

# 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

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

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

## GATHERING

Prelude  
Welcome  
Call to Worship  
Opening Prayer

## PRAISING

\*Hymns #172 HWB                      "O come, O come, Immanuel"  
#174 HWB                                "Bless'd be the God of Israel"

## OFFERING

## LISTENING

Children's Time  
Scripture                                Isaiah 2:1-5  
Message

## RESPONDING

Confession and Assurance  
\*Hymn #31 STJ                         "He came down"  
Announcements, Sharing and Prayer

## SENDING

\*Hymn #77 STJ                         "The peace of the earth be with you"  
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: Al & Marge Dyck  
Candlelighter: Brandon Swinger  
Accompanist/Song Leader: Music Team

**IN YOUR MAILBOXES** The Pastoral Search Committee requests that the questionnaire in your mailbox be filled out and returned by next Sunday, December 4. You may leave the completed form in the basket in the back of the sanctuary or mail it to the church before December 4.

**Please join us in celebrating Katherine's 70<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> to [kswinger@sosmail.us](mailto:kswinger@sosmail.us)

## Litanies

### Call to Worship

Leader: In the nighttime of despair, we are filled with doubt.

**People: We are overwhelmed with busyness  
and the compulsion to do.  
We have lost our way.**

Leader: The night is almost over.  
We are emerging from our doubt.

**People: O God, show us your way.**

Leader: Come quickly, to show us.

**All: *The dawn is nigh. Show us your way.***

### Confession and Assurance

Leader: God of peace,

**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.

**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!

**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

#### **NOVEMBER**

30 6pm Church Board meets

#### **DECEMBER**

2-4 WMF Men's Retreat

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