



# Hutterthal Mennonite Church

Christ Centered –

Living, Relating, Serving

Sunday, January 7, 2024

9:45 a.m.

Prelude

Call to Worship and Prayer

\*Welcoming One Another

\*Gathering and Praising

*Arise, Your Light Is Come!* VT #273

*I Love to Tell the Story* VT #761

Sharing Time and Prayer

Children's Time

Worship Music *Why Should I Feel Discouraged?* STJ #103

Advent Drama

Scripture Reading James 1:13-15 Pew Bible p. 636

Message The Traps of the Enemy

Offering Prayer

\*Responding and Sending

*He Came Down* VT #239

*As With Gladness* VT #277

\*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 January 7, 2024 9:45 a.m.. Epiphany Sunday**

**Worship Leader:** Todd Koerner

**Accompanist:** Paige Hofer

**Song Leader:** Aprille Birkey

**Children's Time:** Joline Thomas

**Worship Music:** Ardella Gross

**Advent Drama Team:** Emma Johnson & Isabel Waltner

**Message:** Mark Miller

**Coffee Time:** Lyndon & Barbie Hofer

**Children's Sunday School following the worship service. Adult**

**Sunday School following coffee time in the Education Wing.**

**NEXT SUNDAY January 14, 2024 9:45 a.m..**

**Worship Leader:** Cole Hofer

**Accompanist:** Amy Hofer Vetch

**Song Leader:** Morgan Koehler

**Children's Time:** Joline Thomas

**Worship Music:** Alvina Hofer

**Message:** Pastor Randall Koehler

**Coffee Time:** Alvina Hofer

**Children's Sunday School following the worship service. Adult**

**Sunday School following coffee time in the Education Wing.**

**Calendar:**

January 10: Winter Midweek Bible Study at 7 PM

January 21: Anabaptist World Fellowship Sunday and

Communion here at HMC

**HMC Congregational Ministry Project for January:**

Blankets and sheets for MCC

Items can be placed in the bin in Sunday School room 1.

**Thank you** Hutterthal Church family for the large box of chocolates. Also, thank you Lyndon and Barbie for the wonderful visit. It was so nice to be remembered by our church family. God bless all of you! - Delmer and Shirley Hofer

**Thank you** to the church family for the delicious box of chocolates and the wonderful visits from Lyndon & Barbie and Kathy Pullman. - Marcella Glanzer

The deacons and pastor invite you to join in our annual **winter midweek bible study** on Wednesday evenings via Zoom at 7 PM starting on January 10. 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 evenings together will include a brief prayer and sharing time, a short summary of the evening's topics and content, and then an open discussion time. We look forward to seeing you on Zoom.

**Freeman Network for Justice and Peace** will meet Wednesday, January 10 at 11:30 A.M. in the Freeman Public Library. All are welcome.

### **News from Swan Lake Christian Camp**

December is a month to reflect on God's gracious mercy and our response to his son's birth, death and resurrection. We continue to host families and groups during the holidays as we prepare for a busy January and February of youth camps and adult ministries. This month, I ordered nearly \$90,000 of materials for the new worship center. This is a step in faith as the board and I walk out our belief that God has called us to build a place of worship adequate for the people He is drawing into a closer, personal relationship with Him. If you feel so led, consider a generous gift towards this project.

### Prayer Requests and Praises:

- **Birthdays:** Amy Hofer Vetch on January 7 (today), Egan Mettler on January 8, Ethan Waltner on January 10, and Joline Thomas on January 12.
- Please pray for our Mid-Week Bible Study sessions as we discuss, study scripture, and attempt to understand the ongoing conflict between Israel and Hamas.
- Let us offer up prayers for a safe and uneventful journey back to SD from IL for Pastor Randall, Morgan, and the girls as they head back on Tuesday, January 9th.
- Together we give thanks for the pastors and lay leaders who have so faithfully served congregations in Central Plains Mennonite Conference in this past year. We give thanks to God for providing able shepherds to lead our congregations.
- Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Lora Nafziger and Mitch Rhodes, who began a three-year assignment in September with United Mission to Nepal (UMN), working from the United States. Pray for this family, as Lora, Mitch and two of their four sons take up residence in Kathmandu, Nepal, this month. Lora is serving as UMN's staff support and counseling advisor, and Mitch serves as the expatriate coordinator.

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