



Hutterthal Mennonite Church

Christ Centered –

Living, Relating, Serving

Sunday, January 14, 2024

9:45 a.m.

Prelude

Call to Worship and Prayer

*Welcoming One Another

*Gathering and Praising

Lobe den Herren (Praise to the Lord, the Almighty) VT #88

La Paz De La Tierra (The Peace of the Earth be with You) VT #838

Scripture Reading

Psalm 103 Pew Bible p. 319

Sharing Time and Prayer

Children's Time

Worship Music

Go Tell it on the Mountain and Simple Gifts

Advent Drama

Scripture Reading

Mark 2:1-22 Pew Bible p. 528

Message

Bringing Healing to All of Life

Offering Prayer

*Responding and Sending

Bless the Arms That Comfort VT #527

Praise Him, Praise Him VT #100

*Benediction

Postlude

***please stand if you are able**

HMC Service may be viewed on our web-page:

www.HMCFreeman.org

TODAY January 14, 2024 9:45 a.m..

Worship Leader: Cole Hofer

Accompanist: Amy Hofer Vetch

Song Leader: Morgan Koehler

Children's Time: Joline Thomas

Worship Music: Egan & Isaac Mettler arr. by Alvina Hofer

Message: Pastor Randall Koehler

Coffee Time: Alvina Hofer

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

NEXT SUNDAY January 21, 2024 9:45 a.m..

Worship Leader: Brigitta Hofer

Accompanist: Charlene Friesen

Song Leader: Suzanne Koerner

Children's Time: Kenneth Birkey

Message: Pastor Randall Koehler

Scripture: Mark 10:46-52; Psalm 62

Coffee Time: Steve & Charlene Friesen

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Calendar:

January 17: Winter Midweek Bible Study at 7 PM

January 21: Anabaptist World Fellowship Sunday and
Communion here at HMC

February 18: Church Season of Lent begins

HMC Congregational Ministry Project for January:

Cash for Blankets and sheets for MCC

Cash can be given to Joyce Hofer, treasurer, or put in the C.M.
mailbox. Blankets are \$6 each.

Thank you so much for remembering our sweet Jennifer with your Christmas gift! You have always been a source of love and support to our family! We truly appreciate you all and covet your continued prayers! Wishing you all a blessed 2024!
- Bob & Deb Kleinsasser

Congregational Ministry Volunteers, **Thank you** so much for your generous Christmas gift to our family. May this Christmas season be filled with the hope, peace, joy, and love of Jesus. - Pastor Randall

The deacons and pastor invite you to join in our annual winter **midweek bible study** on Wednesday evenings via zoom at 7 PM. We will be studying and discussing the continued conflict between and context surrounding Israel and Hamas as we read the book, I Am Not Your Enemy by Michael T. McRay. Our next meeting is January 17.

News from Swan Lake Christian Camp

December is a month to reflect on God's gracious mercy and our response to his son's birth, death and resurrection. We continue to host families and groups during the holidays as we prepare for a busy January and February of youth camps and adult ministries. This month, I ordered nearly \$90,000 of materials for the new worship center. This is a step in faith as the board and I walk out our belief that God has called us to build a place of worship adequate for the people He is drawing into a closer, personal relationship with Him. If you feel so led, consider a generous gift towards this project.

Prayer Requests and Praises:

- **Birthdays:** Randy Glanzer on January 18
- As these colder months and days set in, we remember and pray for all of those in our communities and around the world whose work and livelihood require them to be outside and face challenging, frigid weather conditions.
- Tomorrow, we remember Martin Luther King Jr., who followed Jesus' way of nonviolent civil disobedience by bringing hope to people who have been denied justice. Pray for Mennonite Mission Network's ministries of dismantling racism in the United States and the world.
- Together, we give thanks for our brothers and sisters in Central Plains and for all of the work of God that is being done through them in Iowa, Illinois, Minnesota, South Dakota, Montana, and Nebraska.
- Alexandra Meneses of Quito Mennonite Church shared with the group, Movement of Anabaptist Women doing Theology from Latin America: "Sisters, we pray for the armed groups, the criminal groups and all these groups that are now the enemies of the country. [She names many of the drug-related gangs.] We can cry out for God's grace and love to reach them." Please add your prayers to those of our workers and partners in Ecuador.

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Delicia Bravo Aguilar and Peter Wigginton of Mennonite Mission Network were shopping for supplies for a Quito Mennonite Church project on Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 9, when they noticed that traffic was becoming denser and more frantic in Quito, Ecuador's capital city. Shopkeepers were shuttering their windows and locking their doors. Radio announcements requested that parents pick up their children from school immediately. Happily, Aliyah and Ariana were in the taxi with their parents, as the children are being home-schooled this year.

The panic resulted from President Daniel Noboa's declaration of a state of "internal armed conflict" in response to masked gunmen breaking into a live television broadcast. This action was part of an increase in violence throughout the country after two of Ecuador's most powerful drug gang leaders escaped from prison a few days ago. There have been explosions near the homes of government authorities, as well as killings and kidnappings of police officers. Noboa had already declared a national state of emergency on Monday, Jan. 8, that "gives the military free reign within the bounds of international human rights" and establishes an 11 pm – 5 am curfew," Wigginton said in a phone call Tuesday night, after he finished a Zoom prayer meeting with Mennonite church leaders throughout the country.

FEINE, the council of Indigenous churches in Ecuador, also held a prayer meeting on Jan. 9 in response to the country's crisis. Join their plea to be "constant in prayer and unity. Organize to overcome this crime, and this social, economic and security crisis that plagues us in 2024."

Delicia and Peter request prayer for:

- The people of Ecuador, especially those living along the Pacific coast, "who are feeling the brunt of the violence."
- Wise decisions to be made by government authorities.
- Restraint in the use of martial law.
- That the peace-building curriculum that MMN and its partners have been promoting will have a long-term positive impact in creating a just and peaceful country.

Reflections about our worship service today:

What is sticking with you (words, feelings, notes, or memories) from our worship service? How will you carry that with you throughout the rest of the week?

How did you notice the Holy Spirit working in us, among us, and through us in our worship service?

Draw an image or sketch that tells about what you noticed or found meaningful in today's worship service nad Sunday School.