



Hutterthal Mennonite Church

Christ Centered –

Living, Relating, Serving

Sunday June 4, 2023

10:30 a.m.

VBS Sunday

Prelude

Call to Worship *How Marvelous You Are* - VBS Children

Prayer

Welcoming One Another

*Gathering and Praising

God of Wonders VT# 178

There's Nothing Worth More VT#369

VBS Theme Scripture Ephesians 2:10 Pew Bible p. 618

Sharing Time and Prayer

Spark Studios Summary

Lord, I Lift Your Name On High

There's No One In This World Like Jesus

VBS Daily Synopsis

Artwork Dedication

Offering Prayer *Jesus be the Center* - VBS Children

*Responding and Sending *Designed by God* - Spark Studios

*Benediction *Go* - Spark Studios

Postlude

*please stand if you are able

HMC Service may be viewed on our web-page:

www.HMCFreeman.org

TODAY June 4, 2023 10:30 a.m. VBS Sunday

Worship Leader: Lyndon Hofer & Brigitta Hofer

Accompanists: Amy Hofer Vetch & Kenneth Birkey

Song Leader: Jada Koerner

Spark Studios: Rebecca Hofer & Kenneth Birkey

Please join us after the service for a meal downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome!

NEXT SUNDAY June 11, 2023 9:45 a.m.

Worship Leader: Jaden Thomas

Accompanist: Paige Hofer

Song Leader: Amanda Mettler

Children's Time: Brigitta Hofer

Special Music: Jarrod Kramer

Message: Pastor Randall Koehler

Coffee Time: Vernon J. & Norma Hofer

Children's Sunday School following the service.

Adult Sunday School in the South Room and the Fellowship Hall following coffee time.

Calendar:

June 10: *We Own This Now* Show by Ted & Co @ 7:30 PM

June 15-18: CPMC Annual Meeting in York, NE

June 25: Communion during HMC Worship Service

July 3-8: MennoCon23 in Kansas City, MO

HMC Congregational Ministry Project for June:

Cash for The Banquet

Donations to Joyce Hofer, Treasurer, or place in C.M. mailbox.

On Saturday, June 10, at 7:30 pm, our community is welcoming **Ted and Company to Freeman Academy's Pioneer Hall**. FREE to the public, all are welcome. A freewill offering will be collected at the conclusion of the show. Following the offering, the audience will be invited to a 30-minute talkback conducted by the performers. Starring Ted Swartz and Michelle Milne, *We Own This Now* is a play by Alison Casella Brookins that seriously looks with humor at love of land, loss of land, and what it means to "own" something. Chris has farmed the land his grandmother found as a home in Kansas after fleeing Russia almost 100 years ago; his daughter Riley is learning more about who was on that land before her Oma arrived, and the jarring connections she has to the fate of those people. More information about the play can be found on our We Own This Now page:

<https://www.tedandcompany.com/shows/we-own-this-now/>

At the May board meeting, the HMC Church Board decided to support, along with other local Mennonite churches, "We Own This Now" by making a donation of \$400 from the General Fund toward the expenses of hosting this event (about \$7,000). Please join HMC in funding this fine arts opportunity available to all by putting your donation in the basket in the foyer on May 28 or June 4. Make your checks payable to HMC and designate to Ted & Company.

If you've ever wondered, "Where do we go from here?" then the **Central Plains Annual Meeting** is the place for you! Register **TODAY** (Registration ends tomorrow!) to see your friends in CPMC in York, NE, June 15-18! Our website has all the details: www.centralplainsmc.org

We would like to **thank the church family** for the thoughts and prayers for our family during Paul's sickness and passing. We very much appreciated it! - Priscilla, Michelle, Eric, Bridget, & Landon

Prayer Requests and Praises:

- Birthdays/Anniversaries: Gordon & Sharon Waltner on May 9.
- Pray for Rachelle Luitjens as she is installed at Zion Mennonite Church, Donnellson, IA. Pray for God's blessing on the ministry that she and Zion Mennonite will share.
- We give thanks for this week of DVBS opportunity for children to learn how precious they are as God's handiwork. May God's purpose in their lives be clearly shown to them.
- We give thanks for the life of Pastor Randall's grandmother. Bless her family as together they grieve her passing.
- Give Pastor Randall a clear mind and direction of purpose as he engages with other students at AMBS this week. Grant safe travel as his family travels back to us here at Hutterthal.

