

Prelude **Call to Worship and Prayer** Welcoming One Another *Gathering and Praising

> Lord, I Lift Your Name on High VT #365 The Church's One Foundation VT #397

Sharing Time and Prayer Children's Time

Scripture Reading 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18 Pew Bible p. 624 Comfort One Another with these Words

*Responding and Sending

A Wonderful Savior is Jesus VT #626 I Lord My God/How Great Thou Art VT #436

Sending Prayer *Benediction Postlude

Offering Prayer

Message

*please stand if you are able HMC Service may be viewed on our web-page: www.HMCFreeman.org

TODAY February 19, 2023 9:45 am

Worship Leader: Brigitta Hofer Accompanist: Paige Hofer Song Leader: Aprille Birkey Children's Time: Rebecca Hofer Message: Mark Miller Coffee Time: Cameron & Rina Hofer Children's Sunday School following the service. Adult Sunday School in the South Room and the fellowship hall following coffee time.

NEXT SUNDAY February 26, 2023 9:45 am First Sunday of Lent

Worship Leader: Les Rensink Accompanist: Amy Hofer Vetch Song Leader: Les Rensink Special Music: Men's Quartet Children's Time: Jada Koerner Message: Pastor Randall Koehler Coffee Time: Rodney & Amanda Mettler Children's Sunday School following the service. Adult Sunday School in the South Room and the fellowship hall following coffee time.

Calendar:

February 22: Winter Bible Study on Zoom at 7 PM
February 26: Church season of Lent begins—Lenten theme will be *Created in the Image of God; Shaped by Jesus*March 5: Baby Dedication/Consecration for Matt and Violetta Tschetter

March 24 & 25: Schmeckfest

Congregational Ministries Project for February:

Infant Care Kits (MCC) Place your items in the receptacle in S.S. Room #1 or contact Sharon Waltner if you would like her to purchase a kit for you for \$25. Leader: Watch! Wait! The day of God is at hand! People: Like the bud on a tree, God's possibilities are about to blossom! Leader: Stay awake! The reign of God is very near. People: We are here, watching and waiting with hope. All: May God bring justice to all people on this day. May God's

reign come on earth as in heaven.

This Wednesday, February 22, at 7 PM is our next session of our annual **Winter Bible Study** meetings on Zoom. "Making Home Again" is our theme, and we will be studying the entire book of Ezra over our time together, which will include discussion questions, brief background comments, and our normal time of sharing and prayer to begin each evening. Each session will be independent of the others, so you can join in on whichever evenings work best for you.

The information for you to join via zoom is below: Meeting ID: 846 3851 0761 Passcode: 868144 Phone call to join: 1-312-626-6799

Sponsored by South Dakota Arts Council and Dr. Donald Schenk, **join Freeman Academy for Maggie in the Meantime** on Sunday, February 26th at 2PM at Salem Zion Mennonite Church. Founded in September of 2009 in Sioux Falls, SD and inspired by Celtic and folk forms both old and new, Maggie In the Meantime is a blend of ballad, folk and storytelling that gives these master-level musicians a broad appeal. Tickets will be sold at the door for \$15. Kids 10 and under are free. Funds raised will benefit Freeman Academy.

Prayer Requests and Praises:

- Birthdays/Anniversaries: Sylvia Hofer on February 20, Rebecca Hofer on February 24, Jessica Scheetz on February 25.
- Please pray for continued healing for Paul Hofer as he recovers at home. Guide and direct his doctors and caregivers.
- Pray for safe travels for Pastor Randall and family as they travel home today.
- Mennonite Mission Network's Service Adventure leaders are gathering this week at Camp Friedenswald in Michigan. Pray for them as they worship, fellowship and discern together how to enrich their ministries in the households and communities where they live and work.

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Office Administrative Assistant: Aprille Birkey *OAA Hours: Thursdays 9:30 AM - 12 PM* Church Office phone: 605.925.7186 Church Email: hutterthal@goldenwest.net Church Website: www.hmcfreeman.org MCC and MCUSA are partnering in a new **webinar series**, Beyond Incarceration: A hard look at dismantling the prison system and building healthy communities. Join us to learn about the ways the faith community is actively understanding and working against these complex systems of confinement. The webinars will take place on Feb. 7, Feb. 21, March 7, and March 21 at 6:30 p.m. CST/5:30 p.m. MST. They will be followed by learning tour opportunities in different parts of the U.S. There is a poster on the bulletin board in the upper foyer.

Registration link: mcc.org/beyond-incarceration-webinars

Mennonite Central Committee is accepting donations to support people affected by the **Feb. 6 earthquake in Türkiye (Turkey) and Syria.** MCC is working with long-term partners in Aleppo and surrounding areas to provide emergency food, shelter, hygiene, sanitation supplies and trauma counseling. In a country already vulnerable from years of conflict, this was a devastating blow. You can share God's love and compassion with our global neighbors by providing a gift online at mcc.org/earthquake, by calling (888) 563-4676 or by sending a check earmarked for "Syria and Türkiye earthquake" to MCC, PO Box 500, Akron PA 17501.

The February edition of **On the Level** is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In our current issue: read about the MDS Annual Celebration in Lancaster, PA and check out the videos from the gathering; and a volunteer writes about the transformative experience during her time at Monte Lake, BC. The link is: https://conta.cc/3EboHDz

Kuchen making days are scheduled for Friday and Saturday, March 3-4, starting at 9:00 a.m. in the dining hall. If you have glass pie plates we can borrow, please bring them, clearly labeled. We ask that you bring a sack lunch and join us for all or part of the day. Thank you!