



Hutterthal Mennonite Church

Christ Centered –

Living, Relating, Serving

Sunday October 22, 2023

Harvest Mission Festival

9:45 a.m.

Prelude

Call to Worship and Prayer

*Welcoming One Another

*Gathering and Praising

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship VT #25

Tú has venido a la orilla (Lord, You Have Come to the

Lakeshore) VT #283

Sharing Time and Prayer

Children's Time

Worship Music

"May You Be Rooted and Grounded"

Scripture Reading

Romans 5:6-8 Pew Bible p. 596

Message Cairns and Venn Diagrams: A Journey to the Center

Offering Prayer

*Responding and Sending

Christ Has No Body Here but Ours VT # 568

The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound VT # 392

*Benediction

Postlude

*please stand if you are able

HMC Service may be viewed on our web-page:

www.HMCFreeman.org

**TODAY 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!

Norman Hofer will be speaking to Children's Sunday School following the worship service. Kerry Hilton will lead 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!

NEXT SUNDAY October 29, 2023 9:45 a.m.

Worship Leader: Cole Hofer

Accompanist: Amy Hofer Vetch

Song Leader: Les Rensink

Worship Music: Brandon & Kylea Waltner

Children's Time: Barbie Hofer

Message: Pastor Randall Koehler

Coffee Time: Brandon & Kylea Waltner

Children's Sunday School following the worship service. Adult Sunday School following coffee time in the Education Wing.

Calendar:

October: Pastor Appreciation Month

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.

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 or call 1-888-563-4676.

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. Please consider when you can help out and sign up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4BADA729A5F5C43-45250714-mccmeat>. If you need assistance with the online sign-up sheet, ask someone in your congregation for help or call Ben Carlson 605-750-0469. Rarely is helping those in need so easy and this much fun! 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.

The **October edition of On the Level** is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In our current issue: Kevin King shares the health benefits of being a volunteer; an old grocery store is transformed near Red Lake, Minnesota; and if you enjoy quilting, knitting or crocheting you'll want to learn more about the MDS Housewarmer Project.
<https://conta.cc/3FnVTrj>

Prayer Requests and Praises:

- **Birthday:** Torrie Zachariasen on October 24.
- Tomorrow, Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission and its partners, from eight countries, are beginning their annual International Central Council meetings in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Mennonite Mission Network, one of these partners, asks you to join in prayer for God's Spirit to guide the five days of worship, prayer, discernment and decision making for the coming year.
- We pray for those in our conference who are taking classes in seminary and/or exploring calls to ministry. We give thanks for the nudgings of the Spirit, and pray for fortitude and courage for those who are studying, praying, and discerning the ministries to which God has called them.
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The **Leadership Selection Committee** is asking your help in the process of discerning gifts among our members, for the purpose of nominating people for positions of leadership in our church. We would appreciate your help, either by speaking to one of us personally, or by completing sheet in your mailbox and returning it to Rina Hofer or Brandon Waltner by November 5. Committee members are Rina Hofer, Brandon Waltner and Kenny Birkey

All **suggestions will be confidential**; you do not need to sign your sheet. You may volunteer yourself for a position(s) or suggest the name(s) of any other person(s). These are only suggestions; you do not have to contact the person before suggesting their name.

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.