



Hutterthal Mennonite Church

Christ Centered – Living, Relating, Serving

Sunday, December 18, 2022

Fourth Sunday of Advent — 9:45 a.m.

Prelude

Call to Worship and Prayer

Welcoming One Another

*Gathering

O Come, All Ye Faithful VT #241

Children's Time

Advent Candle Lighting

O Come, O Come Immanuel vs. 1 & 4 VT #210

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 7:10-16

Sharing Time and Prayer

Scripture Reading

Matthew 1:18-25

Offering Prayer

*Responding Hymn

Go Tell It on the Mountain VT #252

Children's Christmas Program *An Out of the Box Christmas*

*Benediction

Postlude

*please stand if you are able

HMC Service may be viewed on our web-page:

www.HMCFreeman.org

TODAY December 18th, 9:45am - Fourth Sunday of Advent

Worship Leader: Pastor Randall Koehler

Accompanist: Norma Hofer

Song Leader: Les Rensink

Advent Candle Lighting: Isabel Waltner & Jessica Scheetz

Children's Time: Kenny Birkey

Scripture Reading: Aprille Birkey & Marcia Schrock

Message: Children's Christmas Program

Coffee Time: Phil & Joline Thomas

No Sunday School for adults or children following the service.

Everyone is invited to the fellowship hall for brunch following the children's Christmas program this morning. Let's enjoy table fellowship as we celebrate the birth of the baby Jesus!

NEXT SUNDAY December 25, 9:45 am - Christmas Day

Worship Leader: Les Rensink

Accompanist: Paige Hofer

Song Leader: Amy Hofer Vetch

Children's Time: Kenny Birkey

Special Music: Hymn Sing

Message: Pastor Randall Koehler

Coffee Time: Larry & Edie Tschetter

No Children or Adult Sunday School following the service.

Calendar:

January 11: Winter Bible Study begins on Zoom

February 5: Pastor Randall's Ordination Service

Congregational Ministries Project for December:

CASH for Freeman Food Pantry

The **draft of the 2023 Annual Yearbook** is sitting on the table in the upper foyer. Please check your information and initial by it if correct or make necessary changes **TODAY**.

Call to Worship (from The Leader Advent Resources)

Leader: Behold! Do not be afraid; God is with us. God is our strength and our salvation!

People: Lord, we stand in your presence in faith, not fear.

Leader: God will send angels to keep watch over you, to comfort you, to keep you.

**People: Lord, our strong hope is built on your unfailing love.
Our hearts yield to you and trust in your transforming power.**

All: Praise ye the Lord!

Everyone enjoys **coffee time at HMC**. It's a great opportunity to meet visitors as well as keep connected with regulars. You have the opportunity during the month of December to contribute to the cost of coffee time by making a donation in the designated "Gift Box" located in the Fellowship Hall during coffee time. Thank you!

If you would like a subscription to **Anabaptist World** (formerly The Mennonite) included in our HMC 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 a copy of this colorful, glossy and vibrant magazine.

A basket has been placed in the foyer for those who would like to contribute to **Hutterthal's annual designated offering** distribution. The money will go to Central Plains Mennonite Conference (70%) and Mennonite Church USA (30%). Contact John Clem if you have any questions.

Prayer Requests and Praises:

- Birthdays: Eric Neuharth on December 20 and Joyce Hofer on December 21.
- Pray for Vernon J. Hofer as he continues to heal and recover from hip replacement surgery on December 6.
- From CPMC: We pray for those in our conference who are taking classes in seminary and/or exploring calls to ministry. We give thanks for the nudgings of the Spirit, and pray for fortitude and courage for those who are studying, praying, and discerning the ministries to which God has called them.
- Matthew and Toni Krabill, who are serving with Mennonite Mission Network, engage in ministries of relationship building and teaching in French-speaking countries around the world, through in-person and online classes, conferences, and seminars, from their base at the Paris (France) Mennonite Center. Pray for them as they encourage communication and understanding between Christians and Muslims.

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Flower & Flame, a group of musicians and one actor, will perform " A Christmas Carol" on **Today** at 2PM at Freeman Academy in Pioneer Hall. Come and enjoy a show that everyone recognizes, but few have seen presented in this way. Tickets will be sold at the door for \$15. Kids 10 and under are free.

MCC Christmas Giving! Give gifts of comfort and joy and help meet the basic needs of our global neighbors this Christmas. Choose from unique gifts such as goats, bees, backpacks and more. Give at mcc.org/delight, call 888.563.4676 or visit the MCC Central States office in North Newton, KS at 121 E. 30th Street. With each gift you can get a card and insert explaining the project. These gifts (from \$10-\$4,000) make wonderful hostess/teacher gifts, stocking stuffers and are ideal for those on your Christmas list that are hard to shop for!

“An Out of the Box Christmas”

Mrs. Strickland—Isabel Waltner

Samantha—Addison Waltner

Gabby—Alyssa Hofer

Wisemen (Cowboys) - Egan Mettler, Isaac Mettler, & Ethan
Waltner

Angels (Cheerleaders) - Brynlee Hofer & Bridget Neuharth

Lily—Camilla Hofer

Shepherd (Pirate) & Mrs. Broadway—Jessica Scheetz

Mary—Avery Waltner

Joseph—Otto Mettler

Chorus Member—Landon Neuharth

Women’s Chorus—Aprille Birkey, Amanda Mettler, & Michelle
Neuharth

Men’s Chorus—Kenny Birkey, Eric Neuharth, & Brandon
Waltner

Accompanist—Amy Hofer Vetch

Directors—Suzanne Koerner, Kylea Waltner, & Rebecca Hofer