



# Hutterthal Mennonite Church

Christ Centered –

Living, Relating, Serving

Sunday October 15, 2023

9:45 a.m.

Prelude

Call to Worship and Prayer

\*Welcoming One Another

\*Gathering and Praising

*O God, Our Help in Ages Past*: 1-3, 5 VT #203

*Beloved, God's Chosen* VT #164

Scripture Reading Lamentations 3:22-24 Pew Bible p. 433

Sharing Time and Prayer

Children's Time

Worship Music

Scripture Reading

Psalm 89:1 Pew Bible p. 315

Message

Where Do You Find Hope?

Offering Prayer

\*Responding and Sending

*We Give Thanks Unto You* VT #117

*Praise with Joy the World's Creator* VT #428

\*Benediction

Postlude

\*please stand if you are able

HMC Service may be viewed on our web-page:

[www.HMCFreeman.org](http://www.HMCFreeman.org)

**TODAY October 15, 2023 9:45 a.m.**

**Worship Leader:** Joline Thomas

**Accompanist:** Paige Hofer

**Song Leader:** Amanda Mettler

**Worship Music:** Phil & Joline Thomas

**Children's Time:** Joline Thomas

**Message:** Matthew Tschetter

**Coffee Time:** Cameron & Rina Hofer

**Children's Sunday School following the worship service. Adult**

**Sunday School following coffee time in the south end of the**

**Education Wing.**

**NEXT SUNDAY October 22, 2023 9:45 a.m. Harvest Mission**

**Festival Sunday**

**Worship Leader:** Pastor Randall Koehler

**Accompanist:** Paige Hofer

**Song Leader:** Aprille Birkey

**Worship Music:** Amy Hofer Vetch

**Children's Time:** Pastor Randall Koehler

**Message:** Kerry Hilton

**No Coffee Time!**

**Children's Sunday School following the worship service. Adult**

**Sunday School will be in the Sanctuary following the worship**

**service.**

**Please join us for a noon meal in the Fellowship Hall following**

**Sunday School! All are welcome!**

**Calendar:**

October: Pastor Appreciation Month

October 22: 70th Annual Harvest Mission Festival

November 6 & 7: MCC Meat Canner

December 3: First Sunday of Advent

December 17: Children's Christmas Program

**HMC Congregational Ministry Project for October:**

**Relief Kits for MCC**

**Place items in the receptacle in S.S. room #1.**

The deacons and Pastor Randall **thank all who contributed** to the Love Offering for Aprille and Kenny Birkey. Your generosity in donating over \$2000 was a wonderful, deeply caring response in support of their journey.

**Join the Freeman Regional Health Services Auxiliary** for soup, sandwiches and pie on October 27 from 10:30 am – 1:30 pm at the Senior Citizen Center in Freeman. While you're there, be sure to take home some delicious homemade goodies from the bake sale as well! The proceeds from this year's event will go towards a medication cart at the Nursing Home (Oakview Terrace) and a resident clothes labeling system at Assisted Living (Salem Home). If you would like to donate baked goods, please deliver them to the Senior Citizen Center between 8:30-10:30 am the day of the event. Thank you for your support!

Feeling led to volunteer a couple hours a month? The **Freeman Bethany Food Pantry** is looking for folks to help put food on shelves once or twice a month on a Wednesday from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. This would involve opening boxes, shelving cans and bottles, and taking cardboard to the recycling center. Sign up with a friend or make a new friend at the pantry! We are willing to look at other shifts as well. Email us at [bethanychurchfoodpantry@gmail.com](mailto:bethanychurchfoodpantry@gmail.com).

Today is the second Sunday of **Freeman Academy's annual fall church drive**. During this harvest season, we are grateful to the alumni and friends of Freeman Academy and ask you to consider making a gift to the school's general fund. Committee members Lyndon Hofer and Donovan Friesen will be available today to receive your donations. If you are not in church and would like to participate, self-addressed envelopes will be available for your convenience.

### Prayer Requests and Praises:

- **Birthday:** Joseph Kramer on October 17.
- Thank the Lord for the pillar and gift of love that Lucy Koehler was to her family. Thank Him that Lucy is now free, restored, and peaceful. Pray for Pastor Randall, Morgan, the girls, and the rest of the family as their hearts are broken and their spirits mourn at the passing of Lucy. May they feel God's love and arms around them, as well as ours, and may they sense we are walking alongside them during this difficult time.
- Thank God for the gift of love and the blessing of marriage. Pray for the sacred love and vows committed to one another by Ben Friesen and Jen Johnson as they were united in marriage at Hutterthal on October 14. Pray for patience, compassion, and understanding in this new phase of life for them and their families. May their love grow strong, and their faith be strengthened each day, as they love one another as God loves them.
- Continued prayers for Marcella Glanzer as she regains her strength and continues with therapy during her stay in the hospital

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**Please join us for Hutterthal's Harvest Mission Festival on October 22, 2023.**

The deacons are excited to announce that our guest speaker will be **Kerry Hilton**. Since 1997 Kerry has worked remotely for Habitat for Humanity International, based in Americus, Georgia. Habitat for Humanity is a nonprofit organization that helps families build and improve places to call home. Habitat believes affordable housing plays a critical role in strong and stable communities.

