



Hutterthal Mennonite Church

Christ Centered –

Living, Relating, Serving

Sunday October 8, 2023

9:45 a.m.

Prelude “A Mighty Fortress is Our God” - Martin Luther

“Ave Verm Corpus” - Mozart

Call to Worship

“Esto Les Digo” - Kinley Lange

Prayer

***Welcoming One Another**

***Gathering and Praising**

Mountain of God VT #11

Be Thou My Vision HWB #545 Congregation join on vs. 1 & 5

Scripture Reading

Romans 12:9-21 Pew Bible p. 600

Message

Compassion in Action

Moment in Mission

Freeman Academy

Sharing Time and Prayer

Children’s Time

Worship Music

“Will the Circle Be Unbroken” - Moore

Offering Prayer

***Responding and Sending**

We, Your People, Sing Your Praises VT #849

We Gather Together HWB #17 with FA Woodwind Ensemble

***Benediction**

Postlude

“Joyful Joyful” - Beethoven

***please stand if you are able**

HMC Service may be viewed on our web-page:

www.HMCFreeman.org

TODAY October 8, 2023 9:45 a.m.

Worship Leader: Lyndon Hofer

Prelude: Freeman Academy Brass Ensembles

Postlude: Freeman Academy Woodwind Ensemble

Call to Worship: Freeman Academy Chamber Choir

Accompanist: Amy Hofer Vetch

Song Leader: Amanda Mettler

Worship Music: Freeman Academy Concert Choir

Children's Time: Barbie Hofer

Moment in Mission: Brad Anderson

Message: Pastor Stuart Curry

Coffee Time: Sylvia 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 15, 2023 9:45 a.m.

Worship Leader: Joline Thomas

Accompanist: Paige Hofer

Song Leader: Amy Hofer Vetch

Worship Music: Phil & Joline Thomas

Children's Time: Joline Thomas

Message: Pastor Randall Koehler

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.

Calendar:

October: Pastor Appreciation Month

October 22: 70th Annual Harvest Mission Festival

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.

The arrival of October signals a **shift in hours at Heritage Hall Museum & Archives**. The museum will be open weekdays from noon to 4 p.m., and other times by appointment. Call 605-925-7545 or email info@heritagehallmuseum.com. Fall/winter hours will continue through April for the museum, archives, and mercantile. HHM&A also encourages individuals to volunteer at the museum this fall and winter. There are many ways you can get involved; stop in, call or email us to learn more. Thank you!

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!

Freeman Network for Justice and Peace will be meeting on Wednesday, October 11 at 11:30 A.M. in the Freeman Public Library. All are welcome.

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.

Prayer Requests and Praises:

- **Birthdays:** Xavier Ward on October 2, Brigitta Hofer and Alvina Hofer on October 3, Kathy Pullman on October 4, Kylea Waltner on October 11, and Natalie Johnson on October 12. **Anniversary:** Phil & Joline Thomas on October 6.
- We pray for Pastor Randall, Morgan, Vivienne, and Wyndolyn as they spend time in Illinois. Pray for guidance and strength for Pastor Randall as he has become the manager of his Mom's care for the family. Grant him and his family wisdom as they decide on options for continuing care for Lucy, as she continues to decline. Pray also for comfort and peace for her and Randall's dad, Randy, as they travel this holy journey together.
- Pray for renewed strength and continued healing for Marcella Glanzer.
- Pray for the upcoming marriage of Ben Friesen and Jen Johnson. Pray for a strong and blessed marriage, empowering them to love, honor, and cherish each other, keeping the promises made to one another and God. May their marriage also bring blessings to their family for generations to come.
- Tomorrow is Indigenous People's Day. Pray for Mennonite congregations as they acknowledge that many Mennonites of European descent were among the first to move onto land from which Indigenous Peoples were forcibly removed. Mennonite Mission Network encourages congregations to find ways, in conversation with their Indigenous neighbors, to repair the harm done.

Pastor Randall's contact information:

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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.

Freeman Academy Concert & Chamber Choirs

* Indicates Chamber Choir

Soprano

Abigail Bradley
Jada Buse
Arianne Fink*
Jessica Paschal*
Jessica Scheetz
Estelle Waltner*

Alto

Maddie Anderson*
Stefany Cortes*
Alea Miller
Arianna Miller
Brooke Snyders
Sieta Wiersema
Christian Ortman
Jakob Wiersema

Tenor

Armando Miller*
Liam Ortman*
Simon Wiersema

Bass/Baritone

Jayson Allison*
Sam Clarke
Thomas Ding*
Joshua Janssen
Darion Fore
Daniel Ilunga
David Ilunga
Jax Kaufman
Elshadai Mesfin
AJ Miller
Sam Waltner*

Brass Ensembles: Liam Ortman, Jayson Allison, Armando Miller, Maddie Anderson, Christian Ortman, Josh Janssen, Simon Wiersema, Jessica Scheetz, Solomon Ortman

Woodwind Ensembles: Estelle Waltner, Arianne Fink, Elshadai Mesfin, Sieta Wiersema, Alea Miller, Stefany Cortes, Sam Waltner, Arianna Miller

Choral Director: Dr. Rolf Olson

Instrumental Director: Mataya Yilmaz

Freeman Academy's annual fall church drive will begin today, October 8 and October 15. Today, students will share music and provide a school update. 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 on October 8 and October 15 to receive your donations. If you are not in church those Sundays and would like to participate, self-addressed envelopes will be available for your convenience.