



Hutterthal Mennonite Church

Christ Centered –

Living, Relating, Serving

Sunday, November 19, 2023

9:45 a.m.

Prelude

Call to Worship and Prayer

*Welcoming One Another

*Gathering and Praising

You Are Exalted VT #86

Wakantanka (Many and Great) VT #128

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 5:1-7 Pew Bible p. 360

Sharing Time and Prayer

Children's Time

Freeman Food Pantry

Worship Music

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 11:1-5 Pew Bible p. 364

Message

Offering Prayer

*Responding and Sending

God, Be the Love VT #43

God of Our Strength VT #47

*Benediction

Postlude

***please stand if you are able**

HMC Service may be viewed on our web-page:

www.HMCFreeman.org

TODAY 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.

NEXT SUNDAY November 26, 2023 9:45 a.m.

Worship Leader: Kenneth Birkey

Accompanist: Charlene Friesen

Song Leader: Morgan Koehler

Children's Time: Suzanne Koerner

Message: Pastor Randall Koehler

Coffee Time: Todd & Suzanne Koerner

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

Calendar:

November 26 Scripture: Exodus 15:1-18; Psalms 30 & 103

November 22 & 23: Church Reserved for Private Event

December 3: First Sunday of Advent

December 6: 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. The class will focus 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.

If you would like to receive **Anabaptist World magazine** at the HMC group subscription rate of \$39 for the 2024 year, please let our librarian, Charlene Friesen, know. Checks may be made out to Anabaptist World.

If you are interested in **decorating in the fellowship hall** for the brunch following the Children's Christmas program on Dec. 17, please contact Kathy or Edie.

Today we **welcome Lori Uecker** during our Children's time. She will be sharing information on the Freeman Food Pantry. Starting today, the HMC Sunday School classes (all ages) have a project for the Food Pantry. Items that are needed are nonfood items, toothpaste, tooth brushes, shampoo, body wash, and soap. A display by the Library, is where you can drop off any of your donations.

The November edition of **On the Level** is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In this issue: Kevin King explains how MDS is an emulsifier; check out our new Annual Report; and we are now accepting registration for our Annual Celebration in Fresno in February. The link is <https://conta.cc/3G2x3xK>.

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.

Prayer Requests and Praises:

- **Birthdays:** Steve Mendel on November 19 (today), Camilla Hofer on November 23, Chad Hofer on November 25.
- Give thanks and praise to God that Alvina Hofer was able to go home from the hospital here in Freeman this past Tuesday. Continue to pray for her as she regains her strength and energy for the days ahead.
- Our hearts, minds, and bodies are filled with gratitude as we reflect upon God's faithful and abiding presence this past year and beyond during this Thanksgiving season. May our gatherings be filled with hope, love, and peace as we celebrate humbly and graciously the good things that God has done in our lives and the world. To God be the glory, honor, and power forever. Amen.
- Together we pray for Pastor Martha Corpus Hernandez, pastor of Iglesia Menonita Centro Cristiano and wife of CPMC Hispanic Ministries Coordinator, Ramiro Hernandez, who has been diagnosed with stage 4 pancreatic cancer. We pray for miraculous healing and hope and for God's love to surround Martha, Ramiro, their family and congregation this week and in the weeks and months to come.

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The latest **Swan Lake Christian Camp newsletter** is now available online. Exciting things are happening at camp. December 3rd 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

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.

MCC Material Resources Center in North Newton critically low on inventory: An MCC kit cannot be distributed until each item for the kit is assembled, but some supplies in the Material Resources Center are so low that kits cannot be processed for shipping. You can help by filling the following needs: new infant onesies and sleepers (6-12 month sizes); new bath towels (dark colored, light to medium weight); new hand towels (dark colored). Locally, MCC distributes prisoner care and returning citizen care kits, for those kits we currently need: men's shirts (sizes XL, 2XL, 3XL -- any color) and men's underwear (sizes 2XL, 3XL -- any color). Buy online and ship it to MCC (121 E. 30th St, North Newton, KS 67117). Questions are always welcome, please contact brociamueller@mcc.org or 316.283.2720. A full list of MCC kit contents can be found at mcc.org/kits.

Rural Revival will meet at 8:00 p.m. on November 27 at the Freeman library. All are welcome to attend.

Et Cetera Shoppe needs 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** welcomes 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.

Looking for a gift for someone who doesn't need anything? Consider purchasing an **MCC Thrift Christmas Giving ornament**, available at the front of Et Cetera Shoppe. For \$10, you can purchase a lovely handmade paper ornament that will provide families in need of nutrition and income, with the gift of a fruit tree! Your \$10 will provide a banana, passionfruit, papaya, mango, lemon, guava or pomegranate tree to a family in countries like Haiti, Mexico, Lebanon, Kenya, Bangladesh, and India. These fruit trees not only provide a new source of nutrition to families, but an opportunity for income, with fruit to sell. The extra fun detail? The paper ornaments are infused with seeds, so your gift recipient can plant the ornament and watch it grow into a bouquet of wildflowers! Go to <https://mccthrift.com/christmas-giving> to learn more about the fruit tree project, and stop in at the shop to pick up this meaningful gift option.

