



# Hutterthal Mennonite Church

Christ Centered –

Living, Relating, Serving

Sunday, February 16, 2025

9:45 a.m.

Prelude

Call to Worship & Prayer

**\*Welcoming One Another**

**\*Gathering and Praising**

*We Praise Thee, O God* VT #91

*You Are Salt for the Earth* VT #297

Sharing Time and Prayer

Children's Time

Scripture Reading Matt. 5:13 Pew Bible p. 510

Message Jesus's Dream: Communities of Salt

Offering Prayer

**\*Responding and Sending**

*Renew Your Church* VT #717

*Summoned by the God Who Made Us* VT #1

**\*Benediction**

Postlude

**\*please stand if you are able**

View today's service here: [www.HMCFreeman.org](http://www.HMCFreeman.org)

**TODAY                      February 16, 2025                      9:45 a.m.**

**Worship Leader:** Kenneth Birkey

**Accompanist:** Amy Hofer Vetch

**Song Leader:** Suzanne Koerner

**Children's Time:** Charlene Friesen

**Scripture:** Matthew 5:13

**Message:** "Jesus's Dream: Communities of Salt" -

Pastor Randall Koehler

**Coffee Time:** Gordon Waltner

**Children & Adult Sunday School after coffee time in the Education Wing.**

**NEXT SUNDAY                      February 23, 2025                      9:45 a.m.**

**Worship Leader:** Matthew Tschetter

**Accompanist:** Amy Hofer Vetch

**Song Leader:** Amanda Mettler

**Children's Time:** Amanda Mettler

**Worship Music:** Gordon Waltner

**Scripture:** Matthew 5:14-16

**Message:** "Jesus's Dream: Communities of Light" -

Pastor Randall Koehler

**Coffee Time:** Cameron & Rina Hofer

**Children's Sunday School after the worship service.**

**Adult SS following coffee time in the Education Wing.**

**Calendar:**

Feb. 18 at 7 PM: HMC Church Board Meeting

Feb. 19 at 7 PM: Midweek Winter Bible Study

March 5: Ash Wednesday; Beginning of Lent

    Last evening of Midweek Bible Study

March 9: "Christ Collides" Lenten Series Begins

All are invited to join the deacons and pastor for **winter midweek Bible Study** on Wednesday evenings at 7 PM until March 5. We will be studying Meghan Larissa Good's book, [The Bible Unwrapped](#). Come join us in-person at the Et Cetera Shoppe or online via the zoom link listed in weekly Bible Study emails.

The **Church Board expresses its gratitude** to Ardella Gross for her generous financial gift to help update our sound system. With the purchase and installation of new hanging mics, we are hoping to improve the quality of the worship services, both in the sanctuary and online. We also want to thank the Trustees for their work to install the microphones, as well as Rural Manufacturing for their donation of the required equipment to help complete the installation.

**Cheese pockets for the 2025 Schmeckfest Country Kitchen** will be made on Friday and Saturday, Feb. 28 and March 1, and March 7 and 8 in the Pioneer Hall Dining Room. Plans are to begin at 3:30pm on Fridays and 9:00am on Saturdays. Please bring a sack lunch on Saturdays. Watch the Courier or Freeman Academy websites for weather make up days, if necessary.

**Mennonite Church USA**, along with over two dozen other faith groups, filed a lawsuit in response to the Trump Administration's rescission of the Department of Homeland Security "sensitive locations" policy that had restricted ICE from conducting immigration raids, arrests and other enforcement actions at houses of worship. You can read more about this on MC USA's website:

<https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/mc-usa-joins-more-than-two-dozen-christian-and-jewish-denominations-and-associations-sue-to-protect-religious-freedoms/>

**Prayer Requests and Praises:**

- **Birthdays:** Wyndolyn Koehler on Feb. 16 (today), Sylvia Hofer on Feb. 20.
- We give thanks for our conference ministers, Nathan Luitjens and Susan Janzen, who provide leadership for our shared vision and pastoral care for our pastors and lay leaders.
- Join Mennonite Mission Network in praising God for the 70 years of ministry of the Fellowship of Mennonite Churches in Taiwan. Pray for the continuing outreach of the church's agencies in Hualien: the Mennonite Christian Hospital; the New Dawn Educare Center, which serves people with special challenges; and the Good Shepherd Center for abused women, those sold into prostitution, and children from dysfunctional families.
- Additional Requests: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**HMC Congregational Ministry Project for February:**

**Infant Care Kits**

Make your own or contact Barbie Hofer, who is willing to make them for you. Place completed kits in the bin in Sunday School room 1.

**Pastor Randall's contact information:**

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