

MENNO MENNONITE CHURCH

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10:00 a.m. Worship—11:00am Sunday School for all ages

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9:15-9:45: Prayer time in the library to seek God’s guidance for what He has for us at Menno.

Worship Leader: Charlotte Hardt

Song Leader/ Accompanist: Music Team

Advent Family

WELCOME TO MENNO

Prelude

Call to Worship

L: “Now is the time of waiting and watching. We wait expectantly for the Messiah, for God’s promises to be fulfilled.

P. We turn to you, O God, in the midst of this chaotic world, longing for that day of salvation to arrive. How long must we wait?”

L: Pay attention, be still and know that God is with us. The signs are all around us.

P. Fill us with the faith and the hope of what is to be as we come before you with open hearts.

ALL: Come, Lord Jesus, come.”

Prayer: “Loving God, at times our world seems out of control and we feel we are wandering in darkness. Yet we stand in faithfulness on your promises, knowing that you are always near, that you care for us and love us. We wait in expectation for the birth of your Son, Jesus Christ. Let us trust in you and remember your promises, being filled with love for you and for one another in this season of waiting.”

Hymn #178 HWB

Hymn #174 HWB

Hymn #209 HWB

Announcements, Concerns, Joys

ADVENT LIGHTING:

OFFERING

Hymn #340 HWB

Scripture Reading:

Message:

Closing Hymn #343 HWB

Benediction

“Come, thou long-expected Jesus”

“Bless’d be the God of Israel”

“Oh, how joyfully”

“Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus”

Psalms 25:1-5

“Hope”

Pastor Jeanie Hershey

“My hope is built on nothing less”

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

Candlelighter: Zach Claassen

Greeters: Gary Jantz

Song Leader: Cleon Claassen

Accompanist: Melanie Gering

Deacon ballots were mailed out Monday, November 19. Please return your ballot to the ballot box by noon, December 9, 2018.

Food Bank- Food has been purchased by Linda Reimer for Menno’s giving for Christmas food baskets by the Food Bank. If you would like to take part in that, you may give your donation to her.

WERE YOU SURPRISED when you saw that there had been some rearrangement of pews? Thank you to those who were involved in making these changes so that we have easy access for persons in wheel chairs. It is our goal to make our facility as user friendly as possible.

Our annual meeting and election of officers and committees will be January 26th. Be praying about how God wants you to take part in Menno life and/or who you might tap on the shoulder to encourage to take a position.

Living with hope: 9 practical lessons from a Rock Climber
Don't let go—Hang in there
Hesitation is bad
Have a plan for each move
Move to the end—not stop in the middle
Know how to rest
Fear sucks—Focus on what you are doing rather than the fear
Opposites are good
Balance is more important than strength
Know how to let go at the right time

COMING ACTIVITIES

ADVENT—The four weeks prior to Christmas, when we reflect about the gifts of Jesus, as the Messiah, that persons had been looking for. The Jews had waited many years for Messiah to be born, to become our Messiah. ADVENT will include Scripture readings and candle lighting by families and start today,

9th—2nd Sunday of Advent focusing on Peace. The Burkholders will provide the Advent service for this and light the candle. Brandon and Zane will provide special music for us.

16th—3rd Sunday of Advent, focusing on Joy. There will also be a children's Christmas play in this service.

23rd—4th Sunday of Advent, focusing on Love.

USED CLOTHING will be packed for local clothing banks and MCC Etc. Shops at the Menno Women in Mission meeting in December. Please have donations washed/cleaned and in good repair. Please place your donations in the corner of the Educational Wing near room #6