

Order of Service
Menno Mennonite Church
Advent 4:
December 20, 2020
Speaker: Bryce Miller

Prelude: Selections from Christmas Organ Recital Washington National Cathedral
(2017)

Let all Mortal Flesh Keep Silence Kin Collective (YouTube)

Call to Worship

Welcome
Announcements

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly Courtesy of Douglas Mennonite Church,
Winnipeg, MB

Children's Story – Emily Toews

In the Bleak Midwinter Quire, Cleveland (YouTube)

Scripture: Luke 1:26-38

Sermon: *Let it be with me* Bryce Miller

This is the night of Heaven and Earth Garrison Doles; Art by Jan Richardson

Congregational Sharing of joys, concerns

Prayer
The world is about to turn Goshen College Chamber Choir

Benediction

Deacon Nominations are due Today December 20 at Noon. The box is on the table in the back of the Fellowship Hall Space.

Christmas at Menno: As you well expect our 2020 Christmas celebration will be somewhat adapted. Presently, we are planning a socially distant but gathered celebration Christmas Eve December 24 at 6:30 PM with a livestream of the event. The content will be video based, and there will be no congregational singing this year. *We encourage people to participate remotely and may need to limit the number of people gathered.* Please monitor your email, Facebook, and the website for updates as we will need to remain flexible to adapt as conditions warrant.

Bryce & Emily will continue delivering Christmas bags to your homes for kids and adults with some goodies and seasonal elements over the next couple of days. We will endeavor to give you a heads up the best we can.

The recently displayed Advent banners “Love” and “Joy” have been made and generously donated to Menno Church by **Roberta Schrag**. Thank you for sharing of your talent in design and creativity!”

Emily was able to activate her R class Visa Friday Evening. Emily had to cross the border briefly in order to recross with a new status, here activating her Religious Worker’s visa. This allows her to take up duties with Menno in the coming weeks solidifying her immigration status through May 2023. We remain expectant of a Green Card at some point, but with COVID we cannot tell when. We are deeply grateful for the many expressions of care, support, and patience from the congregation as this experience has played itself out.

Women’s Bible Study group will be starting a new study in mid-January: “MISSING PIECES: Real Hope When Life Doesn’t Make Sense”, by Jennifer Rothschild. Our Wednesday evening Zoom gatherings are from 6-7:30 p.m. Women who would like to be a part of this study are invited to contact Sharon Meyer as soon as possible as materials will be ordered soon.

Annual reports are due to the Church Office no later than January 10. This is a hard deadline as the reports need to be produced and distributed by January 17th. You should have received a reminder email Thursday this week from Bryce if it is understood that one is to be produced.

Mark your calendars for the January 30th Annual Meeting at 9 AM.

Thank you, Menno for your amazing response to the towel challenge! Thursday at their monthly meeting, Menno Women in Mission inventoried and packed the towels for Serve Moses Lake. Thursday afternoon, the following was delivered to Serve: new—46 bath towels, 14 hand towels, 62 wash cloths; used—73 bath towels, 28 hand towels, 58 washcloths. In addition to the towels, 20 new pairs of men’s winter boots (with seven more pairs on backorder) were delivered. Executive Director Brandon LaBonte thanks the Menno congregation for their generous donation.

You are invited to share your bed quilts or wall quilts for display in the Fellowship Hall. The plan is to display quilts on a rotating basis, as quilts arrive. Seasonal quilts would be most welcome.

Information to note from Menno Women in Mission:

Box Tops for Education are no longer being collected for Peace Academic Center (formerly Hopi Mission School) in Arizona. Receipts may now be scanned for the destination of your choice.

Cards for St. Jude's will be accepted to be recycled; however, the program will not accept Hallmark, American Greeting, Disney, or not-profit cards. You may place cards to recycle in the basket near the mailboxes, but please be aware of these restrictions. Thank you!

Offerings can be made online at mennomennonite.org/donate or by mail to Menno.