

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

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

## GATHERING

Prelude  
Welcome  
Call to Worship

## PRAISING

\*Hymns #178 HWB  
#182 HWB

“Come, thou long-expected Jesus”  
“Oh, how shall I receive thee”

## OFFERING

## LISTENING

Children's Time  
Scripture  
Message

Matthew 1:18-25

## RESPONDING

Confession and Assurance  
\*Hymn #201 HWB  
Announcements, Sharing and Prayer

## SENDING

\*Hymn #1 STS “Praise the One who breaks the darkness”  
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

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## There will be no adult Sunday school today

## Litanies

### Call to Worship

Leader: In the nighttime of our longing, we find ourselves far from God's presence.

People: **Even though we yearn to see God's face, our daily burdens and distractions keep us from coming near. We forget that the truest joy comes from being in God's presence.**

All: ***Come! Walk in God's presence.***

### Confession and Assurance

Leader: God of restoration,

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.**

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 way of the Lord.

The dawn is breaking!

Christ is coming to free us from alienation.

He will show us the way.

**We wish to thank the Menno Church Family** for the bouquet sent for Irvin's Life Celebration Service. The cards, words of sympathy and support, and the donations sent to Bethesda Home and Mennonite Disaster Service from the individual members was appreciated. Thank you for caring and uplifting us in prayer!

Howard, Linda, Aaron and Amy Reimer

### Deacon Nominations

Bill Dyck has accepted the Deacon nomination for a three (3) year term; and, Charlotte Hardt has accepted the Deacon nomination for the two (2) year unexpired term. Their names will be placed on the ballot and voted at the Annual Meeting set for January 28, 2017.

Linda Reimer, Church Board Secretary

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

### Looking Ahead

#### **JANUARY**

28 9am Menno's Annual Business Meeting

**The Yoders will be loading their moving truck on Friday, December 23. 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**