

MENNO MENNONITE CHURCH

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10:00 a.m. Worship/11:00 a.m. Sunday school

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Greeter: Forrest & Charlotte Hardt
Candlelighter: Maggie Morse
Accompanist: Katherine Swinger
Song Leader: Bill Dyck

GATHERING

Prelude:
Welcome
Call to Worship: Let us come away from the busyness of our week and our lives. Let us focus on God's love for us and the Holy Spirit's availability and work in our lives.

PRAISING

Hymn # 1 HWB "What is This Place?"
Hymn # 121 HWB "Holy God We Praise You" vs 1, 3, 4

OFFERING

LISTENING

Children's Time Pastor Jeanie Hershey
Hymn #311 HWB "The Churches One Foundation" vs 1, 5
Message: "Recognizing Our Gifts" Pastor Jeanie Hershey
Scripture 1 Corinthians 12:12-31 (Message) See insert

RESPONDING

Hymn #311 HWB "The Churches One Foundation" vs 1, 5
Announcements, Joys and Concerns, Prayer

SENDING

Hymn # 430 HWB "God Be With You Till We Meet Again"
Benediction
Postlude

*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

Greeter: Michael Gering & Tina Shields
Candlelighter: Leah Claassen
Accompanist/Song Leader: Music Team

LOOKING FORWARD in the Worship Service:

June 25th—Conference Minister, Katherine Pitts
July 2—The Love of God—I Corinthians 13—Pastor Lyn
July 9 Importance of Gathering Together—Pastor Lyn
July 16 Affirmations in Music—Monroe Elders
July 23—Knowing God's Book—Pastor Lyn
July 30 The New Covenant--Pastor Jeanie
August 6 Studying the Bible—Pastor Jeanie
August 13 Can we know the truth? Pastor Lyn

If you want to have an absolutely amazing life, let the Holy Spirit guide and direct your life. He has wonderful things for you.

SPECIAL! SPECIAL!

Be sure to attend July 16th—Affirmations in Music by our Monroe Elders.

September 10—Kick Off Days—Let's all try to be here this Sunday. A fun day, lunch will be served

Don't forget the form listing categories of gifts the Holy Spirit you received last Sunday. If you were not here, there are extras in the entry way. Please take this with you—keep it on your refrigerator, and pray individually and as a family. Ask the Holy Spirit to show you what gifts He has for you and your family and how He wants you to use them.

GETTING ACQUAINTED: We look forward to being able to spend time visiting with you so that we can get better acquainted. We are open to spending time in your home, inviting you into our home, or I hear that Jake's has good pie and we could meet there!

A big thank you to Katherine Swinger for planting beautiful flowers in the beds in front of church.

PNMC Annual Meeting June 23-24 (Fri & Sat)

Friday June 23

12 Noon – 1pm Check in

1-5 pm Workshops, *The Call & Challenge of being a Congregation, Immigration, Lay Leader Toolkit, & SisterCare.*

6:00 pm Pastor Appreciation Dinner

Saturday June 24

7:30 First time delegate breakfast

8:30 Opening Worship, “Breaking Bread and Building Up”

10:30 Tending the life of our Conference

12:00 Lunch

1:00 Affinity/Discussion Groups

3:00 Tending the life of our Conference

4:30 Closing Worship, “Building up and Moving out”

5:30 Dinner

Sunday June 25

10:00 Worship service, including the OregonMusic team & Katherine Pitts speaking

Registration for the PNMC annual meeting is done online at : pnmc.org/registration/ or at mennomennonite.org/pnmc-conference-2017 . Everyone needs to register, even if it's for just one meal. For example; if you are coming to the afternoon sessions or worship service, and eat dinner, you need to register. Website doesn't say it, but meals are \$10 per person per meal, paid to PNMC through the mail or can give to Charlotte Hardt at the registration table. Complete schedule, delegate handbook, and workshop events on the website.

Any questions you can contact PNMC office or me at 509-659-7171 or billdyck70@yahoo.com

Still looking for people for cleanup on Sat eve.

Bill Dyck, Menno Church coordinator

1 Corinthians 12:12-31 The Message (MSG)

¹²⁻¹³ You can easily enough see how this kind of thing works by looking no further than your own body. Your body has many parts—limbs, organs, cells—but no matter how many parts you can name, you're still one body. It's exactly the same with Christ. By means of his one Spirit, we all said good-bye to our partial and piecemeal lives. We each used to independently call our own shots, but then we entered into a large and integrated life in which *he* has the final say in everything. (This is what we proclaimed in word and action when we were baptized.) Each of us is now a part of his resurrection body, refreshed and sustained at one fountain—his Spirit—where we all come to drink. The old labels we once used to identify ourselves—labels like Jew or Greek, slave or free—are no longer useful. We need something larger, more comprehensive.

¹⁴⁻¹⁸ I want you to think about how all this makes you more significant, not less. A body isn't just a single part blown up into something huge. It's all the different-but-similar parts arranged and functioning together. If Foot said, "I'm not elegant like Hand, embellished with rings; I guess I don't belong to this body," would that make it so? If Ear said, "I'm not beautiful like Eye, limpid and expressive; I don't deserve a place on the head," would you want to remove it from the body? If the body was all eye, how could it hear? If all ear, how could it smell? As it is, we see that God has carefully placed each part of the body right where he wanted it.

¹⁹⁻²⁴ But I also want you to think about how this keeps your significance from getting blown up into self-importance. For no matter how significant you are, it is only because of what you are a *part* of. An enormous eye or a gigantic hand wouldn't be a body, but a monster. What we have is one body with many parts, each its proper size and in its proper place. No part is important on its own. Can you imagine Eye telling Hand, "Get lost; I don't need you"? Or, Head telling Foot, "You're fired; your job has been phased out"? As a matter of fact, in practice it works the other way—the "lower" the part, the more basic, and therefore necessary. You can live without an eye, for instance, but not without a stomach. When it's a part of your own body you are concerned with, it makes *no* difference whether the part is visible or clothed, higher or lower. You give it dignity and honor just as it is, without comparisons. If anything, you have more concern for the lower parts than the higher. If you had to choose, wouldn't you prefer good digestion to full-bodied hair?

²⁵⁻²⁶ The way God designed our bodies is a model for understanding our lives together as a church: every part dependent on every other part, the parts we mention and the parts we don't, the parts we see and the parts we don't. If one part hurts, every other part is involved in the hurt, and in the healing. If one part flourishes, every other part enters into the exuberance.

²⁷⁻³¹ You are Christ's body—that's who you are! You must never forget this. Only as you accept your part of that body does your "part" mean anything. You're familiar with some of the parts that God has formed in his church, which is his "body": apostles, prophets, teachers, miracle workers, healers, helpers, organizers, those who pray in tongues.

But it's obvious by now, isn't it, that Christ's church is a complete Body and not a gigantic, unidimensional Part? It's not all Apostle, not all Prophet, not all Miracle Worker, not all Healer, not all Prayer in Tongues, not all Interpreter of Tongues. And yet some of you keep competing for so-called "important" parts.

But now I want to lay out a far better way for you. LOVE

