



Hutterthal Mennonite Church

Christ Centered –
Living, Relating, Serving

Sunday, April 7, 2024

9:45 a.m.

Prelude

Concert Sonatina - Nancy Faber

Hunters Chorus - Carl Maria von Weber

Call to Worship and Prayer

*Welcoming One Another

*Gathering and Praising

Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing VT #359

Move in Our Midst VT #827

Scripture Reading

Mark 6:7-13 Pew Bible p. 531

Sharing Time and Prayer

Children's Time

Worship Music

Water Fall On Me

Moment in Mission

Scripture Reading

Acts 1:1-14 Pew Bible p. 575

Message

Offering Prayer

*Responding and Sending

Draw the Circle

Although Our Lord Has Left Us VT #366

*Benediction

Postlude

Joy, Joy, Joy - Traditional

*please stand if you are able

HMC Service may be viewed on our web-page:

www.HMCFreeman.org

TODAY April 7, 2024 9:45 a.m.

Worship Leader: Brandon Waltner

Accompanist: Charlene Friesen

Prelude & Postlude: Noelle Friesen

Song Leader: Aprille Birkey

Children's Time: Charlene Friesen

Worship Music: Mixed Ensemble

Moment in Mission: Sharon Waltner—Ten Thousand Villages

Message: Pastor Randall Koehler

Coffee Time: Brandon & Kylea Waltner

Children's Sunday School following the worship service. Adult

Sunday School following coffee time in the Education Wing.

NEXT SUNDAY April 14, 2024 9:45 a.m.

Worship Leader: Cole Hofer

Accompanist: Paige Hofer

Song Leader: Amy Hofer Vetch

Children's Time: Les Rensink

Worship Music: Delmer & Shirley Hofer

Message: Pastor Randall Koehler

Scripture: Acts 3:1-10; Mark 6:53-56

Coffee Time: Larry & Edie Tschetter

Children's Sunday School following the worship service. Adult

Sunday School following coffee time in the Education Wing.

Calendar:

Today: Baptism and Scripture SS Series begins — Gen. 6-9

Today: Cong.-Past. Evaluation Potluck & Report after SS

Today: Increasing Understanding of the Conflict in the Middle

East at the Freeman Community Center from 2—4 PM

April 11: Oakview Terrace Worship Service at 2:30 PM

April 14: Baptism & Scrip. SS: Mark 13; Ps. 124; Isa. 8; Jer. 47

April 25: Freeman Regional Assisted Living Chapel at 2 PM

April 28: SD MCC Relief Sale Fundraising Meal downstairs

May 5: Freeman Ministerial Baccalaureate service at 4 PM

July 20: SD MCC Relief Sale in Freeman

MCC invites you to take the challenge: A month of climate actions for peace! Sign up to get your free calendar with a different climate action you can take each day in April. From learning to praying to advocating, this month of activities will help you take action to address climate change. Join the challenge as an individual, family, church or small group. Sign up today for A Month of Climate Actions for Peace at [mcc.org/month-climate-action-peace!](http://mcc.org/month-climate-action-peace)

MCC's Sharing With Appalachian People (SWAP) home repair program is seeking summer staff in Kimball, West Virginia or Elkhorn City, Kentucky. These three-month positions for Job Site Coordinators and Meals Coordinators will allow you to explore new cultures, develop skills, build friendships and live out your faith. Applicants should be at least 19 years old, but the roles are not limited to young adults. An hourly wage plus room and board are provided. For more information and to apply, visit mcc.org/swap-summer-meals or mcc.org/swap-summer-job-site. Or contact the MCC Appalachia SWAP office at (606) 634-4418 or AppalachiaAdmin@mcc.org.

Spring has finally sprung! As you dive into spring cleaning, please consider donating your high-quality items to **Et Cetera Shoppe**. We have an extremely important mission right here in our own community: providing affordable clothing and home items for low-income and fixed-income community members. Many of our customers depend on Et Cetera Shoppe to furnish their homes and closets. We accept donations of clean, folded clothing, working household items, and good condition furniture pieces on Monday – Friday from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., and on Saturdays from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. A thrift store can only be as good as the donations it receives, so help us to be the best we can!

