



## Hutterthal Mennonite Church

Christ Centered –

Living, Relating, Serving

Sunday, August 4, 2024

9:45 a.m.

Prelude

*The B-I-B-L-E* traditional

Call to Worship and Prayer

Scripture Reading

Deut. 10:8 Pew Bible p. 102

\*Welcoming One Another

\*Gathering and Praising

*Oh, for a Thousand Tongues* VT #764

*Blessed Assurance* VT #435

Scripture Reading

1 Cor. 12:11 Pew Bible p. 607

Sharing Time and Prayer

Children's Time

Special Music

*Longing for Light* vs. 1-2 & 5 VT #715

Scripture Reading

Acts 13:1-5 Pew Bible p. 583

Message

Our Mission

Offering Prayer

\*Responding and Sending

*There Are Many Gifts* VT #374

*Go in Grace and Make Disciples* VT #766

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

**Worship Leader:** Brandon Waltner

**Accompanist:** Amy Hofer Vetch

**Song Leader:** Amanda Mettler

**Children's Time:** Brigitta Hofer

**Special Music:** Jarrod Kramer

**Message:** Matthew Tschetter

**Coffee Time:** Eric & Michelle Neuharth

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

**NEXT SUNDAY August 11, 2024 9:45 a.m. Backpack Blessing**

**Worship Leader:** Cole Hofer

**Accompanist:** Charlene Friesen

**Song Leader:** Amy Hofer Vetch

**Children's Time:** Kenneth Birkey - Backpack Blessing

**Special Music:** Rodney & Amanda Mettler

**Scripture:** 1 Cor. 4:17; 2 Tim. 3:14-15; Acts 16:1-5

**Message:** Matthew Tschetter

**Coffee Time:** Vernon & Twyla Hofer

**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

Sermon Discussion with Matthew Tschetter during Sunday School

August 11: Pulpit Fill: Matthew Tschetter

Suzanne Koerner sharing her mom's faith journey during Sunday School

August 18: Pulpit Fill: Matthew Tschetter

Dave & Brandy Friesen sharing their fostering experience during Sunday School

Baby Shower for Jen Friesen at 2 PM

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

**Freeman Academy is needing housing for an International Volunteer Exchange Program (IVEP) worker** planning to come for the 2024-25 school year. This young man is an English teacher from Chad, and he will be working at FA as a teacher's assistant in a variety of capacities. He would need to have transportation to and from school each day, in addition to regular room and board, lasting from mid-August to the end of school (with a few breaks for holiday/IVEP event travel). MCC will reimburse hosts \$450/month, and it is possible to commit to only one half of the year, if you are unable to host for a full year. If you have an interest in hosting, please contact Brad Anderson at 605.925.4237 or at [banderson@freemanacademy.org](mailto:banderson@freemanacademy.org)

**Ted Lewis**, long-time member of the Central Plains conflict management support team, passed away on Tuesday, July 23. He was diagnosed with glioblastoma two months ago. A celebration of his life was held on Aug. 3 in Duluth. Mailing address for cards is 6104 E. Superior St., Duluth MN 55804.

**The Friedensberg Bible Church of Avon will be commemorating their 150th year anniversary** on August 11 2024. Coffee time will begin around ten and worship at ten thirty. Noon lunch will be provided. A time of sharing will be after lunch. We are trying to get some church history on [www.FDBC.church](http://www.FDBC.church) so keep checking. Phone contact at 605-286-3621.

**Ladies, you are cordially invited to attend a baby shower** on August 18th at 2 PM in the Fellowship Hall in honor of the new blessing to arrive at the home of Jen and Ben Friesen and family. Disposable diapers have been requested.

