



Hutterthal Mennonite Church

Christ Centered –

Living, Relating, Serving

Sunday, February 11, 2024

9:45 a.m.

Prelude

Amazing Grace
O Worship the King

Call to Worship and Prayer

*Welcoming One Another

*Gathering and Praising

O Christ, Impart Your Teaching True VT #583

Mercy, Mercy, Lord VT #169

Scripture Reading

Psalm 27 Pew Bible p. 294

Sharing Time and Prayer

Children's Time

Scripture Reading

Mark 8:27-9:8 Pew Bible p. 533

Message

The Messiah and the Cross

Offering Prayer

*Responding and Sending

Count Well the Cost VT #577

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus VT #443

*Benediction

Postlude

***please stand if you are able**

HMC Service may be viewed on our web-page:

www.HMCFreeman.org

TODAY SUNDAY February 11, 2024 9:45 a.m..

Prelude: Egan Mettler

Worship Leader: Charlene Friesen

Accompanist: Amy Hofer Vetch

Song Leader: Aprille Birkey

Children's Time: Brigitta Hofer

Message: Pastor Randall Koehler

Coffee Time: Vernon & Twyla Hofer

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

NEXT SUNDAY Feb. 18, 2024 9:45 a.m.. First Sunday of Lent

Worship Leader: Kenneth Birkey

Accompanist: Paige Hofer

Song Leader: Morgan Koehler

Worship Music: Sunday School Children's Choir

Children's Time: Paige Hofer & Torrie Zachariasen

Message: Pastor Randall Koehler

Scripture: Genesis 9:8-17; Psalm 25

Coffee Time: Gordon Waltner

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

Calendar:

February 14: Freeman Network for Justice and Peace meeting at 11:30 am in the Freeman Library Community Room

February 14: Winter Midweek Bible Study at 7 PM on Zoom

February 18: Church Season of Lent begins

February 21: HMC Church Board Meeting on Zoom at 8:15 pm

March 24 - 27: Holy Week Services at HMC

March 28: HMC Annual Maundy Thursday Service at 7 PM in the Fellowship Hall

HMC Congregational Ministry Project for February:

MCC Infant Kits

Barbie Hofer has offered to purchase items and assemble the kits. If you are interested, please give Barbie \$20 per kit.

The deacons and pastor invite you to join our annual winter **midweek study** on Wednesday evenings via zoom at 7 PM. We are learning about and discussing the continued conflict between and context surrounding Israel and Hamas while reading the book, *I Am Not Your Enemy* by Michael T. McRay. Our next meeting is February 14.

Congregation and Pastor Review

It is the policy of Hutterthal to have a Congregation and Pastor review every three years. The Congregation-Pastor Review Team has been working on the review document and is planning to distribute it to the Congregation on February 18. Please have reviews returned by March 3. The Review Team requests that you take the time to prayerfully consider your responses to the questions being asked about Congregational life and the Pastor's ministry. If you have questions please feel free to contact one of the members of the Review Team; Todd Koerner, Brigitta Hofer, Monica Clem or Brandon Waltner. Please watch for additional information that will be sent out via email.

Cheese Pocket Making Days Planned for Schmeckfest:

Cheese pockets for the 2024 Schmeckfest Country Kitchen will be made on Friday afternoon and Saturday, Feb. 16 & 17, and Feb. 23 & 24, in the Pioneer Hall Dining Room. Plans are to begin at 3:30 pm on Fridays and 9:00 am on Saturdays. Please bring a sack lunch on Saturdays. Join the volunteer crew for a great time of work and fellowship and learn how this ethnic favorite is made. Watch the Courier or Freeman Academy websites for weather cancellation.

The **Freeman Network for Justice and Peace** will meet Wednesday, February 14, 11:30 A.M. in the Freeman Public Library. All are welcome.

Meals on Wheels here in Freeman is looking for more volunteer drivers. If you are able to and available, call 605-925-4000. When you are able to speak with someone at the front desk, ask for Rick to talk about Meals on Wheels.