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

Prayer Requests and Praises:

- **Birthday:** Edie Tschetter on April 8.
- **Anniversary:** Randall & Morgan Koehler on April 12.
- Pray for your sister churches in Montana: Ashland Christian Fellowship, Lame Deer, White Chapel and White River Cheyenne Mennonite Churches.
- The deadline to apply for Mennonite Mission Network's two-week Youth Venture programs is April 15. Pray that young people who would like to spend two weeks this summer making friends in Benin, for ages 15-22, or South Korea, for ages 18-22, and people of all ages who are interested in learning more about injustice in the United States, will find a way to participate.
- Pray for Pastor Randall and Morgan as they travel in celebration of their tenth anniversary from April 15-23. Pray for their little ones as they spend this time with their grandparents. Pray for Lois Janzen-Preheim as she prepares the message for our worship service on April 21

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.

Pastor Randall's contact information:

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OAA Hours: Thursday mornings

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Church Website: www.hmcfreeman.org

Congregation-Pastor Evaluation Potluck TODAY. You are invited to attend a potluck after the worship service and Sunday School today to celebrate in our relationship as a body of believers. After the meal, we will take some time to go over the results of our recent evaluation. The review team wishes to thank all who participated in the evaluation and rejoices in the affirming and honest feedback that was given. We hope you are all able to attend.

If you have not had the chance to join a Sunday School class yet this year, you can come to the **intergenerational class on the south end of the education wing today.** Pastor Randall is beginning a Sunday School series about Baptism and Scripture, which will continue throughout April and into May and possibly June. We will explore together some of the stories about water, washing, immersing, and baptizing in the scriptures while also hearing from people in the class about how they think about their baptism today. All are welcome to join in the conversation. In this morning's class, we will explore how Genesis 6-9, the story of the great flood, informs the way that we think theologically about baptism .

Increasing our Understanding of the Conflict in the Middle East: This afternoon at 2 PM, in the Freeman Community Center, three speakers will give a presentation that outlines the religious significance of the Holy Land from the perspective of Islam, Judaism, and Christianity. The session will go from 2-4pm. Each speaker will offer a 20 minute presentation and then 10 min. of questions after. All are welcome to learn from these speakers.

If you did not have the chance to join us for **Community Mennonite Holy Week Services**, you can watch or listen to the services at our church website: <https://www.hmcfreeman.org/sermons/>

Ten Thousand Villages with Jurassic World Merchandise

Ten Thousand Villages entered into an agreement with Universal Studios and Accompany to create the first ever fair trade movie line of merchandise with a limited time to sell. The recent movie, *Jurassic World Dominion*, was the last in the series of movies from Universal in June 2022.

Ten Thousand Villages now has extra inventory partly due to Villages' high quality standards and capacity-building learning curve on the part of our artisan partners, which resulted in arrival to the selling floors MUCH later than planned. Villages is at the end of their licensing agreement and can no longer publicly sell these products, but they want to ensure that all the artisans' beautiful products find homes.

Several Ten Thousand Villages board members have volunteered to help sell Jurassic World merchandise locally to reimburse Villages' payments to our overseas artisans. The merchandise is now 70% off the original price.

Ten Thousand Villages is an expression of Christian faith, caring for those in need and enabling artisans in underserved countries to earn a fair income for their work. Villages was founded as a program of MCC in 1946 by Edna Ruth Byler. Villages continues to complement the vision of MCC.

A price list is attached to the Jurassic World merchandise display. Please indicate the item(s) you are interested in with your name and telephone number. Each church's order will be sent to Villages and the merchandise should return in 10 days. Your payment will be appreciated upon receipt of the merchandise. For questions, please feel free to contact Sharon Waltner at 605. 661. 3222

Thank you for your consideration of Ten Thousand Villages. Although our community no longer has a local store that carries Villages' merchandise, Villages can be easily accessed on-line at tenthousandvillages.com.