Currently, Kerry is the Director of Global Knowledge Management at Habitat, supervising a remote team with staff based from Nairobi, Kenya to Boise, Idaho. The team of eight includes members with expertise in Library Science, Automation, Data Analysis, Adult Learning, User Experience, Governance/Compliance, Information Technology, Technical Writing and Copy Editing. During her first 20 years of employment with Habitat, Kerry traveled around the U.S. training Habitat boards of directors on a wide range. Kerry splits her time between a small barnyard near Bridgewater, where she chases goats out of the gardens and Emery, where her husband Wes is the High School science teacher, and their youngest daughter Lily is a freshman. Wes and Kerry met in 1990 as Peace Corps Volunteers in Africa, serving as Fisheries Extension Agents to help local farmers increase the yield of tilapia in their aquaculture ponds. A more detailed invitation will be placed in your mailboxes at a later date.

**Norman Hofer** will be speaking to the children during Sunday School hour.

**Families** – please bring a pie or salad for the noon meal.

The **2023 Harvest Mission Festival offering** will be distributed as such: \$2000 to Habitat for Humanity and the remaining funds split 60% to Mennonite Mission Network and 40% to CPMC

**MCC responding to the Palestine and Israel conflict** - As conflict has escalated in the region, MCC laments the violence and mourns all lives lost in Palestine and Israel. MCC remains committed to a just peace for all, and we invite you to join us in praying for an end to the violence.

MCC is planning an **emergency response** to the current crisis with existing partners. Our response will focus on the humanitarian needs in Gaza, given the vulnerability of the population and lack of resources available to families. MCC's work will build on previous responses to the ongoing conflict, including the distribution of food and bedding. We are also planning to offer trauma healing support and housing reconstruction. Donate online at [mcc.org/Palestine-Israel](http://mcc.org/Palestine-Israel).

Come join us for **Bearcats Kids Club at Freeman Academy!** Our next gathering is on Monday, October 23rd, 5:45-7:15pm in the Link at Sterling Hall on the FA campus. All children, ages 4-4th grade are invited to join us for an evening of games and activities, including reading and dramatizing a book that celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month. Please RSVP to Jason at [jmehlhaf@freemanacademy.org](mailto:jmehlhaf@freemanacademy.org) so we can plan accordingly. Hope to see you there!

The **MCC mobile Meat Canner** will be in the Freeman community again on November 6th & 7th to can meat for hungry people in the name of Christ. The event is taking place at C&B John Deere dealership on US HWY 81 outside of Freeman. This meat is donated both locally and around the world and your volunteer labor is needed, even if it's only an hour or two. Light refreshments are available for volunteers. Financial donations can be made out to MCC Meat Canning and given to Donavan Friesen, PO Box 46, Freeman SD 57029. There is a **signup sheet** on the table in the foyer for HMC's food assignments.

**On October 29 we will have a special congregational meeting following the worship service.**

The Education committee has brought forth the following explanation along with the proposed constitutional and by-law changes that would need to be made. The church board has approved these changes and is bringing them forward to the congregation for approval.

This past year the Education Committee has been operating with one less person than in the past. Previously we have had an adult supt., assistant adult supt., children's supt., assistant children's supt., sec-treasurer and elected member. Because we don't have as many people to fill all the roles in church, we propose to restructure the Education Committee as to how we were functioning this past year. Instead of electing people for the supt. position, it would be a team of three that would be elected. The Sec.-Treas. and the elected member at large would be appointed by the Education Committee. The person elected to the 3-person team would be elected for a 3-year term and would serve as chair the final year of their term. The Committee members would determine the responsibilities of each person on the committee according to their gifts.

Here are the proposed constitution and by-law changes being voted on. **Red lettering is old wording being replaced by wording in bold.**

## CONSTITUTION

### ARTICLE VI: OFFICERS AND DUTIES

#### Section 1: List of Officers

- A. The officers of the church shall be: Church Chair, 3  
\*Deacons, Secretary, Treasurer, ~~Adult Sunday School Superintendent~~ **Education Committee Chair**, 3  
Trustees and such other officers as the congregation deems necessary.

### Section 3: The Church Board

A. The church board shall consist of the Church Chair, Deacons, Secretary, Treasurer, ~~Sunday School Superintendent~~ **Education Committee Chair**, Trustees, and Advisor of the Youth Group

#### F. Duties of Sunday School Officers

1. The ~~Sunday School Superintendent~~ **Education Committee Chair** ~~and Assistant~~ shall direct and oversee the work of the Sunday School and give reports thereof to the congregation

## BY-LAWS

### THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The Education Committee shall consist of ~~the Adult Sunday School Superintendent, Assistant Adult Sunday School Superintendent, Children's Sunday School Superintendent, Assistant Children's Sunday School Superintendent, Secretary-Treasurer, 1 elected member,~~ **three elected members, two members to be appointed by the Education Committee (sec-treas. & member at large)** and the Pastor.