



Hutterthal Mennonite Church

Christ Centered –

Living, Relating, Serving

Sunday, October 13, 2024

9:45 a.m.

Prelude

Call to Worship & Prayer

Scripture Reading Gen. 25:19-34 Pew Bible p. 13

***Welcoming One Another**

***Gathering and Praising**

Come On, Children, to the Gospel Feast VT #511

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns VT #101

Scripture Reading Gen. 26:34-28:9 Pew Bible p. 14

Sharing Time and Prayer

Children's Time

Worship Music

“Blessings”

Scripture Reading Gen. 31:55-33:17 Pew Bible p. 18

Message Seeking Peace with Others: Forgiveness

Offering Prayer

***Responding and Sending**

God, Give Me Time VT #144

We, Your People, Sing Your Praises VT #849

***Benediction**

Postlude

***please stand if you are able**

HMC Service may be viewed on our web-page:

www.HMCFreeman.org

TODAY October 13, 2024 9:45 a.m.

Worship Leader: Joline Thomas

Accompanist: Amy Hofer Vetch

Song Leader: Aprille Birkey

Children's Time: Joline Thomas

Worship Music: Morgan & Randall Koehler;
arr. by Joann Stahl

Message: Pastor Randall Koehler

Coffee Time: Sylvia Hofer

Children's Sunday School after the worship service.

Adult SS following coffee time in the Education Wing.

NEXT SUNDAY October 20, 2024 9:45 a.m.

Harvest Mission Festival

Worship Leader: Pastor Randall Koehler

Accompanist: Paige Hofer

Song Leader: Amy Hofer Vetch

Children's Time: Pastor Randall Koehler

Scripture: Ephesians 3:7-12

Message: "The Church in Mission: From Everywhere
to Everywhere" - Dave Boshart

Coffee Time: Cameron & Rina Hofer

Children's Sunday School field trip after service

Adult SS after worship in sanctuary. No coffee time.

Calendar:

October: Pastor Appreciation Month

Oct. 20: Harvest Mission Festival at HMC with Dave
Boshart; HMF meal following Sunday School

Oct. 27: Freeman Academy joins our worship service

Nov. 10: Pastor Randall Sabbatical Presentation

Nov. 17: Peace Sunday and noon potluck meal

The Deacon Team and Church Board share in **deep gratitude for the generous donation** of an anonymous person to cover the costs of our guest speakers during Pastor Randall's sabbatical. A heartfelt thank you is also extended to Matthew Tschetter who volunteered his time and talents to share his sermon series on Acts for two months. With this generosity, Hutterthal's general fund was not affected.

On October 20, Harvest Mission Festival, the children's Sunday School classes (ages 4 through grade 7) will be going on a **field trip during the Sunday School time**. Dan Haggerty has agreed to have us visit his farm and show us his goats and talk about the benefits. We will also be having our Sunday School project of MCC goat project. Please note: **children need to wear outdoor boots and jeans for Sunday School and bring an extra set of clothes for when they return for the meal**.

Last week's bulletin included details about **Freeman Academy** joining us today, but because of some scheduling difficulties, they needed to postpone their performances at HMC until October 27.

The visuals you see in the front of the sanctuary were placed there for last Sunday's celebration of **Worldwide Communion Sunday**, when Christians around the globe were given the distinct opportunity to share bread and cup in Holy Communion as part of the global faith community. The visuals emphasize just a small portion of the world. The items you see represent Zambia, Guatemala, Ecuador, Lesotho, Bolivia, Viet Nam, Thailand, Germany, and China. Thank you to Rina Hofer for arranging the visual and also to Boni Hofer, Matthew Tschetter, Michael Burgeson, Edie Tschetter, Amy Hofer Vetch, Brigitta Hofer, Ellie Jaspers, and Lacey Friesen for providing the items.

Prayer Requests and Praises:

- **Birthdays:** Joseph Kramer on October 17
- **Anniversary:** Ben & Jennifer Friesen on October 14
- Pray for local farmers and agricultural workers as they continue to bring in the harvest and complete fall fieldwork before winter weather closes this growing year.
- Pray for our CPMC sister churches in the Quad Cities area: Casa de Oracion Emanuel, Iglesia Cristiana El Balsamo, Iglesia Menonita Centro Cristiano, Iglesia Torre Fuerte, Templo Alabanza and the El Buen Pastor church plant.
- On Tuesday, participants will embark on Mennonite Mission Network's first Just Peace Pilgrimage to South Africa. Pray for them as, for the next two-plus weeks, they will immerse themselves in the country's struggle against apartheid and wrestle with the church's role in upholding racial segregation in South Africa and the United States.

HMC Congregational Ministry Project for October:

MCC Relief Kits Items can be placed in the bin in Sunday School Room 1 or give monetary donations to Joyce Hofer. If you are interested in having Barbie purchase and make a kit for you, please contact her directly.

Pastor Randall's contact information:

Pastor Office Hours: Tues., Thurs., & Fri. 8:30 AM -12 PM

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Join the **Freeman Regional Health Services Auxiliary** for soup, sandwiches and pie on October 25 from 10:30 am – 1:30 pm at the Senior Citizen Center in Freeman. While you're there, be sure to take home some delicious homemade goodies from the bake sale as well! The proceeds from this year's event will go towards updating surgical equipment at Freeman Regional. If you would like to donate baked goods, please deliver them to the Senior Citizen Center between 8:30-10:30 am, the day of the event. Thank you for your support!

