



# Hutterthal Mennonite Church

Christ Centered –

Living, Relating, Serving

Sunday, February 4, 2024

9:45 a.m.

Prelude

Call to Worship and Prayer

\*Welcoming One Another

\*Gathering and Praising

*Longing for Light* VT #715

*Holy Spirit, Come with Power* VT #57

Scripture Reading

Psalms 131 Pew Bible p. 329

Sharing Time and Prayer

Children's Time

Scripture Reading

Mark 5: 21-43 Pew Bible p. 530

Message

The Other Side of Healing

Offering Prayer

\*Responding and Sending

*Beauty for Brokenness* VT # 712

Selected by Cameron & Rina Hofer: *O God in Heaven* VT #720

\*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 February 4, 2024 9:45 a.m..**

**Worship Leader:** John Clem

**Accompanist:** Amy Hofer Vetch

**Song Leader:** Aprille Birkey

**Worship Music:** Cameron & Rina Hofer

**Children's Time:** Suzanne Koerner

**Message:** Pastor Randall Koehler

**Coffee Time:** Eric & Michelle Neuharth

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

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

**NEXT SUNDAY February 11, 2024 9:45 a.m..**

**Worship Leader:** Charlene Friesen

**Accompanist:** Amy Hofer Vetch

**Song Leader:** Aprille Birkey

**Worship Music:** Sunday School Children's Choir

**Children's Time:** Brigitta Hofer

**Message:** Pastor Randall Koehler

**Scripture:** Psalm 27 & Mark 8: 27-9:8

**Coffee Time:** Vernon & Twyla Hofer

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

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

**Calendar:**

January 31: Winter Midweek Bible Study at 7 PM on Zoom

February 18: Church Season of Lent begins

March 24 - 27: Holy Week Services at HMC

**HMC Congregational Ministry Project for February:**

MCC Infant Kits

Place items in the bin in S.S. room 1 or give cash to Joyce

Hofer, treasurer, or place in the C.M. mailbox

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 7.

### **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.

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.

**Prayer Requests and Praises:**

- **Birthdays:** Delmer Hofer on February 7.
- Join Mennonite Mission Network in praising God for Matthew and Toni Krabill's four years of ministry at the Paris Mennonite Center in France. Pray for them as they move to Ghana this month, where Matthew will supervise research and develop curricula at The Sanneh Institute, and Toni will discern what God is calling her to next.
- Pray for those who volunteer as leaders in our conference serving on various committees and boards such as the Conference Board, the Christian Formation Committee, Pastoral Leadership Committee, Outreach and Service Committee, Stewardship Task Force, Shalom Readers, Peace and Justice task group and all other conference volunteers. We give thanks for those who are willing to serve!

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Church Website: [www.hmcfreeman.org](http://www.hmcfreeman.org)

In 2022, **Et Cetera Shoppe** set a new record of \$45,000 to benefit the work of Mennonite Central Committee around the world. In 2023....we were able to send \$60,000! We celebrate being able to make such a meaningful contribution to a worldwide mission and providing a beautiful and friendly place for community members to find affordable clothing and household items. Your donations make this possible! A thrift shop can only be as good as the donations it receives. In this new year, we invite you to consider First Fruits giving to our work. Donate your best! Some of the things we are continually in need of include furniture pieces that are clean and in sturdy condition, and good condition children's clothing in sizes 5-18. (We accept many other things as well!) In September, we will celebrate our 45th birthday – come join our volunteer team in time to celebrate with us!

#### **FA Noodle Making Days Planned:**

Join the volunteer crew to make noodles for the 2024 Schmeckfest meal and Country Kitchen on Saturday, February 10 in the Pioneer Hall dining room. Plans are to begin at 9:00 a.m. Snow date is Monday, February 12. A great time of work and fellowship for folks of all ages! A pizza lunch is provided. Watch the Courier or Freeman Academy websites for weather cancellation.

#### **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.

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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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>