Hutterthal Mennonite Church

Christ Centered – Living, Relating, Serving Sunday, August 11, 2024 9:45 a.m.

Prelude Call to Worship and Prayer Scripture Reading 1 Cor. 4:17 Pew Bible p. 604 *Welcoming One Another *Gathering and Praising

The Love of God VT #162 Open My Eyes That I May See VT #738 Scripture Reading 2 Tim. 3:14-15 Pew Bible p. 628 Sharing Time and Prayer Children's Time Special Music "Kum Ba Ya"

"Kum Ba Ya" "Dona Nobis Pacem" Acts 16:1-5 Pew Bible p. 585 Life on the Road

Scripture Reading A Message Offering Prayer *Responding and Sending

> *To Leave the Stones Unthrown* VT #580 *Go, My Children* VT #830

*Benediction Postlude

> *please stand if you are able HMC Service may be viewed on our web-page: <u>www.HMCFreeman.org</u>

TODAY August 11, 2024 9:45 a.m. Backpack Blessing

Worship Leader: Todd Koerner Accompanist: Paige Hofer Song Leader: Suzanne Koerner Children's Time: Kenneth Birkey - Backpack Blessing Special Music: Egan & Isaac arr. by Rodney & Amanda Mettler Message: Matthew Tschetter Coffee Time: Vernon & Twyla Hofer Adult Sunday School at 11:15 am after coffee time . It will be downstairs in the west end of the fellowship hall

NEXT SUNDAY August 18, 2024 9:45 a.m.

Worship Leader: Donovan Friesen Accompanist: Charlene Friesen Song Leader: Aprille Birkey Children's Time: Charlene Friesen Scripture: Ezekiel 24:19-25; 2 Cor. 4:10-17; Acts 21:7-14 Message: Matthew Tschetter Coffee Time: Rodney & Amanda Mettler Adult Sunday School at 11:15 am after coffee time . It will be downstairs in the west end of the fellowship hall

Calendar: Today: Pulpit Fill: Matthew Tschetter Suzanne Koerner sharing her mom's faith journey during Sunday School August 18: Pulpit Fill: Matthew Tschetter Dave & Brandy Friesen sharing their fostering experience during Sunday School Baby Shower for Jen Friesen at 2 PM Mueller sisters program at the Interpretive Center at the Freeman Prairie Arboretum at 3 PM August 25: Pulpit Fill: Matthew Tschetter Michael Burgeson sharing information on his work with the Red Cross Sep. 22: Pastor Randall's first Sunday back from Sabbatical

Freeman Academy is needing housing for an International Volunteer Exchange Program (IVEP) worker planning to come for the 2024-25 school year. This young man is an English teacher from Chad, and he will be working at FA as a teacher's assistant in a variety of capacities. He would need to have transportation to and from school each day, in addition to regular room and board, lasting from mid-August to the end of school (with a few breaks for holiday/IVEP event travel). MCC will reimburse hosts \$450/month, and it is possible to commit to only one half of the year, if you are unable to host for a full year. If you have an interest in hosting, please contact Brad Anderson at 605.925.4237 or at banderson@freemanacademy.org

Ted Lewis, long-time member of the Central Plains conflict management support team, passed away on Tuesday, July 23. He was diagnosed with glioblastoma two months ago. A celebration of his life was held on Aug. 3 in Duluth. Mailing address for cards is 6104 E. Superior St., Duluth MN 55804.

Ladies, you are cordially invited to attend a baby shower on August 18th at 2 PM in the Fellowship Hall in honor of the new blessing to arrive at the home of Jen and Ben Friesen and family. Disposable diapers have been requested.

URGENT MCC OPENING: Would you or someone you know consider serving a two-year term as an MCC mobile canner operator? Do you want to gain new skills while traveling across the country? To learn more, contact Joe Miller at joemiller@mcc.org or call 717-808-2417.

