

# 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

November 13, 2016

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Greeters: Chris & Melanie Gering  
Candlelighter: Leah Claassen  
Accompanist: Katherine Swinger  
Song Leader: Bill Dyck

## GATHERING

Prelude  
Welcome  
Call to Worship  
Opening Prayer

## PRAISING

\*Hymns #94 HWB  
#96 HWB

“Come, ye thankful people”  
“We plow the fields and scatter”

## OFFERING

## LISTENING

Children’s Time  
Scripture  
Message

Malachi 3:13-4:6

## RESPONDING

Confession and Assurance  
\*Hymn #156 HWB  
Announcements, Sharing and Prayer

“All things bright and beautiful”

## SENDING

\*Hymn #614 HWB

“In the bulb there is a flower”

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

Colombia is negotiating a complicated peace process, both on the official level and among people who have a long history of division and violence. Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for wisdom and courage for Colombia Mennonite Church members as the model the way of peace.

## Next Sunday

Greeters: Dennis & Katherine Swinger  
Candlelighter: Andrew Claassen  
Accompanist: Melanie Gering  
Song Leader: Gordon Gering

**THE RITZVILLE FOOD PANTRY** is once again asking the local churches to help with the cost of filling the Christmas baskets. Menno Mennonite is responsible for the following to be delivered to the Food Pantry by December 2nd:

2 cases stuffing mix  
2 cases canned milk  
2 cases cranberry sauce

## Litanies

### Call to Worship

- Leader: Let us come together with humility.
- People: How good a thing it is when all of God's people live together in unity.**
- Leader: Though we may be tempted to use harsh words,  
Let us come together with gentleness.
- People: How good a thing it is when all of God's people live together in unity.**
- Leader: Though we may want everything to happen quickly,  
Let us come together with patience.
- People: How good a thing it is when all of God's people live together in unity.**
- Leader: Though the world around often encourages hate,  
Let us come together in love.
- People: How good a thing it is when all of God's people live together in unity.**
- Leader: In humility, gentleness, patience, love, and unity,
- All: let us worship the God who has called us together.**

## Confession and Assurance

- Leader: Have mercy on us, O God, according to your unfailing love;
- People: Blot out all our transgressions, according to your great compassion;**
- Leader: Wash away all our iniquities and cleanse us from our sin.
- People: For we know our transgressions, and our sin is always before us.**
- Leader: We have sinned against you and have done what is evil in your sight.
- All: As a sacrifice we bring our broken and contrite hearts.**
- (pause for silence)*
- Leader: God will create in each of us a pure heart.  
God will not take the Holy Spirit from us.  
God will restore to us the joy of salvation and grant us willing spirits to sustain us.
- All: Praise to the God of mercy who loves and forgives us.**

## Benediction

May God bless and keep you.  
May the very face of God shine on you and be gracious to you.  
May God's presence embrace you and give you peace.

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Barb Franz resigned her Deacon position effective November 3, 2016. This unexpired term (two years remaining) will be filled through the Menno Deacon Ballot process. Additionally, Bill Dyck's term expires this year and he is eligible for re-election. Please keep these positions in prayer during the coming weeks. Ballots will be available on November 20, 2016.

**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!

**The Young Adult Sunday School class** will be in charge of putting up Christmas decorations on Sunday, November 20 during the Sunday School Hour. All adults who want to are invited to lend a helping hand. Children's Sunday School classes will meet as regularly scheduled.

### Looking Ahead

#### **DECEMBER**

|     |      |  |
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| 1   | 6pm  | Church Board Meets                           |
| 2-4 |      | WMF Men's Retreat                            |
| 10  | 10am | Walt Reimer's graveside services and Funeral |
| 11  |      | Farewell Meal for Yoder Family               |
| 17  |      | Katherine Swinger Birthday Party             |

#### **JANUARY**

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| 28 | 9am | Menno's Annual Business Meeting |
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