



Hutterthal Mennonite Church

Christ Centered –

Living, Relating, Serving

Sunday August 13, 2023

9:45 a.m.

Prelude

Call to Worship and Prayer

Scripture Conversation 1 - Hab. 1:1-11 Pew Bible p. 493

Welcoming One Another

*Gathering and Praising

Blessed Be Your Name VT #637

New Earth, Heavens New VT #377

Scripture Conversation 2 - Hab. 1:12-2:5 Pew Bible p. 494

Sharing Time and Prayer

Children's Time

Scripture The Lord's Warnings - Hab. 2:6-20 Pew Bible p. 494

Worship Music *10,000 Reasons*

Scripture Habakkuk's Lament - Hab. 3 Pew Bible p. 494

Message Summer of Stories - Habakkuk

Offering Prayer

*Responding and Sending

Sometimes a Light Surprises VT #618

God, Whose Purpose Is to Kindle VT #152

*Benediction

Postlude

*please stand if you are able

HMC Service may be viewed on our web-page:

www.HMCFreeman.org

TODAY August 13, 2023 9:45 a.m.

Worship Leader: Todd Koerner

Accompanist: Paige Hofer

Song Leader: Morgan Koehler

Worship Music: Randall & Morgan Koehler arr. by Joann Stahl

Children's Time: Rebecca Hofer

Message: Pastor Randall Koehler

Coffee Time: Kenneth & Aprille Birkey

No Children's Sunday School until September. Adult Sunday School—11:15 AM: west end of Fellowship Hall. Jada Koerner will be speaking about the transitions in her life.

NEXT SUNDAY August 20, 2023 9:45 a.m.

Worship Leader: Brigitta Hofer

Accompanist: Charlene Friesen

Song Leader: Suzanne Koerner

Children's Time/Backpack Blessing: Pastor Randall Koehler

Message: Pastor Randall Koehler

Coffee Time: Priscilla Hofer

No Children's Sunday School until September. Adult Sunday School—11:15 AM: west end of Fellowship Hall. Kenneth & Aprille Birkey will be sharing about wrestling with God's goodness on their infertility journey.

Calendar:

August 17: HMC presenting chapel service at 2:30 PM at
Oakview Terrace

August 20: Summer of Stories Message Series - Obadiah

September 10: Sunday School Kick-off

During Sunday School Hour:

August 20: Kenneth & Aprille Birkey - Wrestling with God's
goodness on their infertility journey

August 27: Dennis Lehmann and Dr. Shakil Hafiz family
sharing about trip to Bangladesh

The **Children's Sunday School department** is looking for teachers for the next year. The need is for three teachers for each classroom. If you have any questions or are interested, please speak to Kenneth Birkey. You can email or text him at kenbirkey@gmail.com or 605-759-5130. Thank you!

The **MCC School Kit Challenge** is going strong, thank you for helping us meet our goal of gathering 10,000 school kits in the month of August! Did you know that school kits now include 4 new blue or black ballpoint pens? The MCC material resources center in North Newton is very low on **pens and notebooks**. Please keep these needs in mind as you see these items for sale this month. Buy online and ship it to MCC or bring items to MCC in North Newton (121 E. 30th St, North Newton, KS 67117). Questions are always welcome, please contact katemast@mcc.org or 316.283.2720. A full list of MCC kit contents and other challenge resources can be found at mcc.org/school-kit-challenge.

As summer days are shortening and school days near, so too Hutterthal will be wrapping up another **Shalom Readers Club** for the year. Please turn in your Reader's lists to the library or Librarian Charlene's mailbox so she can get the reward books ordered. Projects may be placed in the library anytime till September 24 when we will display them.

SD MDS is looking for volunteers to help with siding and window replacement for homes of Native Americans that were damaged in a hail and windstorm in Red Lake, MN. The project date is August 27-September 2. Transportation, meals, and lodging will be provided. Please contact LeRoy Pullman (605-660-1014) or Karl Ries (605-261-0703) if you are able to assist.

HMC Congregational Ministry Project for August:
MCC School Kits - Please place completed school kits in container in room adjacent to play room. Pencil sharpeners can be found in Edie's mailbox - help yourself.

