

IV. SENT WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

* Sending Hymn

“Come, let us all Unite to Sing” – HWB #12

Spoken Benediction

Postlude

“Eis feste Burg” – arr. Leavitt

* Stand if you are able

Greeters: Chantel Hofer & Peg Waltner; **Worship Leader:** Lois Preheim; **Speaker:** Pastor Bob; **Musicians:** Debra Schmeichel (organ); **Special Music:** Ladies’ Ensemble; **Coffee:** Southeast #19

THE CHURCH AT WORK

TODAY

We welcome all who are worshiping with us this morning! Coffee is available in the fellowship hall following the worship service.

Birthday wishes to Dorothy (Mrs. Calvin) Preheim who is 90 years old today. God bless you on this special day!

THIS WEEK

Wed. (6th) – Monthly Day of Prayer & Fasting, **8:00 p.m.** – Prayer Meeting (in person & Zoom)

- <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85365395504>
- **Meeting ID:** 853 6539 5504 **Passcode:** prayer2020
- One tap mobile +13462487799,,85365395504# US (Houston)
- Dial by your location +1 312 626 6799 **Meeting ID:** 853 6539 5504

NEXT SUNDAY, October 10

Speaker: Tim Schrag; **Worship Leader:** Brennan Waltner; **Musicians:** Sharon Waltner (organ); **Greeters:** Chantel Hofer & Peg Waltner; **Coffee:** Southeast #19

Worship Offering: Freeman Area Meat Canning

Sunday school Offering: Freeman Academy

Children’s Offering: Bethany Food Pantry

COMING EVENTS

October 8 & 9 – Church reserved for Katie Kaufman & Levi Hattervig wedding

October 23 – Memorial Service for Gene Kaufman

October 24 – Mission Sunday with John Sharp. Freeman Academy will be sharing during the worship service.

October 26 – Church Council Meeting

SOUTH CHURCH NEWS AND NOTES

There's a copy of Polly Carlson's newsletter on the table under the windows in the narthex. Please return it when you're done so others can read it.

Are you interested in receiving the emails that come to the office from Mennonite Women or Mennonite Men? If so, contact the office and I will forward them to you. Please let me know by **October 10**. Amy

The apples on the tree south of the parsonage are ready. Nick thinks it's a Haralson (A tart-sweet-crisp apple. Good for keeping, eating, baking, sauce or cider). It can be eaten anytime by mid-September, but some years it is sweetest in early October. Come and pick when you want.

Sunday school children: We are collecting the banks for Oyate Concern Christian School. Banks were given to save money for the school and now kids can bring them back to Sunday school any time through the month of September.

Harvest is underway and with that could come irregular office hours. If you need something from me, please leave a message on the answering machine in the office or send an email. I would prefer you **not** text or call my cell. Amy

COMMUNITY AND BEYOND

The Freeman Academy concert band (grades 7-12) and grades 4-12 choirs present their Fall Concert, Thursday, October 7 at 7:30 p.m. in Pioneer Hall. Freeman Academy music department instructors are Donna Ries, Instrumental and Amy Hofer Vetch, Vocal.

The concert is open to the public. We ask audience members to enter and leave the gym wearing a mask. You are welcome to remove your mask when seated.

Friends & family are invited to attend a memorial service in celebration of Irene (Preheim) Schrag's life **on Saturday, October 9, 3p.m.** at the North Church. Visitation with family will be at the church one hour prior to the service and again after the service. The service can be viewed remotely, by clicking on "livestream links" at salemzion.com. Memorial gifts may be donated to MCC, Salem-Zion, or a charity of your choice. Following Irene's example of love and care for her community, her family requests that those in attendance wear face masks.

Salem Home is hosting an A-MAZE-ING fundraiser in just a couple of weeks at the Huber Holiday Acres just southwest of Freeman. See the flier on the bulletin board for details.

