



Hutterthal Mennonite Church

Christ Centered –

Living, Relating, Serving

Sunday, April 21, 2024

9:45 a.m.

Prelude

Call to Worship and Prayer

***Welcoming One Another**

***Gathering and Praising**

Mfurahini, haleluya (Christ Has Arisen! Alleluia!) VT #341

To God Be the Glory VT #84

Sharing Time and Prayer

Children's Time

Scripture Reading 2 Corinthians 5:14-6:2 Pew Bible p. 611

Message He Gave Us the Ministry of Reconciliation!

Offering Prayer

***Responding and Sending**

In Christ Alone VT #332

Christ, Be All around Me VT #848

***Benediction**

Postlude

***please stand if you are able**

HMC Service may be viewed on our web-page:

www.HMCFreeman.org

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

Worship Leader: Barbie Hofer

Accompanist: Amy Hofer Vetch

Song Leader: Amanda Mettler

Children's Time: Amanda Mettler

Message: Lois Janzen Preheim

Coffee Time: Larry & Edie Tschetter

Children's Sunday School following the worship service. Adult

Sunday School following coffee time in the Education Wing.

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

Worship Leader: Donovan Friesen

Accompanist: Charlene Friesen

Song Leader: Morgan Koehler

Children's Time: Edie and Matthew Tschetter

Worship Music: Joyce Hofer

Message: Pastor Randall Koehler

Scripture: Acts 18:1-4; 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Coffee Time: LeRoy & Kathy Pullman

Children's Sunday School following the worship service. Adult

Sunday School following coffee time in the Education Wing.

Calendar:

Today: Baptism and Scripture SS—Matt Tschetter leading

April 25: Freeman Regional Assisted Living (Salem Mennonite Home) Chapel at 2 PM

April 28: SD MCC Relief Sale Fundraising Meal downstairs after Sunday School

May 5: Graduation Recognition for Torrie Zachariasen

May 5: Freeman Ministerial Baccalaureate service at 4 PM

July 20: SD MCC Relief Sale in Freeman

HMC Congregational Ministry Project for April:

Cash for SD MCC Relief Sale Kitchen Time Savers

Please give donations to Joyce Hofer (treasurer) or place in the Congregational Ministries mailbox.

MCC Relief Sale Fundraiser Meal: Please join us at noon next Sunday in the HMC fellowship hall downstairs for pizza as we raise money for the South Dakota MCC Relief Sale expenses. **Make checks payable to HMC** and designate for relief sale expenses in the subject line.

On Saturday, April 27, **The Ortmen Piano Duo**, consisting of Mory Ortman and Jordan Ortman, will perform a two-piano concert at 7:30 p.m. in Pioneer Hall. This is a rare opportunity for local music lovers to hear two grand pianos being played together - by two of Freeman's native sons, who are now professional musicians in New York City and Denver, respectively. No admission will be charged, but a freewill offering for Freeman Academy's Cultivate 120 campaign will be taken. A dessert reception will follow the concert. Plan to join us for this special treat!

The Freeman Network for Justice and Peace hosted the first of what are hoped to be 5 informational sessions about Israel-Palestine. The first was this past Sunday, April 7 from 2-4 pm. It was called "**Challenging the Myth of the Israel-Palestine Narrative: A Community Conversation.**" If you were not able to attend, you can watch the recording online here:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kHUn2yqMaaM>

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

Prayer Requests and Praises:

- **Birthdays:** Bridget Neuharth on April 26; Twyla Hofer on April 27.
- Pray for the work of the Outreach and Service Committee of Central Plains Mennonite Conference. We ask for wisdom and courage as they lead by example and encouragement into new ways of thinking about and doing God's just work in our ever-changing world.
- Mennonite Mission Network praises God for Alfonsina and José Oyanguren's two decades of ministry in the Argentine Chaco and for the exciting audio and visual ministries they are developing. Pray for the Christian radio programs, which help the Toba-Qom people better understand the biblical message, and for the impact that the Jesus Film is having in communities in the Chaco.
- Pray for the annual Central Plains Mennonite Conference Leaders Retreat held in Schuyler, NE. Pray for inspiring and rejuvenating discussions for the pastors and spouses who attend. We ask for safety in travel.

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I will be starting my **thru-hike of the Pacific Crest Trail** soon and I would love for you to follow along. I'll be posting videos on my YouTube channel: @kleenexhikes. Feel free to subscribe so you get all my videos. The PCT is a 2,650 mile hike from the Mexican border to the Canadian border through California, Oregon and Washington. I expect it to take around 6 months. My dad and sister will be sending some packages to me while I hike, so if you have something small or homemade that you'd like to send you can give it to them to send. They have a list of suggestions. In 2012 I hiked the Appalachian Trail for Swan Lake Christian Camp and I'm excited to take on this adventure. I ask for prayers along this journey. Thanks so much! ~ Renee Neufeld

Mennonite Public Educators

The next virtual meeting of the Mennonite Public Educators is: Thursday, April 25, 2024, at 7pm Eastern.

This group is intended for all Mennonite education professionals working in public school settings. These conversations are moderated by public school teachers who are Mennonite. The conversation topic will be "Simple ways to show our faith." Registration is required. Email info@MennoniteEducation.org to receive registration information.

The **April edition of On the Level** is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In our current issue: Kevin King shares a truly uplifting story of MDS work in Maryland, volunteers are transforming lives in Mississippi, and long-time project in Jennings, Louisiana comes to a close. Plus, check out the volunteer opportunities for this summer and fall: <https://conta.cc/3UjUriu>

Reconciliation Tool Kit

Alternatives to Violence Manuals.

MCC Peace Curriculum: Peaceful Practices

Central Plains Conference Conflict Team

Lombard Mennonite Peace Center workshops

Books for Further Learning

- John Paul Lederach. Reconcile: Conflict Transformation for Ordinary Christians.
- Betty Pries. The Space Between Us
- David C. Cramer and Myles Werntz. A Field Guide to Christian Nonviolence: Key Thinkers, Activist, and Movements for the Gospel of Peace
- Any Harriet Lerner books on anger.
- Beverly Flanagan. Forgiving the Unforgivable: Overcoming the Bitter Legacy of Intimate Wounds. And Forgiving Yourself

The buying of more books than one can read is nothing
less than the soul reaching toward infinity,

--A. Edward Newton