



Hutterthal Mennonite Church

Christ Centered –

Living, Relating, Serving

Sunday, June 16, 2024

Father's Day

9:45 a.m.

Prelude

Call to Worship & Prayer

*Welcoming Each Other

*Gathering and Praising

Come and See VT #282

Tu Eres Todopoderoso (Because You're Holy) VT #89

Scripture Reading 1 Thes. 4:16-5:11 Pew Bible p. 624

Sharing Time and Prayer

Children's Time

Worship Music

Far Above the Noise of Life

How Great Thou Art

Blessing for Pastor Randall's Sabbatical

Scripture Reading John 14:1-14 Pew Bible p. 570

Message

Life after Death

Communion

Offering Prayer

*Responding & Sending

A Wonderful Savior Is Jesus VT #626

Benediction

Postlude

*please stand if you are able

HMC Service may be viewed on our web-page:

www.HMCFreeman.org

TODAY June 16, 2024 9:45 a.m. Father's Day

Worship Leader: Kenneth Birkey

Accompanist: Paige Hofer

Song Leader: Morgan Koehler

Children's Time: Suzanne Koerner

Special Music: Men's Quartet arr. by Priscilla Hofer

Mixed Ensemble accompanied by Maria Paff -
flute - and Randall Koehler - guitar.

Message: Pastor Randall Koehler

**Adult Sunday School at 11:15 am after coffee time . It will be
downstairs in the west end of the fellowship hall**

NEXT SUNDAY June 23, 2024 9:45 a.m.

Worship Leader: Charlene Friesen

Accompanist: Amy Hofer Vetch

Song Leader: Suzanne Koerner

Children's Time: Twyla Hofer

Message:

Scripture:

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Calendar:

Today: Communion at HMC; Benevolent Fund offering;
blessing/sending of Pastor Randall Sabbatical

Today: Music Night for MCC at HMC at 7:00 PM

June 19: HMC Church Board Meeting at 7:30 PM

June 20-23: CPMC Annual Meeting in Wayland, IA

June 23: Gordon Waltner sharing in SS about Tanzania Trip

June 30: Pastor Randall's Sabbatical begins; Kenneth Birkey
sharing about Hope Harbor Ministry in SS

July 20: South Dakota MCC Relief Sale

Sep. 22: Pastor Randall's first Sunday back from Sabbatical

HMC Congregational Ministry Project for June:

Cash for The Banquet

Please give donations to Joyce Hofer (treasurer) or place in
the Congregational Ministries mailbox.

Pastor Randall Sabbatical - Sending Liturgy

One: On the seventh day God rested and celebrated all of creation. God surveyed all that God had made and said, "It is good."

Many: Pastor Randall, we work together in ministry here at Hutterthal Mennonite Church; we have much to celebrate. We celebrate your encouragement, direction, and leadership in our work together as God's people in this place. Of this ministry together, we say with confidence, "It is good."

One: We send you now on this Sabbatical journey confident that God will bless your every step, refresh your spirit, renew your mind, strengthen your body, and return you to us empowered for our continued task of ministry in Freeman and the wider world.

Many: We will miss you, even as we faithfully carry out with joy and hope the ministry to which we are called. As you attend to your Sabbatical, please know that our thoughts and prayers will be with you and that we support you in every way.

Pastor: With joy, I will remember you in my heart for these 3 months, praying God will bless you with creativity and fill your hearts with love, hope, joy, and peace. In knowing the depth of God's love, may you continue to bring the truth of God's work and a demonstration of Jesus' love to the people of this congregation and the Freeman community.

Many: With joy, we will remember you in our hearts for these 3 months and will earnestly await and anticipate your return.

Pastor: I, too, look forward to that day when I will return and share in our ministry together. I will miss you, and I will pray for you whenever you come to mind. Thank you for creating this opportunity for a time of Sabbath rest in our shared ministry.

One: Hutterthal Mennonite Church family, in this time of sabbatical, will you be faithful in Pastor Randall's absence to the commitments and roles that you share with your fellow brothers and sisters in this community? Will you pray for each other, for church leadership, and for Pastor Randall on this shared sabbatical journey?

Many: By God's grace and sustaining presence, we will.

One: Pastor Randall, are you ready to step away from the obligations of ministry life and to engage in this period of sabbatical? Will you take time for reflection, renewal, study, and rest in the life-giving experiences that await you? Will you pray for God's continued guidance, direction, and inspiration for ministry upon your return to congregational life and rhythms?

Pastor: By God's grace and sustaining presence, I will.

One: Please join me in prayer over Pastor Randall and our church family: God of all wisdom send your blessing on our community and our pastor as we enter this time of sabbatical. Guide our leaders through challenges that may arise. Give to all of us discerning and prayerful hearts, spirits ready to understand and quick to forgive, ears to listen for your word, and voices to speak the truth. Make us bold to live out the gospel as we seek to follow in Jesus's way. Be with your servant Randall as he embarks on this sabbatical journey. Grant him a holy departure from this community, safety in all of his travels, rest and renewal for his spirit and body, and the joy of a grace-filled return. Amen.

