

December 2018

Dear Menno Haven Friends,



Do you remember when you first fell in love? If you are a parent, remember the first moments seeing your new baby and the deep overwhelming love for your child? God looks at each one of us in the same way, day after day. In fact, his love for us far surpasses any earthly love we know.



**That is what this Christmas season is all about – God loving us so much that He sent his son, Jesus, to earth.** The Apostle Paul reminds us in Galatians 4:4-7 that we are loved and called to be children of God. **Out of God’s love for us we are also called to love each other** (I John 4:19).



**So many friends have shown God’s love to others through the ministry of Menno Haven.** We just celebrated our 60<sup>th</sup> year of being in ministry in this location! During these 60 years, thousands of people have experienced the love of Jesus Christ through our summer or winter youth camp programs...through our retreat ministry to adults and families...through our team-building Adventure Education program to all ages. I have been in Princeton, Peoria, Arthur, Goshen and many other places and when people hear I am from Menno Haven, they turn and say, “I/my child went there as a camper!” The love and affection for this place and the ministry pours out through their words, the smile on their face and their whole demeanor.

**You and people like you have helped make that happen...** through your prayers, volunteer hours and financial gifts. There are so many of you that have already given this year and if you are one of them, thank you, THANK YOU!!! Please keep praying for this ministry and helping as a volunteer and/or giving of the resources that God has blessed you with.



**If you have not yet given a financial gift this year, would you consider giving a year-end gift to support the mission of Menno Haven?** Help us to continue showing Jesus’ love for campers and adults of all ages. That’s what Menno Haven is about. Being a place where people can feel and experience God’s love.

A Servant of Christ,

Doc Johnson  
Executive Director

**Would you consider a tax-deductible gift towards our ministry by December 31, 2018?**

Menno Haven relies on donations of 18% of our budget (or \$93,000) in order to meet ministry needs each year. We need additional gifts to help with improvements and capital projects.

**Thank you for your generosity in the past...  
...and for your commitment to care for our future!**

*P.S. Did you know that federal tax law allows an individual who is 70 ½ or older to direct required minimum distributions of up to \$100,000 from his/her IRA to charitable organizations without including the distribution in gross income? Menno Haven is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit and is qualified to receive direct IRA distributions. Consider this or other unique giving options.*