



## Hutterthal Mennonite Church

Christ Centered –

Living, Relating, Serving

Sunday, October 20, 2024

9:45 a.m.

Harvest Mission Festival

Prelude

Call to Worship & Prayer

\*Welcoming One Another

\*Gathering and Praising

*We Praise the Word of God* VT #404

*Come Away from Rush and Hurry* VT #9

Sharing Time and Prayer

Children's Time

Scripture Reading Eph. 3:7-12 Pew Bible p. 618

Message The Church in Mission:

From Everywhere to Everywhere

Offering Prayer

\*Responding and Sending

*God of the Fertile Fields* VT #750

*Go Now in Peace, Worship Continues* VT #829

\*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 Oct. 20, 2024 9:45 a.m.**

**Harvest Mission Festival**

**Worship Leader:** Pastor Randall Koehler

**Accompanist:** Paige Hofer

**Song Leader:** Amy Hofer Vetch

**Children's Time:** Pastor Randall Koehler

**Message:** "The Church in Mission: From Everywhere to Everywhere" - David Boshart

**No Coffee Time due to the noon meal.**

**Children's Sunday School after the worship service at the Haggerty Farm. Adult SS in the sanctuary after worship.**

**NEXT SUNDAY Oct. 27, 2024 9:45 a.m.**

**Worship Leader:** Matthew Tschetter

**Accompanist:** Amy Hofer Vetch

**Song Leader:** Morgan Koehler

**Children's Time:** Matthew Tschetter

**Worship Music:** Freeman Academy

**Scripture:** Genesis 26:12-33

**Message:** "Seeking Peace with Others: Walking Away" - Pastor Randall Koehler

**Coffee Time:** Paige Hofer

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

**Calendar:**

October: Pastor Appreciation Month

**TODAY:** Harvest Mission Festival meal after Sun. School

Oct. 27: Freeman Academy joining our worship service

Nov. 10: Pastor Randall Sabbatical Presentation

Nov. 17: Peace Sunday and noon potluck meal

## **Harvest Mission Festival 2024**

Today, for our 71st Annual Harvest Mission Festival, we welcome the president of Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, David Boshart. David will also join us for the Sunday School hour in the sanctuary and tell more about the international work that AMBS is doing alongside fellow Anabaptist institutions across the globe. He brings a variety of administrative and leadership experiences to his role as AMBS's fourth President, which he began in January 2020. Prior to coming to AMBS, he served as Executive Conference Minister for Central Plains Mennonite Conference of Mennonite Church USA (2010–19). As part of this role, he was responsible for supporting emerging congregations and staffing a partnership with Mennonite Mission Network and Iglesia Cristiana Menonita de Colombia (Colombia Mennonite Church) in support of Anabaptist networks in Ecuador and Venezuela. David pastored for more than 25 years in congregations in Iowa and Virginia. His teaching experience includes serving as Appointed Associate Professor at the Andrews University School of Education (2009–present) and as an Adjunct Faculty member at AMBS (2014–15) and Eastern Mennonite University (2010–15). He has served on the Mennonite Church USA Executive Board (2007–19), including as moderator (2017–19), and also was a member of the AMBS Board (1999–2007), serving as chair from 2003 to 2005.

Today, adults will gather for Sunday School with Dr. Boshart in the sanctuary. Children will be taking a field trip during the Sunday School Hour to the Haggerty Farm to learn about the rich resource that a single goat can become for a family in many parts of the world.

**Prayer Requests and Praises:**

- **Birthdays:** Torrie Zachariasen on October 24
- We lift up each one who gathers with us in this space today, in-person or online. We also offer to you, Gracious Creator, each one who is not joining us today for any number of reasons. For those traveling, may the roads and other drivers be gracious and merciful. For those hesitant to join us because of embarrassment or fear of rebuke, may they hear you call them "Beloved" as we welcome them with open arms and hearts. For those struggling and hurting, may they notice your healing embrace and presence. For those broken in body and spirit, may they notice the renewing work of your Holy Spirit in and around them. For each one, may they receive what they need for today and let go of tomorrow and all that it holds.
- We pray for those in CPMC who are considering seminary classes and/or exploring calls to ministry.

**HMC Congregational Ministry Project for October:**

MCC Relief Kits Items can be placed in the bin in Sunday School Room 1 or give monetary donations to Joyce Hofer. If you are interested in having Barbie purchase and make a kit for you, please contact her directly.

**Pastor Randall's contact information:**

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The **visuals you see in the front of the sanctuary** were placed there in celebration of Worldwide Communion Sunday, when Christians around the globe share bread and cup in Holy Communion as part of the global faith community. Today as we celebrate Harvest Mission Festival the visuals remind us of the international work that AMBS is doing alongside fellow Anabaptist institutions across the globe. The visuals represent just a small portion of the world - Zambia, Guatemala, Ecuador, Lesotho, Bolivia, Viet Nam, Thailand, Germany, and China.

Beginning today, the **Sunday School department project** will be raising money to buy goats for families in other countries through MCC. This project is open for the congregation as well. This will end on Nov. 12th. Please see the display in the foyer, where there is a place to put your donations. Thank you, The Christian Education Committee

There were **58 school kits collected in August** for the Congregational Ministries project. Thank you for your generosity!

**Freeman Academy's annual fall church drive** will begin on Sunday, October 27. Students will share music and Head of School, Dr. Brad Anderson, will provide a school update during our worship service that Sunday. During this harvest season, we are grateful to the alumni and friends of Freeman Academy and ask you to consider making a gift to the school's general fund.

Committee members, Lyndon Hofer and Donovan Friesen, will be available at a table Oct. 27 & Nov. 3 to receive your donations. If you are not in church those Sundays and would like to participate, self-addressed envelopes will be available on a table for your convenience, or you can make your donation online at [freemanacademy.org](http://freemanacademy.org).

Join the **Freeman Regional Health Services Auxiliary** for soup, sandwiches and pie on October 25 from 10:30 am – 1:30 pm at the Senior Citizen Center in Freeman. While you're there, be sure to take home some delicious homemade goodies from the bake sale as well! The proceeds from this year's event will go towards updating surgical equipment at Freeman Regional. If you would like to donate baked goods, please deliver them to the Senior Citizen Center between 8:30-10:30 am, the day of the event. Thank you for your support!

The **Freeman Network for Justice and Peace** will meet Wednesday, November 13, 11:30 A.M. in the Freeman Public Library. All are welcome.

**Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) volunteers** are in western North Carolina responding to the impacts of Hurricane Helene with equipment to move debris, mud, and downed trees. MDS is accepting donations for the recovery effort. Please pray for the people impacted by the hurricane and the volunteers as they respond. Visit [MDS.org](https://MDS.org) to see the latest volunteer needs or to make a donation. Check donations can be mailed to Mennonite Disaster Service, 583 Airport Road, Lititz, PA 17543. Write "Hurricane Helene" on the memo line.

The **MDS October edition of On the Level** is now available. In this edition, Executive Director Kevin King shares some examples of being the hands and feet of Jesus, learn the latest on the MDS response to Hurricanes Helene and Milton, and see how wall hangings can provide colors of hope. You can find it at: <https://conta.cc/3A1Xft6>