



Hutterthal Mennonite Church

Christ Centered –

Living, Relating, Serving

Sunday, November 17, 2024

Peace Sunday

9:45 a.m.

Prelude

Call to Worship & Prayer

*Welcoming One Another

*Gathering and Praising

Sizohamba naye (We Will Walk with God) VT #815

I Sought the Lord VT #161

Scripture Reading Lev. 23:39-43 Pew Bible p. 67

Sharing Time and Prayer

Children's Time

Peace Sunday and the Prayer Tree

Scripture Reading Isaiah 55:6-13 Pew Bible p. 388

Message Seeking Peace with Creation:
Caring, Sharing, and Celebrating

Offering Prayer

*Responding and Sending

Put Peace Into Each Other's Hands VT #485

You Shall Go Out with Joy VT #847

*Benediction

Postlude

***please stand if you are able**

HMC Service may be viewed on our web-page:

www.HMCFreeman.org

TODAY Nov. 17, 2024 9:45 a.m. Peace Sunday

Worship Leader: Cole Hofer

Accompanist: Amy Hofer Vetch

Song Leader: Randall Koehler

Children's Time: Charlene Friesen

Message: Pastor Randall Koehler

NO COFFEE TIME after worship downstairs.

Children's Sunday School after the worship service.

Following worship, Adult Sun. School in the Ed. Wing.

NEXT SUNDAY Nov. 24, 2024 9:45 a.m.

Worship Leader: Barbie Hofer

Accompanist: Charlene Friesen

Song Leader: Amy Hofer Vetch

Children's Time: Les Rensink

Worship Music: Phil & Joline Thomas

Message: Stacey Waltner

Coffee Time: Jaden Thomas

Children's Sunday School after the worship service.

Adult SS following coffee time in the Education Wing.

Calendar:

Today: Soup and Charcuterie Potluck after SS; all are welcome

Dec. 1: Advent begins - Together on the Journey

Dec. 22: Children's Christmas Program

Dec. 25: Christmas Day Service at HMC

Dec. 29: Time of Remembrance during worship

Hard to believe, but 'tis already the season! Et Cetera Shoppe once again would welcome your **donations of traditional pfeffernusse (peppernut) cookies** made from the recipe of your choice. Every year, the sale of peppernuts at the shop greatly boosts our end-of-year giving to the work of Mennonite Central Committee. Making peppernuts can be a fun holiday activity to do with grandchildren, mentees, youth groups, extension clubs, and anyone else – so please consider making a batch and bringing them to the shop any time before Thanksgiving (and after, too)! You do not need to package them in any particular way – bringing them in Ziploc bags or ice cream pails is great.

Looking for a **unique Christmas gift idea**? Stop into Et Cetera Shoppe this holiday season to give someone you love the gift of purchasing bees, chickens or ducks from Mennonite Central Committee, for families in need around the world. These animals are an invaluable source of both food and income. For a \$15 donation, you can choose an animal and receive a small gift card telling your special someone which animal was purchased for them. When you participate in this Christmas Giving Project, we'll place an animal ornament on our Christmas tree. Hopefully, by Christmas, we'll have a tree covered with ornaments, and 30 animals headed to families who need them!

Rural Revival to meet Monday, November 25

Rural Revival will meet at 8:00 p.m. at the Freeman library. All are welcome to attend.

Prayer Requests and Praises:

- **Birthdays:** Steve Mendel on Nov. 19; Samuel Tschetter Castro on Nov. 20; Nicolle Timmerman on Nov. 21; Camilla Hofer on Nov. 23
- Pray for Brandon, Michelle, and Kenny (the HMC Leadership Selection Committee) as they ask folks to fill positions for this year's Annual Meeting Leadership ballot. Pray for open hearts and encouraging conversations as people are invited to serve this faith community and share their gifts and talents with all of us.
- We pray for those who are most vulnerable in our communities. May God open our eyes to the possibilities for love and for protection of the least of these among us--and may we be willing to heed God's call.
- Freddy Barrón and Margrit Kipfer Barrón, who are serving with Mennonite Mission Network in Bolivia, request prayer for regions around the world experiencing a lack of rainfall that is leading to devastating wildfires. Pray specifically for Chiquitania, near Santa Cruz, Bolivia, where fires are wiping out the world's largest remaining area of healthy dry forest ecosystems.

HMC Congregational Ministry Project for November:

Cash for Mennonite Disaster Service
Please place donations in the CM church mailbox
or give to Joyce Hofer, the CM treasurer.

Pastor Randall's contact information:

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Mennonite Action Emergency Mass Meeting

Mennonite Action is holding an emergency mass organizing call on November 21st, 2024 at 8pm ET / 5pm PT.

Last November, we gathered to pray, grieve, and organize on Mennonite Action's very first virtual mass call. Over 800 of us came together because we needed this community space to help process our shock, horror, and deep grief as the genocide in Gaza unfolded.

This year, in the wake of the election, we will gather to recommit ourselves to this movement for peace, justice and liberation. We will gather to process our fear and our grief about the future for our own communities and for Palestine. And we will prepare to continue to take mass, public action together.

To sign up, visit mennoniteaction.org/call. For more information about Mennonite Action, visit mennoniteaction.org

Sheryl Wilson, vice president of culture and belonging at Bethel (Kansas) College, gives **advice on how bystanders can better assess a situation** in which they witness harm done to others, so they know how to step up without overstepping. Read her thoughts here:

mennoniteusa.org/bystanders-harms-done

Jon Carlson, moderator for Mennonite Church USA, **reflects on trends in church attendance** and what they mean for how we do church together. Read his reflections here:

mennoniteusa.org/37-5

On Sunday, December 1, the Intergenerational Adult Sunday School class here at HMC will begin studying the Salt & Light winter materials - **“We Follow Jesus: An Anabaptism at 500 study.”** If you are interested in joining this class for December, January, and February, make sure to pick up a study booklet in the south education room in the next few weeks. Matthew Tschetter and Pastor Randall will be splitting up the weeks required for teaching all of the lessons.

Announcements from Mennonite Central Committee (MCC)

Yule love this! Join us for a live, online event on December 3, at 11:00 AM CST/10:00 AM MST as we take you behind the scenes of MCC's Christmas Giving Guide. Discover the impact behind each gift and how your generosity makes a difference. Learn more and register to join this event at mcc.org/yule-love-this.

MCC Open House, Tuesday, Dec. 3 from 2pm-4pm All are welcome to come see the updated space at MCC Central States in North Newton. Bring your Christmas shopping list to get your alternative Christmas gifts purchased from our tree! Visit with MCC staff, get a tour while you enjoy some snacks. We can't wait to see you at the Open House, 121 E. 30th St, North Newton! mcc.org/open-house

Giving Tuesday at MCC, Tuesday, Dec. 3 from 6:30pm-8pm

We're excited to host this annual evening of service to kick off your holiday season! This all-ages event is focused on service and fellowship. Please bring new dark colored hand towels with you – the more you bring, the more hygiene kits we can pack! There will be Christmas cards to write in and comforters to tie AND snacks to enjoy. What a great way to give back on Giving Tuesday! mcc.org/giving-tuesday