



Hutterthal Mennonite Church

Christ Centered –

Living, Relating, Serving

Sunday, April 28, 2024

9:45 a.m.

Prelude “A Wild Rose” by Edward MacDowell

Call to Worship and Prayer

*Welcoming One Another

*Gathering and Praising

Come, Christians, Join to Sing VT #28

Heart with Loving Heart United VT #813

Scripture Reading 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 Pew Bible p. 602

Sharing Time and Prayer

Children’s Time

Worship Music “God on the Mountain”

Scripture Reading Acts 18:1-11 Pew Bible p. 587

Message Arguing in Church

Offering Prayer

*Responding and Sending

We are One in the Spirit VT #387

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 28, 2024 9:45 a.m.

Worship Leader: Donovan Friesen

Accompanist: Charlene Friesen

Prelude: Natalie Johnson

Song Leader: Morgan Koehler

Children's Time: Edie and Matthew Tschetter

Worship Music: Judy Graber and Paige Hofer; arr. by Joyce Hofer

Message: Pastor Randall Koehler

Coffee Time: LeRoy & Kathy Pullman

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

NEXT SUNDAY May 5, 2024 9:45 a.m.

Worship Leader: Todd Koerner

Accompanist: Charlene Friesen

Song Leader: Pastor Randall Koehler

Children's Time: Twyla Hofer

Worship Music: Lyndon & Barbie Hofer

Message: Pastor Randall Koehler

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13; Mark 12:28-31

Coffee Time: Brigitta Hofer

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

Calendar:

Today: Baptism & Scripture Sunday School Series - Baptism as
cleansing part 1: Leviticus 14, 2 Kings 5, Ezekiel 36

Today: SD MCC Relief Sale Fundraising Meal in the fellowship
hall downstairs after Sunday School

May 2: National Day of Prayer

May 5: Baptism and Scripture Sunday School Series - Baptism as
cleansing part 2 Genesis 18, 24, 43; Luke 7; John 13

May 5: Graduation Recognition for Torrie Zachariasen

May 5: Freeman Ministerial Baccalaureate service at 4 PM

May 9: Deacon-Pastor Team Meeting at 8 PM

May 15: HMC Church Board Meeting at 7:30 PM

June 20-23: CPMC Annual Meeting in Wayland, IA

July 20: SD MCC Relief Sale in Freeman

MCC Relief Sale Fundraiser Meal: Please join us at noon **TODAY** 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. Also, you will find in your mailbox a giving calendar focused on water which is the **My Coins Count** project this year. You are encouraged to work through the calendar as a household.

The theme this year for **National Day of Prayer** is Lift Up The Word - Light Up The World, based on 2 Samuel 22:29-31. The National Day of Prayer is an annual day of observance designated by the United States Congress and held on the first Thursday of May, when people of all faiths are asked to pray for our leaders in government, whether national, state, or local. On April 17, 1952, President Harry Truman signed a bill proclaiming the National Day of Prayer into law in the United States. President Reagan amended it in 1988, designating the first Thursday of May each year as the National Day of prayer. The president is required by law to sign a proclamation each year, encouraging all Americans to pray on this day. It is an important day for us to observe.

Are you missing your brothers and sisters from Central Plains? You'll get to see them soon! Come to Wayland, IA on June 20-23 for **Annual Meeting 2024**. Our theme is "How can we know the way?" Children, youth, and adults welcome! Register by May 31 to get early bird rates!
www.centralplainsmc.org

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.

Prayer Requests and Praises:

- **Birthdays:** Kenneth Birkey on April 30.
- Pray for the work of the Christian Formation Committee of Central Plains Mennonite Conference. We pray for wisdom and courage as they help us to be intentional and to think theologically about Christian formation for all ages.
- Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Jonah and Memee Yang, who minister in Thailand from a base in Minnesota. Pray for them as they travel to Thailand twice per year to teach Hmong and Thai students in Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary's Journey Program (Jonah) and through Mennonite Women's Sister Care seminars (Memee).
- As the National Day of Prayer nears this week, pray for government leaders and representatives in the USA and around the world. Pray for discernment and compassion as they make difficult decisions that affect many people. Pray that their greatest awareness is on the experience of those on the margins or edges of communities, for victims of oppression, injustice, poverty, or pain.

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The Freeman Network for Justice and Peace will meet Wednesday, May 8 at 11:30 A.M. in the Freeman Public Library. All are welcome.

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>

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

The **May 2024 Mennonite Mission Network Prayer Vine** is now available for download. The PDF is posted in the prayer resources section of our website: www.mennonitemission.net/resources/prayer-resources There are also a few hard copies on the table in the upper foyer.

Author to present 'A Prairie Love Affair', sign books at HHM& April 28

C. Thomas Shay, who is presenting "A Prairie Love Affair" at Heritage Hall Museum & Archives (HHM&A) in Freeman on Sunday evening, April 28, will also be signing copies of his recently published book, "Under Prairie Skies." The book, which is on sale at the HHM&A Mercantile, explores the plants and native peoples of the Northern Plains, which is the theme of his illustrated program that starts at 7 p.m. at the historical Bethel Church.

Shay will be signing books at the mercantile from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Sunday as well as at the Bethel Church following his presentation.

A senior scholar at the University of Manitoba, Canada, Shay has researched the northern prairies for decades. His program will explore the region from dinosaurs to the Ice Age, the native peoples from the Ice Age to the present, and the future of the prairies and its peoples.

The museum will be open for guests before the program; doors will open at 3 p.m. Sunday afternoon. Museum admission will include the evening program. Admission for the program only will be charged at the door. Admission is free for HHM&A members.

Thank you, Marnette D. Hofer