

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 20, 2016

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

GATHERING

Prelude
Welcome
Call to Worship
Opening Prayer

PRAISING

*Hymns #121 HWB "Holy God, we praise thy name"
 #116 HWB "Crown him with many crowns"

OFFERING

LISTENING

Children's Time
Scripture Psalm 46
Message

RESPONDING

Confession of Faith
*Hymn #565 HWB "My faith looks up to thee"
Announcements, Sharing and Prayer

SENDING

*Hymn #420 HWB "Heart with loving heart united"
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

Greeters: Curtis Gering
Candlelighter: Zach Claassen
Accompanist: Sharon Meyer
Song Leader: Butch Gering

The Young Adult Sunday School class will be in charge of putting up Christmas decorations TODAY 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.

Litanies

Call to Worship

Leader: Amid our confusion, God calls us.
We have so many questions and so few answers.
Yet through our uncertainty you embrace us;
you draw us close.

People: May our hearts fill with joy as we enter your mystery.

Leader: Amid our desires, God calls us.
We lose ourselves in our wants, and neglect our
needs. Yet through our yearning you engage us;
you draw us close.

People: May our hearts fill with joy as we enter your mystery.

Leader: Amid our weakness, God calls us.
We strive for independence and refuse to hear your
voice.
Yet through our foolish pride you enlighten us;
you draw us close.

People: May our hearts fill with joy as we enter your mystery.

Confession of Faith

Leader: Jesus taught us to speak of hope as the coming of
God's kingdom.

*All: We believe that God is at work in our world
turning hopeless and evil situations into good.
We believe that goodness and justice and love
will triumph in the end and that tyranny and
oppression cannot last forever.
One day all tears will be wiped away;
the lamb will lie down with the lion,
and justice will roll down like a mighty stream.*

Leader: True peace and true reconciliation are not only
desired, they are assured and guaranteed in Christ.

*All: We believe that in the end, God's rule of peace
and justice will be fully established and that
Jesus Christ will reign forever and ever.*

Benediction

Go now, like Mary, carrying within you what God has implanted
this season, nurturing it with love and preparing to share it with the
world.

Everence Financial recently created a matching grant program to
help pastors in our denomination with financial need. Pacific
Northwest Mennonite Conference has created a fund to provide
pastors with matching dollars. You are invited to make a tax-
deductible contribution to the shared fund.

Deacon ballots are being distributed today. 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!

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

Looking Ahead

DECEMBER

- 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

- 28 9am Menno's Annual Business Meeting