



Hutterthal Mennonite Church

Christ Centered –

Living, Relating, Serving

Sunday, July 14, 2024

9:45 a.m.

Prelude

Call to Worship & Prayer

Scripture Reading Psalm 27:14 Pew Bible p. 295

*Welcoming One Another

*Gathering and Praising

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High VT #365

One is the Body STJ #72

Sharing Time & Prayer

Scripture Reading 1 Cor. 12:13 Pew Bible p. 614

Children's Time

Worship Music

Scripture Reading Acts 1:1-5 Pew Bible p. 575

Message A Commencement Story

Offering Prayer

*Responding and Sending

Draw the Circle VT #802

We Are One in the Spirit VT #387

*Benediction

Postlude

*please stand if you are able

HMC Service may be viewed on our web-page:

www.HMCFreeman.org

TODAY July 14, 2024 9:45 a.m.

Worship Leader: Lyndon Hofer

Accompanist: Amy Hofer Vetch

Song Leader: Kenneth Birkey

Children's Time: Joline Thomas

Worship Music: Vernon P. & Twyla Hofer

Message: Matthew Tschetter

Coffee Time: Norman & Darlene Hofer

Adult Sunday School at 11:15 am after coffee time . It will be downstairs in the west end of the fellowship hall

NEXT SUNDAY July 21, 2024 9:45 a.m.

Worship Leader: Matthew Tschetter

Accompanist: Charlene Friesen

Song Leader: Aprille Birkey

Children's Time: Matthew Tschetter

Scripture: Numbers 15:32-36; Luke 4:28-29; Acts 7:54-8:3

Message: Matthew Tschetter

Coffee Time: Les & Mary Rensink

Adult Sunday School at 11:15 am after coffee time . It will be downstairs in the west end of the fellowship hall

Calendar:

Today: Pulpit fill: Matthew Tschetter

Shelinda Smith shares about fostering during Sunday School

July 20: South Dakota MCC Relief Sale

July 21: Pulpit fill: Matthew Tschetter

Sermon discussion with Matthew Tschetter during Sunday School

July 28: Pulpit Fill: Matthew Tschetter

Roy Kaufman and Tim Eisenbeis discussing Rural Revival during Sunday School

Sep. 22: Pastor Randall's first Sunday back from Sabbatical

Relief Sale Notes:

- Friday, July 19, 7pm: bike ride (registration at 6:30pm)
- Saturday, July 20, 9-10 am: Bring pies and items for the live auction, silent auction and bake sale to the Pioneer Hall dining room lobby
- Saturday, July 20: Bring your coins for the MY COINS COUNT for the Bolivia Water project
- Only donations will be received for meals and booth purchases. Donations can be made in cash or with the use of a buyer number. Buyer numbers are needed for the auctions. A donation container will be available in each booth but there will be no cash boxes so no change will be available for those paying in cash.
- The entire Saturday event will take place in the Pioneer Hall dining room.

Hutterthal is responsible to provide **6 pies for the relief sale**. Pie tins are available on the shelf in the foyer right outside the infant nursery.

MCC Relief Sale reminders:

1. **My Coins Count** – keep saving those coins for Bolivia where water shortages are a very real threat! \$100 will help provide pure water for drinking and help to pipe spring water from the mountains for household use and irrigation
2. Consider making a **theme basket** with family, friends or S.S. class – need an idea, go to Google
3. Plan now for what you can donate to the **bake sale**

Prayer Requests and Praises:

- Studying the Bible, prayer, fellowship and accountability are important Christian practices that often happen in Sunday School for all ages. Pray for those who are organizing faith formation programs for the next school year and for those who will lead and teach.
- Mennonite Mission Network's workers in Asia and the Middle East recently completed a five-day retreat in Thailand. Pray that the refreshing times of worship, fellowship and encouragement will help them return to their ministries renewed.
- Please pray for national and state government leaders and representatives. Pray for discernment and compassion as they make difficult decisions that affect many people.
- Pray for local farmers, farm-workers, agri-business employees, and undocumented agricultural workers. Pray for safety and peace as they watch fluctuating markets and wait for unpredictable weather patterns.

Pastor Randall is currently on sabbatical until Sept. 18. If you would like to contact him, please use written letter, text, or email.

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Maintenance Person (Full-time)

Freeman Academy seeks a capable full-time maintenance person to care for our beautiful campus. The successful candidate will have experience with a variety of hands-on maintenance as well as managing supplies and working with outside contractors as needed, and will be supported by our volunteer facilities committee. Position reports directly to the Head of School. Interested persons may submit an application or direct questions to Dr. Brad Anderson, Head of School, at banderson@freemanacademy.org, or 605.925.4237.

Administration Manager (Full-time)

Freeman Academy seeks a well-organized self-starter to manage data systems related to student enrollment, faculty certification, and related data. This person also helps organize school meetings and events and assists the Head of School with other tasks as needed. Full benefits, including daycare and tuition discounts, apply. For more information or to apply, access the application at <https://freemanacademy.org/about/employment/> or contact Dr. Brad Anderson, Head of School, at banderson@freemanacademy.org / 605.925.4237.

HMC Congregational Ministry Project for July:

Cash for MEDA (Mennonite Economic Development Associates) Project

Donations can be given to Joyce Hofer (treasurer) or placed in the C.M. mailbox

Twenty-three Days

He was a has-been, a fossil, a relic, an old fogey...but as a child, George Frideric Handel had accompanied his father to the court of Duke Johann Adolf. Idly wandering into the chapel, the boy found the organ and started improvising, causing Duke Adolf to exclaim, "Who is this remarkable child?"

This remarkable child soon began composing operas, first in Italy, then in London. By his twenties he was the talk of England and the best-paid composer on earth. He opened the Royal Academy of Music. Londoners fought for seats at his every performance, and his fame soared around the world.

But the glory passed. Audiences dwindled. His music became outdated. The academy went bankrupt and newer artists eclipsed the aging composer. One project after another failed, and Handel grew depressed. The stress brought on a case of palsy that crippled some of his fingers. "Handel's great days are over," wrote Frederick the Great, "His inspiration is exhausted."

Yet his troubles also matured him, softening his sharp tongue. His temper mellowed and his music became more heartfelt. One morning Handel received, by post, a script from Charles Jennens. It was a word for word collection of various biblical texts about Christ. The opening words from Isaiah 40 moved Handel: "Comfort ye my people..." (KJV)

On August 22, 1741, he shut the door of his London home and started composing music for the words. Twenty-three days later, the world had *Messiah*. "Whether I was in the body or out of the body when I wrote it, I know not," Handel later said, trying to describe the experience. *Messiah* opened in London to enormous crowds on March 23, 1743. Handel led from his harpsichord, and King George II, who was present that night, surprised everyone by leaping to his feet during the "Hallelujah Chorus." No one knows why. Some believe the king, being hard of hearing, thought it was the national anthem.

No matter—from that day, audiences everywhere have stood in reverence during the stirring word: "*Hallelujah! For He shall reign forever and ever.*"