationships with students and overseeing daily life at the dorm, including cooking the evening meal, coordinating student activities, and communicating with parents. Includes salary plus benefits, including health insurance, retirement, room and board. For more information visit <https://freemanacademy.org/employment/> or contact Nathan Epp, Head of School, nepp@freemanacademy.org or 605-925-4237.

Birthday Open House: An open house to celebrate Joyce Hofer's 80th birthday will be given by her children, Juli Anderson and Joel Wipf family, on Sun, Dec 19 from 2-4 at the Sr. Citizens Center, 202 E 4th St, Freeman. Your presence is the only gift. Cards may be sent to her at PO Box 548, Freeman, SD 57029.

The Freeman Network for Justice and Peace will be meeting in the Freeman Library on Wed. December 8, 2021 at 11:30 A.M. All are welcome to attend.

Holiday Giving Tree: The Salem Mennonite Church Mission and Service Team is sponsoring the holiday Senior Giving Tree for residents of Oakview Terrace and the Salem Home in Freeman. Trees with gift tags and instructions are located at Jamboree Foods, Norm's Thrifty White and the Salem Mennonite Church narthex. Gifts must be returned to one of the tree locations by Dec. 21 to ensure Christmas delivery. Monetary donations to cover remaining gift tags are welcome and can be sent to Salem Mennonite Church, Attn: Chris Eisenbeis, 28103 - 443rd Ave., Freeman, SD 57029. Thank you in advance for bringing joy to our senior citizens this holiday season!

Little Blessings Daycare at Freeman Academy: is looking for a patient, loving person to help care for some energetic, fun-loving children. We are seeking full or part-time help. Please contact Director, Wendy Claussen at [\(605\)310-2828](tel:6053102828).

TODAY December 5, 9:45 am Second Sunday of Advent

Accompanist: Charlene Friesen

Worship Leader: John Clem

Precentor: Pastor Randall

Children's Time & Advent Candle Lighting: Aprille and Kenny Birkey

Message: Pastor Randall

Coffee Time: Joyce Hofer

10:45: Sunday School for all ages

NEXT SUNDAY December 12 9:45 am Third Sunday of Advent

Accompanist: Norma Hofer

Worship Leader:

Precentor: Marj Hofer

Children's Time & Advent Candle Lighting: Chad and Rebecca Hofer

Special Music: Norman and Darlene Hofer

Message: Pastor Randall

Coffee Time: John and Monica Clem

10:45: Sunday School for all ages

CALENDAR:

Wednesday, 7 pm: Annual Congregation Business Meeting

Dec. 19: HMC Children's Christmas program

Today and until the HMC Children's Christmas program on Dec. 19, the Children's Sunday School Superintendents ask that you leave the sanctuary soon after the worship service is over so that the children and other participants can have the most time available to practice for the up-coming program.

HMC December Cash Project: medical expenses for Laura Ilunga, international student at Freeman Academy who is hosted on weekends and holidays by the Todd Koerner family.

The **HMC Constitution & Bylaws** have been updated and will be presented at the annual meeting for your approval. You have received your copy by email and, if you wish to have a printed copy, you will need to request one from the church office.

Prayer Requests and Praise:

- Pray for healing for Mildred Hofer who experienced a stroke recently. She request no visitors at this time but does request your prayers.
- Please pray for healing for Delmer Hofer who is recovering from a collapsed lung in his home.
- Please pray for national, state and local government leaders and representatives. Pray for discernment and compassion as they make difficult decisions that affect many people.
- Pray for immigrants and refugees around the world and here in South Dakota. Pray for the areas or situations that they have left behind.

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