

This Sunday is the last Sunday to sign up for the Dec 4 Surprise Luncheon.

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MIDWEEK CONNECTION AT MCN

November 16, 2016

Worship with Us This Sunday, November 20

The Scriptures for this Sunday are Ezekiel 47:1-12, and John 7:37-38. The title of the sermon is *The Gift that Keeps on Giving*. Pastor Tim comments, "How strange! In Ezekiel's vision, rather than dissipating, the water increases in volume and depth. This bears some careful thought." The hymns are Jesus Shall Reign (HWB 319), All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (HWB 106), All who Hunger, Gather Gladly (Tune HWB 8), and The Lord Lift You Up (STJ 73).

Note to Participants in Pastor Schrag's CE class. This Sunday we will be examining John 11.



Prayers

Please pray for our country, its elected leaders, and everyone in this nation (and world), who will be affected by governmental policies.

This Week at 805 S Cottage

Wed Nov 16

Ministry to Aging Seminar 6:00 pm
Adult Christian Education Teachers 7:00 pm

Thurs Nov 17 Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am
 Staff Meeting 9:30 am
 Financial Stewardship 5:30 pm
 Youth Ministry Committee 6:00 pm

Sun Nov 20 Pre-Service Prayer 9:00 am
 Worship 9:30 am
 Children's Christian Ed 10:45 am
 Adult Christian Ed 11:00 am
 Child Protection Meeting 12:00 pm
 Junior High Youth 5:00 pm
 Senior High Youth 5:00 pm
 Junior Choir 6:00 pm
 Youth Choir 6:45 pm
 Adult Choir 7:30 pm



Nov 24-25 Church Office closed for Thanksgiving

Serving This Sunday



<p>Greeters</p> <p>Welcome Table Ushers</p> <p>Worship Leader Song Leader Accompanist Scripture Children's Time Sermon Technology Toddler Nursery</p> <p>Preschool Nursery</p>	<p>South: Duane and Stephanie Nester West: Mary Jantze</p> <p>Marcia Rossi Eric and Chellie Miller Ryan and Nathan Miller</p> <p>Lynette Miller Jenell Ulrich Chris Culbertson Tanya Kimbembe Louise Reeser Pastor Tim Schrag Caleb Augspurgen Angela Liew</p> <p>Evan King</p>
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Birthdays & Anniversaries



Happy Birthday to

Adriene	Lane	21-Nov
Jo	Ropp	21-Nov
Barry	Weaver	22-Nov
Rick	Yoder	22-Nov
Peggy	Moore	26-Nov

Congratulations to **Carroll & Roberta Miller** who are celebrating their 57th anniversary on November 17.

Ministering to Older Adults in the Church

Wednesday, November 16, 6:00-7:30 pm Sponsored by Meadows, facilitated by Pastor Jane Roeschley, and held in the MCN Sanctuary, this seminar will explore characteristics of the growing older adult population, the Christian call to ministry with this segment of our congregations and talk about some ideas to minister to them. Refreshments will be served. To reserve your spot, please call Darla Hath, Volunteer and Development Coordinator for Meadow Communities at (309)747.3628

Surprise Luncheon

Surprise Luncheon is December 4. Please leave your sign-up sheet in basket provided in church entrance. **This Sunday, November 20, is the last day to turn your sign-up sheet in.** If you have questions, call the church office at 452-6622.

New to Surprise Luncheons? Here is an explanation: The MCN Surprise Luncheon is an opportunity to get to know people and meet new people. Here is how it works: some church families offer to host and others sign up to be guests for a Sunday noon meal, usually the first Sunday in December. The host family provides the main dish and dessert; guest families each provide a salad.

Host families offer to host the number of guests that suit their home. Hosts do not know who is coming, only the number of guests they will have. Guests do not know where they are going until after Sunday School the day of the event. Guests are assigned to hosts by the Fellowship Committee. Care is taken to accommodate the needs of guests, whether it be for an accessible home or playmates for their children. However, it is always possible you will have opportunity to spend quality time with persons you have not particularly interacted with before.



