

God's People Gather to Worship

When Jesus heard what had happened, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. Hearing of this, the crowds followed him on foot from the towns. When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick. Matthew 14:13-14

For our guests

- The guestbook and name tags are at the Welcome Table, as well as a small gift for our first-time visitors.
- There is opportunity for introduction of guests during the pre-service time.
- Large print hymnals and hearing devices are available. Ask a greeter or any one of the ushers.

Caring for our children – Professionally-staffed child care is offered beginning at 9:20 am.

- **Toddler Nursery** for newborns through age 2, including a nursing nook, and crib room.
- **Preschool Nursery** for ages 3-5 (Pre-K), in Room 11.
- **Children's Time** during worship. Children are invited to come to the platform.

Following Worship

- **Christian Education** for adults begins at 11:00 am. See the classes listed below.
- **Caring and Sharing** time is available in the center Fellowship Area.

Christian Education	
Children	
10:45 am	
Gather 'Round (ages 3-1st)	Room 11
<i>SHINE Curriculum</i>	
Nursery	Nursery
3 & 4 year olds	Rooms 13 & 14
Grades K-1	Room 11
Grades 2 & 3	Room 12
Grades 4 & 5	Room 9
Grades 6-8	Room 8
Adults & Teens	
The New Jim Crow David Harnish & Amy Reiman, Leaders, Classroom 4	
What Did Jesus Mean? Darryl Miller, Leader, Conference Room	
High School Study Pastor Tim Schrag Leader, Rooms 5 & 7	

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Get connected! For more information on any of the following ministries, contact the office.	
* Junior & Youth Choirs	* Area Clusters
* Junior High Fellowship	* Mennonite Women
* Senior High Fellowship	* Book Studies
* Young Families	* Homebuilders
* Women's Bible Studies	* Seniors Events
* Next Man's Bible Study	* Parish Nurse

Order of Worship February 19, 2017

Community Life	Pastor Tim Schrag
Scripture Focus	Gail Fisher
Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Matthew 5:5-6	
Prelude	Dorothy Loepp
Call to Worship	
*Hymns	Cindy Ropp
*Prayer	
Children's Time	Shelly Nester King
Child Dedication	Peighton Marie Stalter
Worship Music	<i>The House of the Lord</i> Junior Choir
Offering	
Confession	Back of Bulletin
Sharing and Congregational Prayer	
*Hymn	
Scripture	Matthew 13:53-57a; Matthew 14:6-14; Matthew 15:1-2 Pascal Ngongo
Sermon	<i>The Importance of Hand Washing</i>
*Hymn	
*Benediction	
*Postlude and Dismissal	

**Please stand as you are able.*

Parents/Caregivers, please note that Children's CE dismisses at 11:45.

Please remember to silence your cell phone.

Weekly Calendar

Today	Pre-Service Prayer	9:00 am
	Worship	9:30 am
	CE for Children	10:45 am
	CE for Adults	10:45 am
	Junior High Youth	5:00 pm
	Senior High Youth	5:00 pm
	Junior Choir	6:00 pm
	Youth Choir	6:45 pm
Thu Feb 23	Next Man Bible Study	6:15 am

Homebuilders Sunday, Feb 26, 2017 at 7:00 PM at the MRC Community Building. The speaker is Charlotte Alvarez, who is a staff attorney for the Immigration Project. She will give an overview of the Immigration Project work, talk about some of the difficulties, including the recent ban, and respond to questions. All are invited.

59th Annual Illinois Mennonite Relief Sale, March 17-18, Interstate Center, Bloomington.

*Sign-up sheets & supplies will be available this Sunday.

*Sign up early if you want to work in the Dutch Market.

*We need **more pies** this year: apple, cherry, rhubarb & miscellaneous fruit pies.

*Bring your coins to put in the *Coins Count bottle*.

*We need crocheted, knitted and quilted items. Also woodworking items.

*Each church is asked to donate 5 **new** items for the auction.

*Distribute Relief Sale booklets, posters and yard signs around town.

Questions? Ask Roelie Homan (662-6426) or Gerry Schrock 452-7345.

MCN Spending Plan Status

Thank you for your offerings.

January Income \$34,190.61

January Expenses \$39,858.07

Attendance on Feb 12 was 155.

Torn Cloth Cross. The cross on the worship table was fashioned last spring by the High School Class during their study of The True Story. It was made with torn strips of colored cloth to wrapped around Styrofoam. The foam squares were hung together in the form of a cross on on their classroom wall. We appreciate their sharing it with us this month in our worship.

New Jim Crow Class Because of the size of the class, the New Jim Crow Class will meet in the Sanctuary this week and for the foreseeable future. For those wanting to continue their conversations and fellowshiping, please move out of the Atrium and into the “under the mezzanine” area. Tables are going to be set up in the North and South sections of the “under the mezzanine” area to attempt to minimize the noise carrying over the partitions and into the Sanctuary.

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, hear our confession.

Our faith is uncertain,
our forgiveness slow,
our conviction weak,
our compassion wavering.

We have exalted the proud and powerful,
put down the weak,
saturated the rich with good things,
neglected the poor,
sent the hungry away empty-handed.

We have helped ourselves.

Show us your mercy.
Help us show mercy,
through your Son, our Savior. AMEN



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Offering Christ's peace to hearts, homes, community and world