



Hutterthal Mennonite Church

Christ Centered -

Living, Relating, Serving

Sunday, January 21, 2024

9:45 a.m.

Prelude

Call to Worship and Prayer

*Welcoming One Another

*Gathering and Praising

Jesus Calls Us VT #30

From North and South, from East and West VT #460

Scripture Reading

Psalm 8 Pew Bible p. 289

Sharing Time and Prayer

Children's Time

Worship Music

Somos Unos En Cristo

Scripture Reading

John 10:14-16 Pew Bible p. 567

Message

Mosaic - Being a Part of God's Bigger Picture

Communion

Offering Prayer

*Responding and Sending

We Are One in the Spirit VT #387

In Christ There is not East or West VT #390

*Benediction

Postlude

*please stand if you are able

HMC Service may be viewed on our web-page:

www.HMCFreeman.org

TODAY January 21, 2024 9:45 a.m..

Worship Leader: Brigitta Hofer

Accompanist: Charlene Friesen

Song Leader: Suzanne Koerner

Worship Music: Mennonite World Conference Video in honor of Anabaptist World Fellowship Sunday

Children's Time: Kenneth Birkey

Message: Pastor Randall Koehler

Coffee Time: Steve & Charlene Friesen

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

NEXT SUNDAY January 28, 2024 9:45 a.m..

Worship Leader: Jaden Thomas

Accompanist: Paige Hofer

Song Leader: Amanda Mettler

Worship Music: Brigitta Hofer

Children's Time: Barbie Hofer

Message: Pastor Randall Koehler

Scripture: Psalm 89 and Mark 5:1-20

Coffee Time: Joyce Hofer

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

Calendar:

January 24: Winter Midweek Bible Study at 7 PM on Zoom

February 18: Church Season of Lent begins

HMC Congregational Ministry Project for January:

Cash for Blankets and sheets for MCC

Cash can be given to Joyce Hofer, treasurer, or put in the C.M. mailbox. Blankets are \$6 each.

The deacons and pastor invite you to join in our annual winter **midweek bible study** on Wednesday evenings via zoom at 7 PM. We will be studying and discussing the continued conflict between and context surrounding Israel and Hamas as we read the book, *I Am Not Your Enemy* by Michael T. McRay. Our next meeting is January 24.

News from Swan Lake Christian Camp

Last year, Swan Lake Christian Camp was able to offer scholarships to 57 kids totaling \$8,000. Through the generosity of the Jackson Vetch memorial fund and other monies, we offer help to any who feel that they cannot pay the full camp fees. Our policy has been to ask that they pay what they are able and the camp will cover the balance. On average, the parents paid nearly \$100 of the full week fees of \$260. It is an honor to help these kids. We invite you to join us in this ministry.

The **January edition of On the Level** is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In our current issue: Kevin King shares inspiration from the dentist's chair; learn about a huge boost coming to Crisfield, Maryland; and don't miss the February 8 deadline to register for our Annual Celebration in Fresno in February: <https://conta.cc/3u2BztK>

Rural Revival will meet at 8:00 p.m. on January 22 at the Freeman library. All are welcome to attend.

Prayer Requests and Praises:

- **Birthdays:** Les Rensink on January 23, Oaklynn Zachariasen on January 26, and Phil Thomas on January 27. **Anniversary:** Cameron & Rina Hofer on January 26.
- Today is Anabaptist World Fellowship Sunday. On January 21, 1525, the first Anabaptist baptism took place in Zurich, Switzerland. Today we, the churches of Central Plains Mennonite Conference give thanks for our common roots, celebrate our worldwide fellowship, and look to God's guidance for the future. Mennonite Mission Network invites you to join in Mennonite World Conference's prayers for the global church: to work together in harmony, to reduce suffering, and to become God's people, who sow peace, love and truth.
- In the midst of conflicts around the world, we pray for peace and justice to find their homes not only in places where fear and terror reign because of guns and bombs and missiles and hatred, but also in our own hearts and the hearts of our neighbors where trauma and brokenness and hurt have formed callouses of unfeeling. May our eyes, ears, and mouths be opened to see and call for an end to war and violence as means of supposed peace, even from our own nation.

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Delicia Bravo Aguilar and Peter Wigginton of Mennonite Mission Network were shopping for supplies for a Quito Mennonite Church project on Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 9, when they noticed that traffic was becoming denser and more frantic in Quito, Ecuador's capital city. Shopkeepers were shuttering their windows and locking their doors. Radio announcements requested that parents pick up their children from school immediately. Happily, Aliyah and Ariana were in the taxi with their parents, as the children are being home-schooled this year.

The panic resulted from President Daniel Noboa's declaration of a state of "internal armed conflict" in response to masked gunmen breaking into a live television broadcast. This action was part of an increase in violence throughout the country after two of Ecuador's most powerful drug gang leaders escaped from prison a few days ago. There have been explosions near the homes of government authorities, as well as killings and kidnappings of police officers. Noboa had already declared a national state of emergency on Monday, Jan. 8, that "gives the military free reign within the bounds of international human rights" and establishes an 11 pm – 5 am curfew," Wigginton said in a phone call Tuesday night, after he finished a Zoom prayer meeting with Mennonite church leaders throughout the country.

FEINE, the council of Indigenous churches in Ecuador, also held a prayer meeting on Jan. 9 in response to the country's crisis. Join their plea to be "constant in prayer and unity. Organize to overcome this crime, and this social, economic and security crisis that plagues us in 2024."

Delicia and Peter request prayer for:

- The people of Ecuador, especially those living along the Pacific coast, "who are feeling the brunt of the violence."
- Wise decisions to be made by government authorities.
- Restraint in the use of martial law.
- That the peace-building curriculum that MMN and its partners have been promoting will have a long-term positive impact in creating a just and peaceful country.

Reflections about our worship service today:

What is sticking with you (words, feelings, notes, or memories) from our worship service? How will you carry that with you throughout the rest of the week?

How did you notice the Holy Spirit working in us, among us, and through us in our worship service?

Draw an image or sketch that tells about what you noticed or found meaningful in today's worship service and Sunday School.