Alternative Gifts Fair

We did it! We beat last year's record for contributions to the Alternative Gifts Fair! The total as of November 13th is \$21,629 (MCC \$13,763; AGI \$7,866). Last year's total was \$20,761. Incredible! Thanks to everyone for their overflowing generosity. This coming Sunday, November 20th, is the last day to turn in checks and shopping lists -- see Roelie in the library.

MCC and AGI inserts with a description of your gift should be in shoppers' mail boxes by the first week in December, in plenty of time for Christmas mail. If you haven't picked up your booth displays, they are in the Jr. High S.S. classroom. Thanks, again! -Roelie, Meredith, Abby, & Sophie

Upgrades!

Our building is getting some needed upgrades. During this week (November 14-16) and early next week carpet in the main areas is being replaced. This process involves dust, glue, and the smell of new carpet materials. If you are sensitive to these allergens, please be aware of this process. Also, we are in the process of replacing all the old (20 years or more!) furnace and air conditioning units. The one above the kitchen is being replaced on November 14-16.



Are you interested in the Thanksgiving Potluck at 12:30 on November 24? For details and to sign up, visit <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e094faaa87-thanksgiving>



An Encounter with Korea's Culture and History

Sunday, November 27. **6:45 p.m.** Homebuilders at the MRC community room. Program by Lynette and Darrel Miller on "An Encounter with Korea's Culture and History." They were recently two weeks in Korea for their son's wedding celebration. Everyone welcome.

Fellowship of Anabaptist Young Adults

College and post-college aged young adults: Join us at 4:00 on Sunday, November 20th at Roanoke Mennonite Church for a lesson on Anabaptist history in Illinois led by Julie Hendricks of the Illinois Mennonite Historical and Genealogical Society. Then enjoy a Thanksgiving-style pot luck meal starting at 5:00; please plan to bring a side dish or dessert to share.

RSVP via the Fellowship of Anabaptist Young Adults group on Facebook to let us know how many places to set at the table and leave a comment if you know what item you will be bringing. For notifications on upcoming events, like our page. Or, email ayafellowship@gmail.com. Hope to see you there! Thanks!
Jennifer Imhoff

Mennonite Central Committee Great Lakes

Mennonite Central Committee Great Lakes is seeking a Program Director. The person who fills this role will be responsible for the direction and oversight of MCC Great Lakes programs. The Program Director is expected to connect with constituent churches and groups, as well as partner organizations, to work together and advance the mission of MCC. This position also explores ways to further develop relationships between program staff and partnerships within the Great Lakes region to reflect the commitment to diverse constituent churches. To see a full job description and apply, visit mcc.org/gl-program-director or contact Amber Falcón at 574-534-4133.



Building Use

HAAQG Sewing Mentoring
Thursday, November 17 6:00 pm

Partners in Healing

Mennonite Church of Normal joins with other churches in the area to pray for various sections of Advocate Bro Menn Medical Center and Advocate Eureka Hospital. This month MCN is asked to pray for Advocate Home Health & Hospice Please call the church office if you or someone in your family is hospitalized. Due to HIPAA regulations, persons may be hospitalized for several days before your pastors are aware of a need for pastoral care.



Conference Newsletters

[Central District Conference \(CDC\) Focus](#) The CDC Focus is now available in this online format. Just click the picture of the newsletter or the title. A copy is available on the Entrance Bulletin Board. Also available is the [CDC Reporter](#). [Click the link](#) to read the current IMC Weekly: Illinois Mennonite Conference (IMC) Conference Ministers Michael Danner & Kim Litwiller's weekly message to IMC churches. Also, the latest copy of [Missional Crossroads](#) is available.



Thought for the Day

We who were formerly no people at all, and who knew of no peace, are now called to be...a church...of peace. True Christians do not know vengeance. They are the children of peace. Their hearts overflow with peace. Their mouths speak peace, and they walk in the way of peace.
Menno Simons



Today's Chuckle

An Englishman, a Frenchman, a Spaniard, and a German are all watching a street performer do some excellent juggling. The juggler notices that the four gentlemen have a poor view, so he stand on a large box and asks, "Can you all see me now?"

"Yes."

"Oui."

"Si."

"Ja."