SDMDS Annual Meeting: You are invited to attend the annual meeting of the South Dakota Mennonite Disaster Service to be held at the Hutterthal Mennonite Church, Freeman, SD on October 10, 2021 at 2:00 pm. Introduction will be made to the newly elected Region 3 chairman, Tim Schrag. Region 3 Operations Coordinator, Jeff Koller, will share about Pinhook, Pine Ridge and disasters in Region 3. The business meeting will present information and pictures of the Pine Ridge Volunteer/EMS center which Region 3 MDS has been requested to assist building. Social distancing and masks are requested.

FIFTH ROOTED AND GROUNDED CONFERENCE: There's a flier on the bulletin board that describes the Rooted and Grounded Conference to be held October 14-16, 2021, at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Elkhart, Indiana, on "Land: Loss, Connection, and Imagination." Since this is both an in-person and a virtual event, participation is more possible for those who live at a distance.

These Rooted and Grounded Conferences began at AMBS in 2014, when I was one of three featured speakers. That year and in each of the conferences since, 2015 2017, and 2018, I attended and presented brief papers. This year I am also presenting a virtual paper on "The Role of Agrarian Cultures in Land Revitalization."

I would encourage pastors and church leaders to attend this event, virtually if not in person. You can register at the website listed on the flier. Virtual registration is \$75, and there are options for registering for parts of the conference as well. The conference could be a great help to rural churches in thinking about and discovering their unique mission as agrarian cultures in their rural settings.

S. Roy Kaufman

Rural Revival Education: Rural Revival will be hosting a home wind and solar tour at the Jurkovich farm Saturday, October 16 at 2:00 pm. Come and see an active wind and solar system providing electricity to a farm home. Learn the basics of installing solar or wind at your home. Location 44018 269th St., 1/2 mile west of Dolton. Bring a lawn chair.

Sunday Morning Worship – 9:30am (in person & Zoom) Sunday school following
Office Hours – Wednesday - Friday 9:30-12:30; bulletin deadline – 9:30 a.m. Friday
Amy Waltner, Administrative Assistant (southchurch@goldenwest.net) 925-4553
Bob Engbrecht, Pastor 648-3017/659-4331

The meeting with the Deacons, Pastoral Search Committee, Moderator and Vice Moderator on Saturday, 9/18/2021 was a positive experience. We were able to discuss and process events of the last year as a group and work through some strong emotions, hurt feelings and mistrust. The root of much of the hurt feelings and mistrust stemmed from a lack of communication. We learned through this experience that everyone felt so strongly because of their deep love for our church and its members.

Working together in this group we were able to begin to understand each other better through openness and willingness to hear one another. We felt this process was so beneficial that this is something more of the church should experience. So, over the next few months, we will be working toward providing opportunities for other members of the church to gather together in smaller groups much the same way we did. These groups will allow space for sharing and really listening to one another to gain a deeper understanding of our fellow brothers and sisters. Please prayerfully consider taking part in one of these groups, so we can all learn to communicate and listen better to each other in order to achieve the work Christ has put before us as a church. More details on these group meetings will be coming in the future.

Here are the decisions and action items this group agreed to on Saturday, 9/18/2021:

The most immediate need is to identify our next interim pastor.

This group agreed to for a 6 person ad hoc team to find this transitional pastor. This team will consist of two members of the Search Team, two Deacons, plus the Moderator and Vice Moderator.

Going forward, we need to clarify a couple of items in the constitution that are ambiguous.

Who the Search Team reports to. Constitution seems to indicate Deacons.

Who is responsible for finding the Interim Pastor? Historically this has been done by the Search Team in our church, but there are churches who give that responsibility to another group.

The Search Team, Deacons, Moderator and Vice Moderator will be meeting in the very near future along with the Policy Team to address these questions. The recommendations from this group will go to Church Council. Constitution changes will be put on the agenda for Annual Meeting. Policies and job descriptions will go through their normal process to the responsible committee and then to CC for approval.

Everett Waltner, Paul Balzer, and Matt Waltner