



# Hutterthal Mennonite Church

Christ Centered –

Living, Relating, Serving

Sunday, November 12, 2023

9:45 a.m.

Prelude

Call to Worship and Prayer

\*Welcoming One Another

\*Gathering and Praising

*All People That on Earth Do Dwell* VT #5

*I to the Hills Will Lift My Eyes* VT #602

Sharing Time and Prayer

Children's Time

Worship Music

“To God Be the Glory (All For You)”

Scripture Reading

Hosea 11:1-9 Pew Bible p. 478

Message

Offering Prayer

\*Responding and Sending

*Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us* VT #518

*The Lord Lift You Up* VT #832

\*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 November 12, 2023 9:45 a.m.**

**Worship Leader:** Jaden Thomas

**Accompanist:** Paige Hofer

**Song Leader:** Suzanne Koerner

**Worship Music:** Kenneth & Aprille Birkey

**Children's Time:** Kenneth Birkey

**Message:** Pastor Randall Koehler

**Coffee Time:** Donovan & Sherryl Friesen

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

**NEXT SUNDAY November 19, 2023 9:45 a.m.**

**Worship Leader:** Cole Hofer

**Accompanist:** Amy Hofer Vetch

**Song Leader:** Amanda Mettler

**Worship Music:** Men's Quartet

**Children's Time:** Lori Uecker

**Message:** Pastor Randall Koehler

**Coffee Time:** Jaden Thomas

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

**Calendar:**

November 15; HMC Church Board Meeting—7:00 PM

November 19: Message Scripture - Isaiah 5:1-7; 11:1-5

November 19: Scholarship Committee Pancake Breakfast

November 22 & 23: Church Reserved for Private Event

December 3: First Sunday of Advent

December 7: HMC Annual Meeting 7 P.M.

December 17: Children's Christmas Program

**HMC Congregational Ministry Project for November:**

Cash for Mennonite Disaster Service

Please give donations to Joyce Hofer, C.M. Treasurer, or place in the C.M. mailbox.

You are all invited to **join the Intergenerational class for a new series on Genesis** led by Les Rensink. While the study of origins is interesting and important, we will focus instead on themes in Genesis that relate to our place and purpose in the world. Those themes include: Chaos and order; Separation and connection; The terms of our existence; Suffering and sacrifice; The agency of humans; Speech and meaning. Adult Sunday School has been a vital part of our church life over the decades. This Sunday and perhaps next, we will discuss what it takes to make Sunday school work for you.

All children ages 4-4th grade are invited to attend **Bearcats Kids Club** THIS Monday, November 13th at Freeman Academy! Join us from 5:45-7:15pm in the Link by Sterling Hall for games, activities, and a light snack. Please contact Jason Mehlhaf to RSVP or ask questions: [jmehlhaf@freemanacademy.org](mailto:jmehlhaf@freemanacademy.org). Hope to see you there!

**Heritage Hall Museum & Archives** is decorating the Bethel Church for the holiday season and we're inviting families, businesses, organizations, and churches to bring a decorated tree to the historical church that's part of our museum. This would be a great project for Sunday school classes, youth groups, etc. We'll have the church decorated for the full month of December. We're also planning a Christmas Carol Sing-Along at the church on Saturday afternoon, Dec. 2 starting at 2 p.m. Admission will be free and the church (and museum) will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. that day. To learn more about how you can bring a tree to the museum (there's no charge), stop in, call 605-925-7545, or visit us online at [heritagehallmuseum.com/news-%26-events](http://heritagehallmuseum.com/news-%26-events).

The latest **Swan Lake Christian Camp newsletter** is now available online. Exciting things are happening at camp. December 3<sup>rd</sup> is our Piano Night fundraiser. All proceeds will go toward our new building project and our pianist this year is our own Mary Anderson. See our website for the newsletter at [www.myslcc.com](http://www.myslcc.com)

**Prayer Requests and Praises:**

- Continue to pray for Alvina Hofer as she recovers from her surgery and regains her strength here in Freeman in one of the hospital swing beds. Pray for her family as well as they walk alongside her and care for her.
- Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Matthew and Toni Krabill, as they prepare to move from the Paris Mennonite Center (France) to The Sanneh Institute in Accra, Ghana, to continue their work and ministry. Pray for them as they collaborate with partners in the Francophone Mennonite Network, who are launching a French-language theological training program.
- We give thanks for the work of our Conference Ministers and send Susan Janzen blessings for her sabbatical that begins next Sunday. We pray that in these three months of retreat and rest, God would renew and reinvigorate Susan for her ministry here in Central Plains.

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**Freeman Area Children's Choir**, under the direction of Amber Bradley and Iwona Lewter, will have their fall concert this evening at 7:00 PM at the Salem-Zion Mennonite Church (North Church). There will be a dessert social to follow. All are welcome to attend!

The **Swiss Choral Society** announced its concert for the fall of 2023 would be a performance of Brahms' "A German Requiem" or "Ein Deutsches Requiem." The work will be performed in English with piano accompaniment and soloists. The performance will be on Friday, November 24 at 7:30 PM at the Salem Mennonite Church (South Church). All are welcome.

**MCC Comforter update** – thank you to all the hardworking MCC comforter makers who make beautiful, high-quality gifts to share with our partners around the world! The MCC guidelines for comforters were recently updated after receiving feedback from partners around the world. For complete MCC comforter information, including the updated guidelines, check out the Comforters page of our website ([mcc.org/get-involved/kits/comforters](http://mcc.org/get-involved/kits/comforters)). Please reach out to the Workroom Supervisor, Kate Mast ([katemast@mcc.org](mailto:katemast@mcc.org)), with any comforter questions!

**Driving through Kansas on your way south this winter?** Are you heading to South Texas? If so, MCC Central States in North Newton, KS is looking for your help! We need to transport 25 boxes of kits to a partner in McAllen, TX. Please contact Kate Mast at [katemast@mcc.org](mailto:katemast@mcc.org) with any questions or interest. Thanks!

Make plans to start your 2024 ministry inspired and renewed! Cultivating unity within faith communities can be difficult when cultural pressures are divisive. As the next iteration of the former School for Leadership Training, **Shalom Academy 2024** offers a place to learn and reflect on the practices that move congregations past divisiveness and toward peace. Keynote speakers and workshops give fresh perspectives on justice-inspired shalom, and new-this-year excursions provide for relaxation and recreation with friends both old and new. For more information or to register for Shalom Academy 2024 visit <https://emu.edu/seminary/slt/>.

**Et Cetera Shoppe** is in desperate need of someone who would be willing to tie the knots on the ends of our loom rugs. This is another one of those jobs that can be done in your own home, on your own time schedule, while watching TV or listening to music! Please call the shop at 925-7098 or talk to Kris or Anita if you'd be willing to help us out with this small but important task.

As the holidays approach, the **Et Cetera Shoppe** once again would welcome your donations of traditional pfeffernusse (peppernut) cookies made from the recipe of your choice. Every year, the sale of peppernuts at the shop greatly boosts our end-of-year giving to the work of Mennonite Central Committee. Making peppernuts can be a fun holiday activity to do with grandchildren, mentees, youth groups, extension clubs, and anyone else – so please consider making a batch and bringing them to the shop any time before Thanksgiving (and after, too)! You do not need to package them in any particular way – bringing them in Ziploc bags or ice cream pails is great.