



Hutterthal Mennonite Church

Christ Centered –

Living, Relating, Serving

Sunday, December 29, 2024

9:45 a.m.

Remembrance Sunday

Prelude

Carol of the Bells

Call to Worship & Prayer

Lighting the Advent Candles

*Welcoming One Another

*Gathering and Praising

Hark! The Glad Sound! VT #217

Love Has Come VT #258

Time of Remembrance

Scripture Reading

Psalm 131 Pew Bible p. 329

Sharing Time and Prayer

Time for the Young and Young at Heart

Scripture Reading

Luke 2:21-38 Pew Bible p. 541

Message

Keeping Promises

Offering Prayer

*Responding and Sending

O Little Town of Bethlehem VT #245

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly VT #243

*Benediction

Postlude

Hallelujah Chorus

by George Fredrick Handel

*please stand if you are able

View today's service here:

www.HMCFreeman.org

TODAY Dec. 29, 2024 9:45 a.m. Remembrance Sunday

Worship Leader: John Clem

Candlelighters: Isabel Waltner; Alyssa Hofer

Prelude & Postlude: Henry Friesen

Accompanist: Charlene Friesen

Song Leader: Amy Hofer Vetch

Time for the Young & Young at Heart: Suzanne Koerner

Message: Kate Friesen

Coffee Time: Larry & Edie Tschetter

No Children's Sunday School today. Adult SS following coffee time in the Education Wing.

NEXT SUN: January 5, 2025 9:45 a.m. Epiphany Sunday

Worship Leader: Charlene Friesen

Candlelighters: Isabel Waltner; Alyssa Hofer

Accompanist: Paige Hofer

Song Leader: Morgan Koehler

Time for the Young & Young at Heart: Suzanne Koerner

Scripture: Psalm 2:7-8; Luke 2:41-52

Message: "Nurturing Faith" - Pastor Randall Koehler

Coffee Time: Lyndon & Barbie Hofer

Children's Sunday School after the worship service.

Adult SS following coffee time in the Education Wing.

Calendar:

Dec. 31: Deadline for the 2024 Yearbook

Jan. 8: Winter Midweek Bible Study begins at 7 PM in a hybrid format (in-person and online)

Jan. 19: Anabaptist World Fellowship Sunday

Call to Worship:

Leader: As we worship today, God, we ask this of you:

People: Wipe pride from our hearts, that we might truly love one another. Rinse conceit from our eyes that we might see one another as you see.

Leader: We rest in your promises and wait for you.

People: Calm and quiet, we trust in you.

Leader: Open our hearts,

All: That we might let go of all that separates us from you and one another.

Lighting the Advent Candles:

Reader 1: Have you heard the news? Jesus, the promised Messiah has come!

Reader 2: I have heard the Good News! God is with us; Jesus is here!

(Lighting the Advent Candles of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love and the Christ Candle)

All: Let us shout it aloud for everyone to hear! Come join us on this journey, as we live out the Good News of Christ!

Prayer Requests and Praises:

- **Birthdays:** Ardella Gross on January 1
- We give thanks for the year that is gone and pray for a new year of spiritual growth, deeper love, and greater discipleship in each of our lives and in our congregations.
- Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Alfonsina and José Oyanguren, who are engaged in multiple ministries, including teaching and accompanying Toba-Qom communities in Argentina's Chaco region. Pray that the Oyangurens will continue to be God's agents for transformation and that our Toba-Qom brothers and sisters will be able to live ever more fully into God's abundant life.
- Additional Requests during sharing time: _____

HMC Congregational Ministry Project for December:

Cash for MCC for Israel/Palestine Conflict Victims

Please give donations to Joyce Hofer, C.M. Treasurer, or place in the C.M. mailbox.

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If you are not yet a member at Hutterthal, have you considered joining a **membership class**? Pastor Randall will be leading a class in the new year about what it does and does not mean to make this particular commitment to our congregation and the wider church. If you are interested in joining this class in January, contact Pastor Randall or one of the deacons (Amy, Brigitta, Lyndon, or Suzanne).

All are invited to join the deacons and pastor for **winter midweek Bible Study**, starting Wednesday, January 8. We will be studying Meghan Larissa Good's book, The Bible Unwrapped. If you are planning on participating in midweek winter Bible Study in January, it will be offered in a **hybrid format (meaning both in-person and online at the same time)**. Our gathering will still be on Wednesday evenings at 7 PM, starting January 8, but you will be able to join virtually via a zoom link in the bulletin and weekly emails or in-person by coming to the upper room of the Et Cetera Shoppe, above the church office in Freeman. All of the zoom participants will join the conversation on their computers, and then will appear on one computer alongside those gathered in person like we do for annual meeting and church board meetings.

Everyone enjoys **coffee time** at HMC. It's a great chance to meet visitors and connect with regulars. In December, you can contribute to the cost by making a donation in the designated "gift box" located in the Fellowship Hall during coffee time. Thank you! - Coffee Time Committee

The **draft of the 2025 Annual Yearbook** is sitting on a stand in the upper foyer. Please check your information, along with any family members, and initial by it if correct or make necessary changes by December 31. Also, all **committee chairpersons** need to have their submissions for the Yearbook to Aprille by Dec. 31. Please reach out with any questions that you may have. Thank you!

A **special year-end offering** is being collected for HMC to accept donations that will be directed to the donor's choice of the following organizations: CPMC, Freeman Academy, MCC, MCC Meat Canning, Mennonite Church USA, Swan Lake Christian Camp, & Wellspring. A basket will be in the upper foyer for those that wish to participate. Please indicate on your check to which organization you wish to designate your gift.

The **Freeman Network for Justice and Peace** will meet Wednesday, January 8 at 11:30 A.M. in the Freeman Public Library. All are welcome.

The **December edition of On the Level** is now available. In this edition, Executive Director Kevin King shares thoughts and inspiration from a deer stand, and celebrate with family in West Virginia who will be home for Christmas, thanks to MDS volunteers, plus get all the details for the upcoming 75th Anniversary Celebration. <https://conta.cc/49FzaWp>