Pastor: I entrust you, Hutterthal Mennonite Church family, to God's care, for God's good works, and with God's rich blessings.

Many: Go, today, with our blessing and with God's enduring presence and love.

You are all invited to a **Father's Day Making Music for MCC** program at Hutterthal Mennonite Church **this evening** at 7pm. You will experience a variety of music (organ, piano and vocal) performed by musicians from several local churches. The offering will be designated to the MCC Relief Sale My Coins Count project to help secure pure water for families in Bolivia. Please make checks out to SD MCC Relief Sale. Enjoy root beer floats to end the evening

Benevolent Fund Collection today: a basket sits in the narthex this morning for the Hutterthal Benevolent Fund, which is administered by the Deacons and Pastor. Offerings are collected for this fund 4 times a year on communion Sundays. Please consider contributing to the Benevolent Fund, which is available anytime and is used for assisting those attending Hutterthal who may have a particular hardship or financial need. All requests brought to the deacons and pastor are kept strictly confidential. If anyone has or knows of someone in our church family with a need, please reach out to Pastor Randall or one of the deacons - Brigitta Hofer, Lyndon Hofer, or Amy Hofer Vetch.

Church friends, during our busy summer season, if anyone who is driving to Sioux Falls or Yankton would be willing to haul some boxes of excess or expired donations to Goodwill for us, we would be so grateful. Feel free to pull up to our back door, and we'll load up as many boxes as you have room for. Thank you for your continued support of our work! -**Et Cetera Shoppe**

Prayer Requests and Praises:

- **Birthdays:** Darnell Tschetter on June 19
- **Anniversaries:** Les & Mary on June 22
- Please pray for the family of Peter Friesen, who passed away Tuesday evening in Winkler, Manitoba. Peter was past choir director at Freeman Junior College. He was the father-in-law of Monica Clem and grandfather to her children: Kate, Richard, and Sara. Pray for space to grieve, comfort in loss, and energy for sacred remembrance.
- On this Father's Day, join Mennonite Mission Network personnel in praying for fathers around the world, especially those who lack the support needed to provide life's necessities for their children. May we share what God has given us, acknowledging that we are all part of God's one family.
- Pray for those preparing for Central Plains Annual Meeting next weekend in Wayland, IA. We pray that it will be a meaningful time of worship, fellowship, connections and thoughtful work!
- Pray for Pastor Randall and his family as they begin this sabbatical leave on June 30. Pray for strength, endurance, and confidence for our congregation as we worship together in their absence and wait with longing for their return in September. Pray that this time will bring renewed life, energy, and clarity to all of us and Pastor Randall as the months go by. Pray for the speakers who will be sharing with us during our worship service and Sunday School. Pray for all those who fill the important weekly roles for worship and for those in church leadership.

Pastor Randall will be starting his sabbatical after CPMC Annual Meeting this weekend. His sabbatical will last until Sept. 18. If you would like to contact him, please use written letter, text, or email.

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The **Freeman Network for Justice and Peace** is hosting its second event of a 5-part series exploring the background history of the current conflict between Israel and Palestine. On Friday June 28 at 7PM in the Freeman Community Center, Shaykh Hamzah Maqbul will present on how the different faith communities (Judaism, Christianity, and Islam) interacted with each other throughout history.

This event will be live-streamed and recorded. Please follow the Facebook and Youtube pages for the Freeman Network for Justice and Peace to view the details.

www.facebook.com/FreemanNetworkJusticePeace

www.youtube.com/@FreemanNetworkJusticePeace

Rural Revival will meet on Monday June 24 at 7:30 pm at the Freeman library for the annual meeting, board annual reorganization and election of officers. All are welcome to attend.

MCC Material Resources Center in North Newton critically low on inventory: An MCC kit cannot be distributed until each item for the kit is assembled, but some supplies in the Material Resources Center are so low that kits cannot be processed for shipping. You can help by filling the following needs: new infant sleepers (6-12 month sizes); hand towels (dark colored); bar soap; bath towels (dark colored, light to medium weight); wide toothed combs (6-8 inches long); laundry soap (such as Fels Naptha or Zote brands); and shampoo (20 oz min). Buy online and ship it to MCC or bring items to MCC in North Newton (121 E. 30th St, North Newton, KS 67117). Questions are always welcome, please contact brociamueller@mcc.org or 316.836.5045. A full list of MCC kit contents can be found at mcc.org/kits.

CPMC 2024 Annual Meeting

For the first time, this year we will be live streaming all of our worship services and we will make all of the sermons available the week after Annual Meeting.

If you want to watch the live stream there are two ways to watch.

You can join the zoom link:

<https://tinyurl.com/SCMLiveStream>

or you can watch on Facebook live:

<https://www.facebook.com/sugarcreekmennonitechurch>

Worship services will be held Thursday evening at 7:00 pm, Friday and Saturday mornings at 8:30 am, and Sunday morning at 9:30 am.

You can also visit the Sugar Creek Mennonite Church website (<https://sugarcreekmennonitechurch.org/>) and use the links for Sunday morning worship that are found there.

Nathan Luitjens will be preaching on Thursday evening. Michele Hershberger will be preaching on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday mornings.