

## Centering Our Daily Lives

Submitted by: Pastor Randall Koehler

This past week in one of my seminary courses, my professor offered the class a prayer that she borrowed from another author. In it, the author focused on how the winter season in our part of the northern hemisphere can be a time of aloneness, cold, long nights, threatening weather, and limited interaction. We experienced this in our congregation this past Sunday as we gathered online rather than in person, a blessing in that we got to see and hear each other still, though not in the ways that we are most accustomed to. After sharing this prayer, my professor reflected upon the ways that she, more often than not, experiences these winter seasonal phenomenon as out there, another world that she can watch from a distance through her warm house window, her commuting car window, or her seminary office or classroom windows. Even when winter comes, we can both metaphorically and concretely insulate ourselves from its attempts at affecting our lives.

But sometimes, we need the weather and our particular geographical part of our world to remind us of our limits. More often than not, I need/am dependent upon people in warmer climates or opposite climates on the other side of the equator to sustain my life through the food that they grow and harvest, which so conveniently arrives in my local grocery store. I am indebted to local farmers who brave these blustery, frigid conditions to care for the animals that become my food.

And in order to center my experience on these insulated days, my daughter and I sit and pray each evening in gratitude for the ways that we do not have to worry about the next meal on the table or how we will keep our house warm when the temperatures ground out the thermometer. How do you find center for yourself and your family in this same season?

## Upcoming Events at HMC

February 12: Communion Sunday

February 26: Church season of Lent begins

March 5: Baby Dedication/Consecration for  
Matt and Violetta Tschetter

## Birthdays

- 7) Delmer Hofer
- 12) Jada Koerner
- 12) Don Hofer
- 13) ElVera Deckert
- 13) LaVonne Tschetter
- 16) Wyndolyn Koehler
- 20) Sylvia Hofer
- 24) Rebecca Hofer
- 25) Jessica Scheetz
- 27) Amanda Mettler



**Happy 80th  
Birthday  
Sylvia!**



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# THANK YOU!

Dear Hutterthal family,

Thank you so much for remembering our dear Jenni with your Christmas gift! We truly love and appreciate you all back home! We covet your prayers for our family as we enter 2023! Thank you again and God bless you all!

Bob & Deb Kleinsasser

## Memorial Services



A private family committal service was held at the Hutterthal Mennonite Church Cemetery on January 27. A memorial service at Hutterthal will be held at a later date.

Calvin R. Hofer

Nov. 1, 1939 - Jan. 15, 2023

***March Connection! submissions are due by February 22.***

Date	Attendance	Income
Jan. 1	61	\$5,241.00
Jan. 8	68	\$2,414.00
Jan. 15	51	\$1,626.00
Jan. 22	49	\$1,512.00
Online Giving		\$400.00



Lydia Hofer

Dec. 26, 1943 - Jan. 22, 2023

Funeral services were held on January 27 at Hutterthal Mennonite Church with visitation on the evening of the 26.

Thank you to all who volunteered your help with the visitation, funeral, and meal afterwards. Your graciousness is greatly appreciated.

## **February Congregational Ministries Project:**

Infant Care Kits for MCC

Place items in the receptacle in S.S Room #1 or contact Sharon Waltner if you would like her to purchase one for you for \$25.