

# MENNO MENNONITE CHURCH

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

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Greeters: Howard & Linda Reimer  
Candlelighter: Justin Gering  
Accompanist: Katherine Swinger  
Song Leader: Bill Dyck  
Speaker: Keith Schaeffer

## GATHERING

Prelude  
Welcome  
Call to Worship

## PRAISING

\*Hymns #11 HWB  
#517 HWB

“Sweet hour of prayer”  
“Open my eyes, that I may see”

## OFFERING

## LISTENING

Children’s Time  
Scripture  
Message

Mark 9:17-31  
“Climbing the Ladder of Spiritual Success”

## RESPONDING

Confession and Assurance  
\*Hymn #545 HWB  
Announcements, Joys and Concerns, Prayer

“Be thou my vision”

## SENDING

\*Hymn #430 HWB  
Benediction  
Postlude  
\*Please stand if you are able.

“God be with you”

*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: Ryan Kuch  
Candlelighter: Benjamin Claassen  
Accompanist/Song Leader: Music Team  
Speaker: Keith Schaeffer

**Any prayer chain concerns or requests** to be initiated by Dennis Swinger, Sr.

**Please remember to contact a Deacon if you have any church concerns or needs.**

Charlotte Hardt (509) 981-1507  
Dennis Swinger Sr. (509) 750-7570  
Bill Dyck (509) 650-7171

**If you would be willing to be a cook at Menno Retreat May 12-14, talk to a church board member.**

## LITANIES

### Call to worship

Leader: Here in this place we gather to worship.

*All: Open our eyes and our hearts.*

Leader: Here in this place we gather to see you

*All: Open our eyes and our hearts.*

Leader: Here in this place we gather to perceive you in all your glory and beauty.

*All: Open our eyes and our hearts.*

Leader: Remove our blindness so that we might see ourselves honestly, and humbly worship you.

### Confession and words of assurance

Leader: O God, you open our eyes to see what is true. We confess that sometimes it is easier for us to stay blind than to embrace the fullness of your truth.

**People: We admit that it is scary and unsettling to fully accept what you want us to see.**

Leader: Your truth exposes our hidden secrets, upsets our expectations, and establishes a new order where we are no longer leading the way. Forgive us, O Lord, when we would rather stay in the darkness of our current reality instead of receiving your miracle of light and new life.

**People: Remove the cataracts from our eyes, that we may see and celebrate your goodness around us. Quicken our minds, and soften our hearts, that we may recognize that you are at work.**

*(Pause for silent confession)*

Leader: God who brings all things into the light,

*All: restore us.*

Leader: The Lord is our shepherd, we shall not want. Though we cannot see through the valley of the shadow of death, God is with us. We will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Amen.

### Benediction

Go with your eyes wide open and your hearts softened to see the face of God in each person you meet—and to love them accordingly. Go in God's peace. Amen.

**Bill Dyck will be Menno Church's PNMC coordinator** for when PNMC will be at Menno Church June 23 & 24. He will be looking for some volunteers for: child care nursery 0-4 yr, children K - G 6, and youth, setup & cleanup crews, and registration. If you would like a short term volunteer project, contact Bill before he contacts you.

**Camp CAMREC's nature retreat ( formerly Birds and Blossoms)** will be held this year May 19-21, coinciding with the Leavenworth Bird Festival. Come to hike, bike, take photos, do a little journaling or artwork, do a little collecting (mushrooms, fossils, flowers) and generally relax with friends. All ages welcomed. More information on the camp website. questions to Anita Stokes, [206-721-1902](tel:206-721-1902), [ajshowme@gmail.com](mailto:ajshowme@gmail.com). We would love to have 12 adults committed by April 22.

#### PULPIT SCHEDULE

April 2	Keith Schaeffer
April 9	Sally Dyck Speaker Bill Dyck Worship Leader Sharla Dyck Children's Time
April 16	Keith Schaeffer

#### LOOKING AHEAD

##### **MARCH**

29	6pm	Lenten Soup Supper at St. Agnes Church
31-2		Couples Retreat at Camp Camrec

##### **APRIL**

5	6pm	Lenten Soup Supper at New Hope Church
8	1pm	Rose Bauer Memorial Service
9		Palm Sunday
12	6pm	Lenten Soup Supper at Zion Congregational Church