Freeman Academy's annual fall church drive will begin Sunday, October 27. Students will share music and Head of School, Dr. Brad Anderson, will provide a school update during your worship service that Sunday. During this harvest season, we are grateful to the alumni and friends of Freeman Academy and ask you to consider making a gift to the school's general fund.

Committee members, Lyndon Hofer and Donovan Friesen, will be available at a table on Oct. 27 & Nov. 3 to receive your donations. If you are not in church those Sundays and would like to participate, self-addressed envelopes will be available on a table for your convenience, or you can make your donation online at freemanacademy.org.

Freeman Academy will be hosting a **special Indigenous Peoples' Day event** on Wednesday, October 16, 9:00-10:30am in Sterling Hall. We will be welcoming South Dakota Secretary of Tribal Relations Dave Flute to speak and will also enjoy performances of native songs and dances from the Dakota Dance Club. We are inviting members of the Freeman community as well as students from surrounding districts to attend this event. This event is sponsored by Dr. Rolf Olson and Dr. Anne Waltner, as well as Shane Vetch with Modern Woodmen, and is free to attendees.

There were **58 school kits collected in August** for the Congregational Ministries project. Thank you for your generosity!

71st Annual Harvest Mission Festival next Sunday, October 20:

We welcome the president of Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, David Boshart. Our scripture reading will be Ephesians 3:7-12 and David's message will be "The Church in Mission: From Everywhere to Everywhere." Dave will also join us for the Sunday School hour in the sanctuary and tell more about the international work that AMBS is doing alongside fellow Anabaptist institutions across the globe. David brings a variety of administrative and leadership experiences to his role as AMBS's fourth President, which he began in January 2020. Prior to coming to AMBS, he served as Executive Conference Minister for Central Plains Mennonite Conference of Mennonite Church USA (2010–19). As part of this role, he was responsible for supporting emerging congregations and staffing a partnership with Mennonite Mission Network and Iglesia Cristiana Menonita de Colombia (Colombia Mennonite Church) in support of Anabaptist networks in Ecuador and Venezuela. David pastored for more than 25 years in congregations in Iowa and Virginia. His teaching experience includes serving as Appointed Associate Professor at the Andrews University School of Education (2009–present) and as an Adjunct Faculty member at AMBS (2014–15) and Eastern Mennonite University (2010–15). He has served on the Mennonite Church USA Executive Board (2007–19), including as moderator (2017–19), and also was a member of the AMBS Board (1999–2007), serving as chair from 2003 to 2005.

We will have our **Harvest Mission Festival meal** following Sunday School on October 20. Please bring a salad or pie to share.

Pastor Appreciation 2024

The entire month of October is designated as Pastor Appreciation Month. There is also a day in October specifically designated to honoring pastors and clergy members, and that is today, October 13th. Pastor Randall is a source of strength, guidance, and support, and he cares for both our spiritual and emotional needs. This month, and Pastor Appreciation Day in particular, provides an opportunity to let Pastor Randall, as well as other pastors, know how much you appreciate all they do for our churches and our communities.

Although people like to joke that preachers only work one day a week, that couldn't be further from the truth. Preparing a sermon requires lots of work, often 52 weekends a year; as well as being responsible for leading, administration, and pastoral care responsibilities. Then there's mid-week services, holidays, and special events.

We know from personal experience how busy Pastor Randall is – and we also know that he deals with some tough stuff; like illnesses, death, congregational family problems, and serving a wide variety of personalities to name just a few. Pastors are only human, and they need our support, words of affirmation, and encouragement just like everyone – pastoring offers unique challenges.

There are Bible verses that are very clear about honoring our leaders, including 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13 - “We beg you, our brothers, to pay proper respect to those who work among you, who guide and instruct you in the Christian life. Treat them with the greatest respect and love because of the work they do. Be at peace among yourselves.”

As a deacon board, Pastor Randall, we extend our deep felt love and appreciation to you. In Christ's love we serve by your side – Brigitta, Lyndon, & Amy.

Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) volunteers are in western North Carolina responding to the impacts of Hurricane Helene with equipment to move debris, mud, and downed trees. MDS is accepting donations for the recovery effort.

Please pray for the people impacted by the hurricane and the volunteers as they respond. Visit MDS.org to see the latest volunteer needs or to make a donation. Check donations can be mailed to Mennonite Disaster Service, 583 Airport Road, Lititz, PA 17543. Write "Hurricane Helene" on the memo line.

Save the Date! Central Plains Mennonite Conference and the Ecuador Partnership will host a **10-day service trip and learning tour** to Riobamba and Quito, Ecuador from February 28 - March 9, 2025. We are looking for up to 10 volunteers. The group will assist the Anabaptist Mennonite Christian Church of Ecuador (ICME) churches in Riobamba with building projects for their respective facilities. This will fall over the Carnival holiday week, so we look forward to many of their church members participating, too. More details will be coming soon. If you have any interest, please complete the following Google Form:

<https://forms.gle/5TFyMUR6g2Bo9Jjz6> by November 3, so we can add you to the list and ensure you receive all future communications regarding the trip. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Joel Beachy (joel.beachy@eastunionmennonite.org).

Join Mennonite Disaster Service in Hydro, OK for the **2024 MDS Region 3 Annual Meeting**. We are gathering on Nov. 15-17 to hear updates on what MDS is doing around the country and in our region. We will worship together, eat together, and have fun together. For more information or to register, go to <https://mds.org/event/region-3-annual-meeting/> or contact Region 3 Administrative Assistant Chris Becker at cbecker@mds.org or 717-383-8981. Registration closes on November 1.