The **Et Cetera Shoppe** will be hosting **Kraft Pillow Service** on Friday, August 25, beginning at 9 a.m. This traveling service completely sanitizes the contents of used feather pillows, and places them in brand new ticking pillowcases. Several colors and grades of ticking are available, and different pillow sizes can be made upon request. Pillows can also be “plumped” with additional feathers. Cleaning for foam pillows is available as well. The process can be done in approximately an hour.

Following Kraft Pillow Service’s visit, the **Et Cetera Shoppe** will have brand new feather pillows available for purchase for as long as supplies last. Proceeds from the cleaning of your pillows, as well as the sale of new pillows, go directly to support the relief and development work of Mennonite Central Committee in the U.S. and around the world! For more information, please call the shop at 925-7098.

All women are invited to this year's **CPMC Women's Retreat at Swan Lake Christian Camp** near Viborg, SD, on Saturday and Sunday, September 16 and 17. We are excited to have as our speaker Sara Dick, who most recently was General Manager of the Et Cetera Shop in Newton (KS) and before that was pastor of Shalom Mennonite Church in Newton. The theme of her presentations will be "Joining God's holy work of liberation through rest, recreation, and repair." Retreat will be a time of rest and relaxation interspersed with the opportunity of interest sessions, worship and singing, canoeing or kayaking, eating homemade meals, and catching up on sleep in restful lodging (all linens provided). Cost to attend is \$95, beginning with coffee, rolls, and fruit at 9am on Saturday and ending with Sunday noon meal. Register online at myslcc.org/register or (605) 326-5690. More information is on Facebook at Central Plains Mennonite Women or by emailing Elisabeth Harder Schrock at eharderschrock@gmail.com.

Prayer Requests and Praises:

- Anniversaries: Eric & Michelle Neuharth on August 14 and Norman & Darlene Hofer on August 18.
- Pray for Sharon Waltner as she continues with her cancer journey, and began radiation treatments last week.
- Continue to pray for Lori Tschetter as she recovers from a broken leg and prepares for the upcoming school year.
- Please continue to pray for Pastor Randall's mother Lucy. Pray for energy, strength, and wisdom for caregiving family members. Pray for wisdom and compassion for all those who provide treatment and care for her and her family.
- We join Carsen Hofer's family in giving praise for God's protection during Carsen's recent accident. We ask for continued healing from this traumatic experience.
- We pray for students, teachers and staff who are preparing to begin school. May God bless their learning and may they both receive and reflect the love of God in their school settings. We pray also for our church-related schools, Freeman Academy and Hillcrest Academy.

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Remembering Hiroshima & Nagasaki

On the anniversaries of their destruction this last week, Mennonite Women USA remembers the atomic bombing of Japanese civilians. With the following prayer, we repent the use of violence, grieve its horrific effects, and commit to the work of peace.

God, we repent, today especially, of using weapons of mass destruction in attempts to make peace that can only come from humility and love. We grieve the Japanese little boys murdered by "Little Boy."* We grieve the Japanese grandparents murdered by "Fat Man."* We grieve the Earth scorched by relentless human warfare.

God, we commit, today especially, to rejecting the false narrative of "us" and "them." We commit to decolonizing our minds so that we recognize Manhattan as a word meaning gathering together** rather than a name to coopt for nefarious code purposes. We commit to being faithful global citizens whose welfare is interwoven with the welfare of neighbors near and far, human and environmental.

God, we remember, today especially, the cost of warfare well beyond dollars and sense. Teach us to number our days and no one else's. Lead us to engage in messy peacebuilding at every level, especially internationally. Remind us that peace begins at home. Lead us in The Way of the Prince of Peace today and every day.

- Erica Lea-Simka, Southwest Representative, MW USA,
Pastor, Albuquerque Mennonite Church

On August 6, 1945, the United States dropped an atomic bomb on the Japanese city of Hiroshima, and on August 9, 1945, the United States dropped a second atomic bomb on Nagasaki, Japan. The bombs were named "Little Boy" and "Fat Man." Between 129,000 to 226,000 people were killed. Japan surrendered within days, ending World War II. These atomic bombings are the only use of nuclear weapons in war.* The top-secret work of developing the atomic bomb was called the 'Manhattan Project.'*