

MENNO MENNONITE CHURCH

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10:00 a.m. Worship; 11:00 a.m. Sunday School

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~~~ SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS FOR ALL AGES ~~~

*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, December

Greeters: Gene and Dorene Claassen

Accompanist/Song Leader: Music Team

December 3, 2017

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Greeters: Donna and Cody Hostick

Song Leader: Cleon Claassen

Accompanist: Sharon Meyer

Worship Leader: Charlotte Hardt

## GATHERING

Welcome

First Advent

Michael Gering, Tina, Logan and Justin

Songs: # 49 STJ

“Rain Down”

#31 STJ

“He Came Down”

Scripture Reading

Luke 2:25-30

MESSAGE “What is the Meaning of Christmas” Pastor Jeanie

“Mary, Did You Know?” Recorded by Mark Lowry

Reading: “Jesus Came to Dinner” Ellie Gering

Song: #341 HWB

“Jesus Loves Me”

## RESPONSES

Announcements, Joys, Concerns, Reflections

Offering Blessing of the offering and the donated food items

Song: #345 HWB

“God Sent His Son”

## Coming Up!

12/10 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent—

Bring your Christmas bags to share with others—see insert

Hersheys’ Christmas Open House, following Services

12/17 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent--Kid’s Sunday. This will be a special service of children participating. The traditional Christmas sacks will be given out at this Sunday.

12/24 10:00am Christmas Eve Sunday Christmas service,  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

11:30am Breakfast Brunch (note time change)

There will be no evening service per planning group.

12/31 “From the Old to the New”

Chalk drawing by Pastor Lyn

NOTE: There will be no Sunday School classes on December 24 and 31. Be ready to start again on January 7<sup>th</sup>.

Menno Board Meeting: December 7<sup>th</sup>, 6pm at Hardt’s. If you have items for the budget proposal, please give information to Cleon Claassen prior to that time.

Annual Business Meeting: January 27<sup>th</sup>, 9am at Menno

Please join us for lunch on December 31, 2017 to celebrate Stan and Sharon Meyer’s 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. RSVP to Reed by December 17<sup>th</sup> if you plan to attend.

### **OPPORTUNITIES FOR MENNO TO SHARE---**

**It is delightful to report that all of the food items to share with the Ritzville Food Bank have been contributed. Thank you for your generosity.**

**They will be packing the boxes on December 13, at 9:00 am at the Legion Hall if you would like to take part in that.**

**Menno Women n Mission** will meet Thursday, Dec. 14, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Please bring a sack lunch and join in fellowship and projects that benefit others. We will be packing the Christmas bags.

**Are you inspired to plan a fun activity for all to enjoy in our new fellowship wing? We are looking for two persons, blessed with visions of strengthening our fellowship in this way, to serve on the Christian Enrichment Committee. Do you have special memories of times spent in your youth sunday school classes? Take a moment and consider your life in Christ. Has the education you received in elementary sunday school played a part in the joy you experience today? We are looking for an elementary sunday school superintendent and a sunday school board member, both blessed with organizational skills and a love of curriculum. If you desire an educational foundation for Menno's children, please consider serving in one of these positions. If interested, or for more information, contact Chris Gering at [509-660-3157](tel:509-660-3157).**

**DEACON NOMINATION BALLOTS** are due by noon on Sunday, December 10, 2017. A box under the bulletin board is available for your completed ballots.

### **SPECIAL THANKS:**

- **Betty White for making and donating the gift bags**
- **Howard Reimer for designing, building, and installing the railing for the steps leading up on the platform.**

### **SHARING CHRISTMAS BAGS OF GOODIES**

These bags will be going to Brownsville, Texas to a new church where they are reaching many community children. There are still some spaces to be filled. See Jeanie for the list if you want to sign up to share Christmas in this way. A wonderful activity with your children or grandchildren.

The Dollar Tree, or similar one, has many items that work well for this. They have Christian books for children there that make a good addition to the bag. You can either take the bag with you to fill or bring the items to the church. Women in Mission will complete the packing on December 14 so we can mail them in time to arrive there for the 24<sup>th</sup>.

The items should be age and gender appropriate. Candy, food, gum, or crayons are not acceptable.

Suggested items: socks; beanie/caps; personal items such as toothbrush, toothpaste, and combs; writing items such as pencils, tablets, notebooks, erasers, and colored pencils. Some form of toy such as stuffed animals.

**Please note on your bag the age and gender of the child.**

**Pick up your bag and label today.**

**PLEASE HAVE THE BAGS AT MENNO BY DECEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup> SO**

**WE CAN DEDICATE THEM AND THEN MAIL THEM OUT**

**Cash donations will be welcome to pay for postage or to provide supplies for a bag. Funds can be given to Sharon Meyer or designated on your check for Women In Mission. Any extra funds will be sent to them for a Christmas party.**

**NOTE: You may put a note or card or picture in the bag, along with address, if you would like.**