



Hutterthal Mennonite Church

Christ Centered –

Living, Relating, Serving

Sunday September 10, 2023

9:45 a.m.

Prelude

Call to Worship and Prayer

Welcoming One Another

*Gathering and Praising

All Things Bright and Beautiful VT #177

The Lord is My Light VT #437

Sharing Time and Prayer

Children's Time

Sunday School Kick-off!

Worship Music

Gratitude by Brandon Lake

Scripture Reading

Genesis 2:4b-25 Pew Bible p. 1

Message

Offering Prayer

*Responding and Sending

We Dream of a Turning VT #209

May the Face of God Shine on You VT #844

*Benediction

Postlude

*please stand if you are able

HMC Service may be viewed on our web-page:

www.HMCFreeman.org

TODAY Sept. 10, 2023 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School Kick-off

Worship Leader: Suzanne Koerner

Accompanist: Amy Hofer Vetch

Song Leader: Aprille Birkey

Children's Time: Kenneth Birkey & Larry Tschetter

Worship Music: Kenneth & Aprille Birkey, arr. by Larry & Edie Tschetter

Message: Pastor Randall Koehler

Coffee Time: Jarrod Kramer

Children's Sunday School following the worship service. Adult Sunday School following coffee time in the west end of the basement and the south end of the education wing.

NEXT SUNDAY Sept. 17, 2023 9:45 a.m.

Worship Leader: Les Rensink

Accompanist: Charlene Friesen

Song Leader: Les Rensink

Children's Time: Rebecca Hofer

Message: Pastor Randall Koehler

Coffee Time: Gordon Waltner

Children's Sunday School following the worship service. Adult Sunday School following coffee time in the west end of the basement and the south end of the education wing.

Calendar:

September 17: Bridal shower/"Get to Know You" for Jen Johnson & Ben Friesen following Sunday School

September 21: Hutterthal serving at The Banquet

September 24: Peace Sunday - Shalom Readers Celebration

September 28: HMC leading chapel at Salem Home at 2 PM

October 1: World Communion Sunday and sharing Communion during HMC Worship Service

October 22: 70th Annual Harvest Mission Festival

HMC Congregational Ministry Project for September:

Cash for Mennonite Women and Mennonite Men, MCUSA
Donations can be given to Joyce Hofer, treasurer, or placed in the C.M mailbox.

September 17, immediately after Sunday School, a **Bridal Shower/"Get to Know You"** in honor of **Ben Friesen and Jen Johnson** whose wedding is in October. A small lunch will be served. No gifts are requested. Money for a group gift, is available, if interested it can be given to Kathy Pullman or Rina Hofer, prior to the shower or in a basket at the shower. Families and couples are welcome.

If you are interested in joining either of the **adult Sunday School classes** this fall, the intergenerational class will be studying the book of Galatians together under the leadership of Matt Tschetter at the south end of the education wing. The adult Sunday School class that meets in the fellowship hall downstairs will be discerning the study content in these first few weeks under the leadership of Brandon Waltner. If you have not had the chance to stop in with one of these classes, this start of the new Sunday School year is a great time to get back in the routine.

It is that time of year again when we have the opportunity to reach out to others by serving **at the Yankton Area Banquet** on Sept. 21. We are asking that you prayerfully consider how you may be able to help out in this ministry. We are in need of about 20 workers to help in preparing the meal and serving the guests. We also are asking for pans of bars and of course financial support to help pay for the meal. There will be sign-up sheets for workers and bars in the foyer in the upcoming weeks. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Suzanne or Todd Koerner.

You are invited to attend the **South Dakota Mennonite Disaster Service annual meeting** on September 10, 2023 at 2:00 pm at the Salem (South) Mennonite Church in rural Freeman. Lana Tieszen, Region 3 MDS Assistant Director will share about Region 3.

Prayer Requests and Praises:

- Birthdays: Suzanne Koerner on September 15.
- Please pray for Sharon Waltner's family as they continue to grieve her passing and journey forward into the new normal of their lives.
- Please pray for Rosella Glanzer's family as they grieve her passing this past week.
- Pray for all of the students and adults here in our congregation, who are starting Sunday School again this season. Pray for open hearts, minds, eyes, and ears as we seek to follow Jesus together with faithfulness and endurance.
- Pray for those who will attend the Women's Retreat at Swan Lake Christian Camp next weekend. May it be a weekend of rejuvenation, fellowship and learning.
- Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for the members of the Movement of Anabaptist Women Doing Theology from Latin America (MTAL), as they compile their devotional book for 2024–2025. Pray that God's spirit will guide the team of volunteer editors and designers as they work with submissions from more than 300 women.

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Gospel Gold, along with Turkey Ridge and Valley Band will be performing at **A Gospel Music Celebration** on September 10 at 2:00 P.M at 46951 Mindy St, Tea SD. Popcorn and lemonade will be served. Please bring a lawn chair.

The **Freeman Network for Justice and Peace** will meet Wednesday, September 13 at 11:30 A.M. in the Freeman Public Library. All are welcome.

Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission, a partner of Mennonite Mission Network, will host a gathering on Wednesday September 13th at 7:30 PM . at the Prairie Arboretum Interpretive Center with Co-Executive Coordinators John Fumana from the Democratic Republic of Congo and Bruce Yoder from Ontario, Canada. John Fumana and his wife Lucie are visiting North America for him to share about collaborative ministries of adult literacy, African missionary initiatives, villages savings and loan associations, Bible translation, and agricultural development. John's ministry stresses African resources and expertise in its assets-based approach to building resilient and thriving communities and churches that add their unique voices to the global Anabaptist movement and its witness in the world. John is active in global Anabaptist networks and has served as chair and vice-chair of Mennonite World Conference's Global Anabaptist Service Network. All are invited to join in welcoming John and Lucie for their first tour of AIMM friends and supporters in North America!

Central Plains Outreach and Service Committee is pleased that our dream of offering a **Civil Rights Pilgrimage** is finally happening. We are working with Mennonite Mission Network, who is experienced at planning this one week opportunity. The tour will be held November 3-10. There is a flyer on the bulletin board in the upper foyer with more information. For additional questions, you may contact Rhonda Brubacher at (402)617-4754 or rsbrubach@earthlink.net, or Shirley Ries at (605)630-1637 or dsdsr@goldenwest.net.

A Blessing for Teachers and Learners

One: God, you sent Jesus into the world to show us how to live as God's people.

Students: Who will tell us about Jesus?

Teachers: We will tell you about Jesus! We want to share the story of Jesus so that you may choose to love him and follow in his way. As we worship, pray, and share the Bible story, may you be inspired to love Jesus and live like him every day.

All: As we hear and share God's story together, may our hearts be opened to love Jesus.

One: We are all created, known, and loved by God, and each person's faith journey is unique. The Bible offers guidance for this journey, revealing God's work in the world, and how to be part of the ongoing story of the people of God.

Students: Who will guide us on this journey of faith?

Teachers: Along with your family and this congregation, we will guide you! We will lead you in practices of prayer and worship that will help you develop a relationship with God that will sustain and encourage you throughout your life. Faith is not only a personal connection to God; it grows within community. We will learn from each other and discern together how to faithfully follow God.

All: As we discern God's will together, may we grow in faith.

One: Beyond these walls lies a hurting world. God, your love transforms us so that we can participate in the healing of that world.

Students: There are so many problems. Where do we start?

Teachers: As we seek justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God, together we make God's kingdom a reality here and now. We will study God's Word together and talk about how it connects to our lives. We will challenge you to share God's love and peace with everyone you meet.

All: Seeking God's kingdom together, we can change the world.