Pastor contact information:

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SD MCC Relief Sale:

- The July 22 relief sale will be a cozy event! All activities will be held on the lower level of Pioneer Hall.
- As we begin collecting donations for our **Live Auction**, we ask you to consider donating items such as an experience or service. For example, do you have a beautiful backyard space? Consider hosting a meal for 6 at your home! Do you make a delicious loaf of bread? Donate a loaf a month as an auction item. Own a home in the hills? Donate a weekend getaway. These items provide additional variety to our Live Auction. If you have a question regarding a potential item feel free to reach out to us via email SDMCCReliefSale@gmail.com or contact Edie Tschetter 605-925-7009. Registration forms are due June 15.
- There is still time to make a **theme basket** for the silent auction. It's a fun activity to do as a family, with friends or a Sunday school class. You will find copies of theme basket ideas on the table in the foyer. It is helpful if you provide a list of the contents included in your basket.
- Registration forms for the family-friendly **bike ride** are also available on the table in the foyer. It begins at 7 pm (check in at 6:30) on Friday. The registration form is also available on line for downloading. Deadline is July 1. You may still participate without pre-registration but it is helpful in planning to know many people to expect. Riders of all ages and experience levels welcome! Please give what you can; donations for this year's ride will support MCC's relief work to support displaced individuals in Ukraine. Helmets are required for all riders.

2023 Freeman-Area VBS Programs

- The **South and North Churches** are planning a combined daytime VBS, from 9:00 a.m. - 1:15 p.m., Mon.- Fri., Jun. 5th -9th. Children ages 4 thru 8th grade are invited. To register your children, call Libby Miller at 605-760-7099.
- **Salem MB Church** is planning an evening VBS, Sun.-Thu., Jul. 16th- 20th. It will be held from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. at the Freeman Community Center. Children ages 4 thru those entering 6th grade are invited. You will be able to register children online as the event nears.
- **Bethany Mennonite Church** is planning an evening VBS, Mon.- Fri., Jul. 24th- 28th. It will be held from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. You can register children, ages 5-13 for Bethany's VBS here: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdKZ08egRI80R23ky_ugolExEoiw9sdJSwzq6XJC9NqPQVayQ/view
- The **Missionary Church** is planning an evening VBS, from 6:00 - 8:30 p.m., Thu. & Fri., Aug. 3rd & 4th. Supper will be provided. All children ages 4 thru those entering 6th grade are invited. There will be a short VBS program on Sun. evening Aug. 6th, along with a parking lot cookout/bonfire. You will be able to register children online when the link is set up later in June.

MCC School Kit Challenge: Notebooks and pencils are treasures for families around the world who have been forced to flee their homes or struggle to afford basic school supplies. Without these items, many kids in places like Syria, Ukraine and South Sudan can't get the education they desperately need. Enter, the **School Kit Challenge:** 10,000 school kits to help 10,000 kids during the month of August. Plus, we've got a fun activity for Sunday School and VBS students! Download our free School Kit Challenge activity resource full of challenges for kids to learn how school supplies help children receive a tangible message of God's love. To learn more about this challenge and to download this free guide, visit: mcc.org/school-kit-challenge.

For those of you interested in donating to the annual **Freeman Regional Hospital Auxiliary Fund Drive**, you can place cash or check in an envelope and put the envelope in Alvina Hofer's church mailbox. She will make sure that the funds are delivered. Please make your check out to "Freeman Regional Hospital Auxiliary." If you still have the donation slip from your church mailbox, you can also fill it out and return it with your donation. Thank you to all who decide to donate.