Prayer Requests and Praises:

- **Birthdays:** Don Hofer and Jada Koerner on February 12; Elvera Deckert and LaVonne Tschetter on February 13; and Wyndolyn Koehler on February 16.
- Pray for the family and friends who are grieving the recent passing of Shirley Brockmueller. May God's comforting presence be known and witnessed to, as memories are shared, services are planned, a body is committed, and lives are changed in the midst of absence and loss. Pray that all are able to grieve in the ways that they need to.
- Pray for the good and peace-filled work of the Agape Peace Center and the Minnesota Peacebuilding Leadership Institute, both in Minnesota.
- Mennonite Mission Network has launched a new fellowship and learning program, Just Peace Pilgrimages, to help participants enter more fully into God's justice and shalom. Pray that God's spirit will prepare the hearts and minds of all who join in the healing work of dismantling the oppressive structures in the United States.

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MCC Announcements:

Mark your calendar now for the **16th annual MCC Comforter Blitz**, March 4-6 just outside of Yoder, Kansas. If you can tie a knot, you can make a difference! Curious to find out more? Please check mcc.org/comforter-blitz or the Kansas MCC Comforter Blitz page on Facebook. The blitz takes place on Monday, March 4 from 9am-5pm, Tuesday, March 5 from 9am-9pm and Wednesday, March 6 from 9am-4pm at the 3605 East Longview Rd. Haven, KS. Questions? Please contact brociamueller@mcc.org.

MCC Central States annual meeting, Saturday, March 2 at 10 a.m. You are invited to join the meeting in-person or virtually to hear MCC U.S. Executive Director Ann Graber Hershberger share an MCC update. Please email centralstates@mcc.org if you would like the Zoom link to join virtually. Otherwise, join us at MCC Central States, 121 E. 30th St in North Newton, Kansas.

March 10-15: MCC Young adult Peace Camp in Black Forest, Colorado
Join us for an incredible week of hands-on peacebuilding training in the Rocky Mountains of Colorado Springs! MCC's Peacebuilders Training is a learning experience for young adults hungry to connect with other young adults; root themselves in intentional, theological reflection; and apply that to the real-world work of peace and justice in their communities. Find out more and register for the Peace Camp. <https://mcc.org/get-involved/peace-camps>

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 sleepers (6-12 month sizes); bath towels (dark colored, light to medium weight); wide-toothed combs; laundry soap (such as Fels Naptha or Zote brands); shampoo (20 oz min); fingernail clippers (good quality); and hand towels (dark colored). Locally, MCC distributes prisoner care and returning citizen care kits, for those kits we currently need: men's T-shirts (sizes L, XL, 2XL, 3XL -- any color); men's underwear (sizes L, XL, 2XL, 3XL -- any color); men's crew socks; lotion (12 oz min); and adult backpacks. Buy online and ship it to MCC or bring items to MCC in North Newton (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.

Sunday School Bells Announcement—Christian Ed Committee

For a long time at HMC, the schedule for the bells after the worship service have been a certain way, usually with 15-20 minutes for coffee time and then the ending bells rung at 11:45 and 11:50am as is outlined in the responsibilities for the Sunday School Secretary-Treasurer. Because we want to celebrate and enhance the gifts and talents of our congregants by having multiple voices involved in each Sunday's worship service, the length of the service has fluctuated anywhere from 50 to 80 minutes, which makes planning for music, Sunday School, and coffee time after the service very challenging.

This past summer, the Sunday School Superintendents changed the schedule for ringing bells to make the time for children's music and children's Sunday School consistent each week, no matter when the worship service ends. The new schedule started this past fall with the Sunday School kick-off.

The first bell is now rung 20 minutes after the worship service to signal to people at coffee hour and to the children enjoying music time with Suzanne that they need to move to their Sunday School classes. The second bell (with no 5-minute warning) will be rung then 30 minutes after the first bell so that time in class is consistent from week to week.

For those who have lunch plans after church, and the worship service is long, you may have to leave early from Sunday School to make your plans work. For those who are used to Sunday School lasting until 11:50 no matter what, you might have some Sundays when the worship service is shorter, and the second bell is rung early.

From week to week, the exact timing of the bell may change, but what will not change is the amount of time for music for the little ones among us and coffee for the adults as well as the amount of time that children and adults spend in class. If you have any concerns, questions, or comments to share you can reach out to one of the Christian Education Committee Members (Kathy, Suzanne, or Kenneth).