



Hutterthal Mennonite Church

Christ Centered –

Living, Relating, Serving

Sunday, November 26, 2023

9:45 a.m.

Prelude

Ode to Joy

Oh, When the Saints

Call to Worship and Prayer

Scripture Reading

Psalms 30 Pew Bible p. 295

*Welcoming One Another

*Gathering and Praising

Sing to the God of Harvest VT #122

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns VT #101

Sharing Time and Prayer

Scripture Reading

Psalms 103 Pew Bible p. 319

Children's Time

Scripture Reading

Exodus 15:1-18 Pew Bible p. 37

Message

Offering Prayer

*Responding and Sending

We Give Thanks Unto You VT #117

Children of the Heavenly Father VT #517

*Benediction

Postlude

*please stand if you are able

HMC Service may be viewed on our web-page:

www.HMCFreeman.org

TODAY November 26, 2023 9:45 a.m.

Worship Leader: Kenneth Birkey

Prelude: Alyssa Hofer

Accompanist: Charlene Friesen

Song Leader: Morgan Koehler

Children's Time: Suzanne Koerner

Message: Pastor Randall Koehler

Coffee Time: Todd & Suzanne Koerner

Children are practicing for the Christmas program during the Sunday School hour. Two Adult Sunday School classes are gathering after coffee time in the Education Wing. All are welcome.

NEXT SUNDAY Dec. 3, 2023 9:45 a.m. First Sunday of Advent

Worship Leader: Donovan Friesen

Accompanist: Paige Hofer

Song Leader: Aprille Birkey

Children's Time: Joline Thomas

Advent Drama Team: Natalie Johnson and Monica Clem

Worship Music: John & Monica Clem

Message: Pastor Randall Koehler

Scripture: Isaiah 64:1-9; Mark 13:24-37

Coffee Time: Kenneth & Aprille Birkey

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Calendar:

December 3: First Sunday of Advent

December 6: HMC Annual Meeting—7 PM

December 13: HMC Church Board Meeting—7 PM

December 14: HMC Deacon Team Meeting—7 PM

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.

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.

Sunday School project (all ages): Freeman Food Pantry, donations of nonfood items are needed examples are 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>.

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.

Prayer Requests and Praises:

- **Birthdays:** Jen Friesen on November 27, Steve Friesen on November 29, Marcia Schrock on December 1, and Avery Waltner on December 2.
- We give thanks for all the relationships in our congregations and in our conference that sustain us, guide us, and help us to see the Kingdom of God!
- Jonah and Memee Yang began serving with Mennonite Mission Network in September. Pray for Jonah as he teaches Hmong and Thai students in Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary's Journey Program and for Memee as she offers Sister Care seminars. The Yangs live in Minnesota and will travel to Thailand twice each year.
- Pray for war-torn or war-weary parts of our world where violence and bloodshed are intergenerational. Pray especially for an ongoing cease-fire in Gaza and an end to the war in Ukraine.

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The HMC Board recommends making changes to the Constitution and By-Laws to add the word 'Christian' to the title of the 'Education Committee' and 'Education Committee Chair'.

Here are the proposed constitution and by-law changes being voted on at annual meeting. Bold, red lettering notes the suggested additions.

ARTICLE VI: OFFICERS AND DUTIES

Section 1: List of Officers

A. The officers of the church shall be: Church Chair, 3 *Deacons, Secretary, Treasurer, **Christian** 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, **Christian** Education Committee Chair, Trustees, and Advisor of the Youth Group.

F. Duties of Sunday School Officers

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

BY-LAWS

THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The **Christian** Education Committee shall consist of three elected members, two members to be appointed by the **Christian** Education Committee (sec-tres. & member at large) and the Pastor.

2023 Gifts Discernment Process

The members of the Leadership Selection Committee (Brandon Waltner, Rina Hofer, and Kenneth Birkey) offer the HMC congregation the following slate of candidates for affirmation at the HMC annual meeting on December 6 to begin serving in 2024.

HMC Board Treasurer: Matthew Tschetter(3-yr term)

Trustee: Les Rensink (3-yr term)

Deacon: Amy Hofer Vetch (3-yr term)

Assistant Head Usher: Rodney Mettler (1-yr term and will become head usher in 2025)

Ushers: Cameron Hofer, Joline Thomas, Phil Thomas, Cole Hofer, Brandon Waltner (all 1-yr terms)

Connection Advisory Board:
Kenneth Birkey (3-yr. term)

Leadership Selection Committee:
Michelle Neuharth (3-yr term)

Pastor Congregation Relations Committee:
Les Rensink (3-yr term)

Auditing Committee: John Clem (3-yr term)

Education Committee: Suzanne Koerner (3-yr. term)