

MENNO MENNONITE CHURCH

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10:00 a.m. Worship/11:00 a.m. Sunday school
Office hours Monday-Thursday 8:30-11:30 a.m.
Pastor Matthew Yoder

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Greeter: Earl Franz
Candlelighter: Asher Yoder
Accompanist: Sharon Meyer
Song Leader: Cleon Claassen

God's healing is at hand. Come, walk in the way of the Lord.

GATHERING

Prelude
Welcome
Call to Worship
Opening Prayer

PRAISING

*Hymns #400 HWB "Holy, Holy, Holy"
#110 HWB "Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing"

OFFERING

LISTENING

Children's Time
Scripture Luke 1:46-55
Message

RESPONDING

Confession and Assurance
*Hymn #184 HWB "Hark! The glad sound!"
Announcements, Sharing and Prayer

SENDING

*Hymn #73 STJ "The Lord lift you up"
Benediction
Postlude
*Please stand if you are able.

*Menno Mennonite Church, a Christian Anabaptist
Community,
equips believers through relevant Worship and Study,
and expresses God's love to others through
Stewardship and Service.*

Next Sunday

Greeters: Gene & Dorene Claassen
Candlelighter: Linnea Schafer
Accompanist: Melanie Gering
Song Leader: Butch Gering

Deacon ballots have been distributed. Since there are two ballots being distributed to fill two separate positions special instructions are included. **Ballots must be received by the Church Board Secretary TODAY, by the close of Sunday School.**

Farewell for the Yoders - A farewell fellowship meal and celebration of Pastor Matthew's ministry is scheduled for **TODAY** after Sunday School. You are invited to join in the fellowship and sharing!

Important Sunday School Announcement! The two Adult Sunday School classes will be combining in the Sanctuary during the Sunday School hour today through December 18. We will be watching and discussing episodes of Ted & Co. Theater Works' "Dove Tails."

Litanies

Call to Worship

Leader: In the nighttime of sorrow,
we become impatient and lose hope.

People: **Our joy disappears,
and our songs become silent.
We forget the truth
that God will and restore all of creation.**

All: *Come! Walk in the way of the Lord!*

Confession and Assurance

Leader: God of healing,

People: **we yearn to walk in your way but often choose
our own path of turmoil and pain. Save us, Lord,
from the pride and foolishness of choosing our
own course, that we may humbly and confidently
follow your lead, through Jesus Christ, Amen.**

(pause for silence)

Leader: Throughout the tumult of life,
God holds you close in love. Rejoice,
because God's wisdom is your guide,
God's compassion is your strength.
God's love is your redemption.

ALL: *Come, let us walk in the way of the Lord!*

Benediction

Come! Walk in the ways of the Lord.

The dawn is breaking!

Christ comes to free us from despair.

Christ comes to show us the way.

The Annual Business Meeting is January 28th at 9am. If you have a report that needs to be included please have it delivered to the Tina no later than Monday, January 2nd.

Please join us in celebrating Katherine's 70th birthday Saturday December 17 at 5:00 PM at Menno Mennonite Church. Your presence is the best gift you could give us. No gifts please. Kindly RSVP by December 10th to kswinger@sosmail.us

Looking Ahead

DECEMBER

17 5pm Katherine Swinger Birthday Party

JANUARY

28 9am Menno's Annual Business Meeting

Taking the long way home

The Annual Meeting of the Pacific Northwest Historical Society will be on **Saturday, January 21 at noon at Zion Mennonite Church, Hubbard, OR.** Join us for lunch and the fascinating story of one PAX man's adventures in the Congo and his amazing journey home told by the man who lived it, Larry Gerber. Program and lunch is \$20/person payable at the door. RSVP to Gloria Nussbaum at real2reel@teleport.com or [503-645-0616](tel:503-645-0616) by Jan. 13. All ages are welcome!

The Yoders will be loading their moving truck on **Thursday, December 22.** If you would like to help, feel free to come any time after **9:00 AM.** Come and go as you like. Soup and bread will be available at **noon**