



Hutterthal Mennonite Church

Christ Centered –

Living, Relating, Serving

Sunday August 20, 2023

9:45 a.m.

Prelude

Call to Worship and Prayer

Welcoming One Another

*Gathering and Praising

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty VT #88

Crown Him with Many Crowns VT #408

Scripture Reading

Obadiah Pew Bible 486

Sharing Time and Prayer

Children's Time

Scripture Reading

Obadiah Pew Bible 486

Message

Summer of Stories - Obadiah

Offering Prayer

*Responding and Sending

In the Rifted Rock I'm Resting VT #619

Great Is Thy Faithfulness VT #419

*Benediction

Postlude

*please stand if you are able

HMC Service may be viewed on our web-page:

www.HMCFreeman.org

TODAY 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.

NEXT SUNDAY August 27, 2023 9:45 a.m.

Worship Leader: John Clem

Accompanist: Amy Hofer Vetch

Song Leader: Suzanne Koerner

Children's Time: Amanda Mettler

Worship Music: Men's Quartet

Message: Pastor Randall Koehler

Coffee Time: Cole Hofer

No Children's Sunday School until September. Adult Sunday School—11:15 AM: west end of Fellowship Hall. Dennis Lehmann and Dr. Shakil Hafiz and his family will be sharing about their trip to Bangladesh.

Calendar:

August 27: Summer of Stories Message Series - Joel

September 10: Sunday School Kick-off

September 24: Peace Sunday - Shalom Readers Celebration

October 1: Sharing Communion during HMC Worship Service

October 22: 70th Annual Harvest Mission Festival

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.

Call to Worship:

Leader: In the light of this day, we have gathered;

People: We are a community that is one, bringing our questions and our joy.

Leader: In the song and silence we will listen.

People: What is it that God would have us hear this day?

Leader: In our praise and our prayers we will remember

People: That God's glory shines around us and within.

All: So let us worship God.

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.

The **August edition of On the Level** is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In our current issue: We have the latest information from Maui on the devastating wildfires; learn about the power of family love; and learn about new ways to get involved with MDS by exploring Beyond the Project. The link to read it is <https://conta.cc/3E1RVV3>
Let Aprille know if you would like this forwarded to your email.

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.

Are you interested being a **Host Family for Freeman Academy Students** during the 2023-2024 school year? Contact Jason Mehlhaf or Troy True at Enrollment@FreemanAcademy.org for more information or to sign up!

Prayer Requests and Praises:

- Birthdays: Chris Hofer on August 20 (today), Marj Hofer on August 22, Aprille Birkey on August 24, and Alyssa Hofer on August 25. Anniversaries: Donovan & Sherryl Friesen on August 26.
- Pray for Sharon Waltner as she continues on her cancer journey. Pray for her family as they care for her and for her medical providers as they treat her.
- Continue to pray for Lori Tschetter as she recovers from a broken leg and prepares for the upcoming school year.
- We join Carsen Hofer's family in giving praise for God's protection during Carsen's recent accident. We continue to pray that his leg heals quickly and properly over these next weeks.
- 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 to her and her family.

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Sermon Reflections: Obadiah

In the midst of tragedy and loss, Obadiah points the finger at another people group who has taken advantage of his people, but are they really the ones to blame when Babylon is the instigator of all of the disruption, devastation, and calamity?

How might the situation surrounding Obadiah reflect present-day events?

What thought or feeling sticks with you as you leave the service?

