MENNO MENNONITE CHURCH

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Greeters: Michael & Staci Claassen Candlelighter: Zach Claassen Accompanist/Song Leader: Music Team

GATHERING	Welcome	
Call to Worship	Psalms 118:27-29	
Songs:	"Shout to the North"	

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'Shout to the North" "Over My Head"

Children's Chorus, Soloist Leah Claassen **Something Special Scripture Reading**

Malachi 3:1; Mathew 11:10-11, Matthew 5:14-16

MESSAGE "Preparing the Way" **Pastor Lvn** "Longing for Light" Anonymously chosen #54 STJ

RESPONSES

Announcements, Joys, Concerns, Reflections Offering Song: "He Hideth My Soul"

~~~ 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 3

Greeter: Donna and Cody Hostick Candlelighter: Justin Gering Accompanist: Sharon Meyer Song Leader: Cleon Claassen

## Coming Up!

- 12/3 First Sunday of Advent-"What is the Christmas Message?", Pastor Jeanie Bring food donations as noted below 12/10 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent—
- Bring your Christmas bags to share with others—see back Hersheys' Christmas Open House, following Services
- 12/17 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent--Kid's Sunday
- 12/24 8:30am Christmas Breakfast 10:00am Christmas Eve Special Christmas Service 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent There will be no evening service per planning group.

Menno Board Meeting: December 7<sup>th</sup>, 6pm at Hardt's Annual Business Meeting: January 27<sup>th</sup>, 9am at Menno

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

In our work with Ritzville Ministerial Association, we have opportunity to share food items that the Local Food Bank will use to give boxes away at Christmas time. Cash donations may be given/designated in lieu of the food. Please have your food here by Sunday the  $3^{rd}$  as we need to deliver to them by the  $4^{th}$ .

Our responsibility to give is

3 cases (24—14oz cans per case) cranberry sauce

2 cases (12—6 oz boxes per case) stuffing mix

2 cases (24—12 oz cans per case) evaporated milk You may bring whatever of the above amounts, and as a family, we at Menno will make this happen. There will be a box at front of the church on the 3<sup>rd</sup> for you to put your donations in. God is so good to us. Let us share Christmas with others. 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 also.

### SHARING CHRISTMAS BAGS OF GOODIES

These bags will be going to Brownsville, Texas to a new church where they are reaching many community children. Pastor Jeanie met the contact person from there at Convention. Sign up on the list for the bags that you want to fill. This is a wonderful family activity. 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 and we will have a great time of packing them together.

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

<u>Suggested items</u>: 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. We will have labels at the church.

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.

MEN—Don't forget to go to Men's Retreat—December 1-3. We will miss you here but go and have a great time!

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