Prayer Requests and Praises:

- Birthdays: Norman Hofer on August 12
- Anniversary: Eric & Michelle Neuharth on August 14
- Pray for your sister churches in South Dakota: Sermon on the Mount in Sioux Falls and Bethany, House Church of Freeman, Salem and Salem-Zion in Freeman.
- Join Mennonite Mission Network in praising God for the surge of interest in Christian service programs that has led to all openings for the coming year being filled. Pray for the new participants in Mennonite Voluntary Service and Service Adventure units as they begin their time together.

HMC Congregational Ministry Project for August: MCC School Kits - Please place completed school kits in container in room adjacent to play room. Pencil sharpeners can be found in Edie's mailbox - help yourself.

Pastor Randall is currently on sabbatical until Sept. 18. If you would like to contact him, please use written letter, text, or email.

For urgent needs, please contact one of the deacons: Brigitta Hofer, Lyndon Hofer, or Amy Hofer Vetch

> Office Administrative Assistant: Aprille Birkey Church Email: hutterthal@goldenwest.net Church Website: www.hmcfreeman.org

The Book of Acts Sermon Series Summer 2024

Aug. 18 – Text: 20:1 to 23:35 Farewells and Encounters Aug. 25 – Text 24:1 to 26:32 Trials and tribulations Sept. 8 – Text 27:1 to 28:31 A three-hour tour

Save the Date!

Join us for an informative planned giving seminar highlighting creative ways to maximize your generosity to your favorite organizations. Handouts on many types of planned giving will be available, including examples, case studies, and tax benefits.

What is a planned gift?

A planned gift can be as simple as a cash gift that requires careful thought or as complicated as making a deferred gift via a charitable gift annuity or a charitable trust. It may be giving appreciated investments, farm commodities, or making an estate gift with a legacy that lasts beyond your lifetime. No matter your income or age, explore how you can make a difference by stretching the impact of your giving to Freeman Academy and other ministries you care about. Be inspired by the reminder that your giving is deeply spiritual work as you partner and connect resources to mission, furthering God's healing work in the world.

- **Who:** Freeman Academy is hosting this event for its constituents and all who are interested
- Facilitated by: Rose Shetler, FA Director of Strategic Development
- **Presented by:** Lyle Miller, Stewardship Consultant with Everence Foundation
- When: Tuesday, August 27 OR Thursday, August 29, 7 8:30 p.m.

The Et Cetera Shoppe will be hosting Kraft Pillow Service on Friday, August 23, beginning at 9 a.m. This traveling service completely sanitizes the contents of used feather pillows, and places them in brand new ticking pillowcases. Several colors and grades of ticking are available, and different pillow sizes can be made upon request. Pillows can also be "plumped" with additional feathers. Cleaning for foam pillows is available as well. The process can be done in approximately an hour.

Following Kraft Pillow Service's visit, the Et Cetera Shoppe will have brand new feather pillows available for purchase for as long as supplies last. Proceeds from the cleaning of your pillows, as well as the sale of new pillows, go directly to support the relief and development work of Mennonite Central Committee in the U.S. and around the world! For more information, please call the shop at 925-7098.

Mueller sisters tell Katy's story

Joan Mueller Peters and Lisa Mueller Howard will share details about their research and the process of writing their book "Katy: The Little Rose from Ukraine" in a program on Sunday afternoon, Aug. 18. The program will begin at 3 p.m. at the Interpretive Center at the Freeman Prairie Arboretum adjacent to HHM&A, which is sponsoring the presentation.

The sisters grew up in the Freeman community hearing stories from their father, Bruce. They began imagining what it would have been like living through the challenges and adversities their forebears experienced. That led to their decision to write a book, described as historical fiction and geared for readers aged about 8 - 13. It tells the immigration story through the eyes of Katy, their great-grandfather's oldest sister.

They will have a book signing at the HHM&A Mercantile from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Admission to the program includes the opportunity to tour the museum before and after the Sunday program – 1 to 5 p.m. Regular summer hours are Mondays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and other times by appointment from May through September.