

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

December 4, 2016

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Greeters: Al & Marge Dyck
Candlelighter: Brandon Swinger
Accompanist/Song Leader: Music Team

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

GATHERING

Prelude
Welcome
Call to Worship
Opening Prayer

PRAISING

*Hymns #183 HWB "On Jordan's banks the Baptist's cry"
#182 HWB "Oh, how shall I receive thee"

OFFERING

LISTENING

Children's Time
Scripture Isaiah 11:1-10
Message

RESPONDING

Confession and Assurance
*Hymn #211 HWB "Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming"
Announcements, Sharing and Prayer

SENDING

*Hymn #189 HWB "To us a Child of hope is born"
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.*

MISSION NETWORK PRAYER REQUEST

Mennonite Mission Network partners Annette and Paco Castillo have created a home in Ivory Coast for child soldiers and other children who don't have a supportive family structure. Praise God for transformed lives. Pray for mentors to train life skill through mechanical trades and other apprenticeships.

Next Sunday

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

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 fear,
we build walls and fences.

People: **Rather than showing hospitality,
we keep the stranger away.
We forget the truth
that God's love is for everyone.**

Leader: O God, show us your ways.

All: *Come quickly, show us.*

Confession and Assurance

Leader: *God of harmony,*

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.

Dear Menno Church, thank you for your donation of evaporated milk, stuffing, and cranberry sauce for this year's Ritzville Food Pantry Christmas Baskets. Your generosity makes it possible for many underserved families in the Ritzville community to celebrate Christmas with all the ingredients for a traditional Christmas dinner.

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

Menno Women in Mission will meet December 8 for fellowship, service projects, and a lunch of soup and bread. Come join us in fellowship and working together!

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 on or before December 11, 2016, by the close of Sunday School.**

Special Music for Advent: Anyone who wishes to share Special Music during Advent is welcome to do so! Please notify Pastor Matthew of your selection and which Sunday you would like to share!

Farewell for the Yoders - A farewell fellowship meal and celebration of Pastor Matthew's ministry is scheduled for December 11th after Sunday School. You are invited to join in the fellowship and sharing!

Looking Ahead

DECEMBER

10 10am Walt Reimer's graveside services and Funeral
11 Farewell Meal for Yoder Family
17 5pm Katherine Swinger Birthday Party

JANUARY

28 9am Menno's Annual Business Meeting