**Prayer Requests and Praises:**

- **Birthdays:** Genevieve Kramer and Jarrod Kramer on August 10.
- **Anniversary:** Don & Marj Hofer on August 6.
- Pray for Laurel Swartzendruber as she is ordained at Wayland Mennonite Church. Pray for Laurel as she lives out her ministerial calling as a hospice chaplain.
- Sibonokuhle Ncube, one of Mennonite Mission Network's regional directors for Africa and Europe, is spending the summer on the African continent. Pray for her as she gets acquainted with African partners and builds on the agency's more than 100-year-old legacy.
- Pray for and with the people of Venezuela, that they are able to receive justice and an end to the violence after Sunday's disputed election.

**HMC Congregational Ministry Project for August:**

MCC School Kits - Please place completed school kits in container in room adjacent to play room. Pencil sharpeners can be found in Edie's mailbox - help yourself.

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

For urgent needs, please contact one of the deacons: Brigitta Hofer, Lyndon Hofer, or Amy Hofer Vetch

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## The Book of Acts Sermon Series Summer 2024

Sunday, July 14 to Sunday, August 25 and Sunday  
September 8

July 14 – Text: 1:1 to 2:47 A Commencement Story

July 21 – Text: 3:1 to 9:31 Our Witness

July 28 – Text: 9:32 to 12:25 A Ministry of Presence

Aug. 4 – Text: 13:1 to 15:35 Our Mission

Aug. 11 – Text: 15:36 to 19:41 Life on the Road

Aug. 18 – Text: 20:1 to 23:35 Farewells and Encounters

Aug. 25 – Text 24:1 to 26:32 Trials and tribulations

Sept. 8 – Text 27:1 to 28:31 A three-hour tour

Euclides Bauza, pastor of Comunidad de Paz (Community of Peace) and president of Asociación Civil Red de Misiones Menonita de Venezuela, a conference of Mennonite churches in Venezuela, requests brothers and sisters around the world to **join the people of Venezuela in praying for justice and an end to the violence** in the wake of Sunday's disputed election.

Comunidad de Paz is located on Isla Margarita, Venezuela's largest island situated off the northeastern coast of the country. This congregation gathered for prayer preceding the election on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday and Pastor Bauza is calling on people to continue praying.

Pastor Bauza served as an election observer. He said President Nicolás Maduro was declared the winner despite many irregularities. As a result, the streets of the cities are filled with demonstrators demanding transparency and justice. At the time of this release, at least 16 people had died, hundreds were injured and close to 800 had been arrested.

**Join the MCC School Kit Challenge** and help pack 24,000 school kits for 24,000 kids this summer (plus, you could win a pizza party)! All school kits donated and completed in the month of August will help us meet this goal. Currently, in the Material Resources Center in North Newton we are very low on these specific school kit items: school kit bags (sewn), pens, erasers, and rulers. Please make your donations of individual kit items or full school kits by August 31. Buy online and ship it to MCC or bring items to MCC in North Newton (121 E. 30th St, North Newton, KS 67117). Questions are always welcome, please contact [brociamueller@mcc.org](mailto:brociamueller@mcc.org) or 316.836.5045. Join the MCC School Kit Challenge today!

**MCC immigration-focused learning tour in South Texas, Aug. 18-23:** MCC learning tours present a unique opportunity to engage directly with the work done by MCC and partner organizations. The tour will give participants the chance to meet with law enforcement officials from Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), gain insights into the complexity of immigration enforcement, including deportation and apprehensions, and visiting migrant response shelters. The tour will shed light on the challenges faced by migrants on their journey and raise awareness about the asylum process, and conditions faced by displaced and uprooted individuals. Find out more and register for the trip by August 9. Questions, please contact Abraham Diaz Alonso, MCC Central States Immigration Program Coordinator at [abrahamdiazalonso@mcc.org](mailto:abrahamdiazalonso@mcc.org).

**URGENT OPENING:** Would you or someone you know consider serving a two-year term as an MCC mobile canner operator? Do you want to gain new skills while traveling across the country? To learn more, contact Joe Miller at [joemiller@mcc.org](mailto:joemiller@mcc.org) or call 717-808-2417.