

Don't have plans for Thanksgiving? The Thanksgiving Potluck is Thanksgiving Day at noon. Meat is supplied, bring a dish to share. Let Marge Nester know if you plan to attend. It will be fun!

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MIDWEEK CONNECTION AT MCN

November 22, 2017

Worship with Us this Sunday, November 26

The sermon title is *Be Quick, Be Slow* and the Scripture is James 1:19-26. Pastor Tim Schrag comments, "I am intrigued by the phrase, 'be quick to listen.' What does that really mean? Do you know anyone who seems to live this out? What behaviors characterize a person 'quick to listen'? And how are you doing in this regard?"

Prayers

We pray for

- *Healing for Eric Miller after successful spine surgery on Tuesday.
- *Lloyd Combs' rehab at Heritage Health (on Adelaide) after an illness.
- *Bev Collins upcoming excisional biopsy.
- *Jaron Zehr's Grandpa's defibrillator.

We give thanks for

- *A successful Alternative Gifts Fair.
- *Gerlof Homan's Christian example.

Condolences

*We extend heartfelt condolences to the family of Gerlof Homan, who passed away on Friday, November 17. Visitation will be Monday, November 27 from 4:30pm-7:30pm and the funeral will be Tuesday, November 28 at 10:30am.

This Week At 805 S Cottage

Thur Nov 23 Church Office Closed
Thanksgiving Potluck 12:00 pm

Fri Nov 24 Church Office Closed

Sun Nov 26 Pre-Service Prayer 9:00 am
Worship 9:30 am
Christian Education for Children 10:45 am
Christian Education for Adults 11:00 am
Jr. Choir 6:00 pm
Youth Choir 6:45 pm
Adult Choir 7:30 pm

Thur Nov 30 Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am



Serving This Sunday

Greeters	South: The Randy Zehr Family West: Helen Brandon
Welcome Table	Aldine Combs
Ushers	Darvis & Shelly King, Jonah, Evan, & Emma King
Sermon	Pastor Tim Schrag
Worship Leader	Darrel Miller
Song Leader	Jenell Ulrich
Scripture	Mary Dyck
Children's Time	Louise Reeser
Accompanist	Dorothy Loepp
Technology	Wesley Hershberger
Toddler Nursery	Erin & JB Ponnou-Delaffon
Preschool Nursery	The King Family



Birthdays and Anniversaries

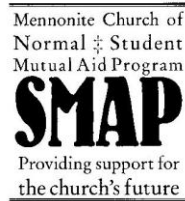


Miles Doblosky 11/29
Ron Schertz 11/29
Darvis King 12/01

Happy 58th Anniversary to Carroll & Roberta Miller on November 27



If you can provide a salad or dessert for the funeral meal on Tuesday, please let Jenell Ulrich know by emailing jenell.ulrich@gmail.com. Thank you!



The spring college semester is soon upon us and Student Mutual Aid Program will be making the college tuition payments in about one month. This is a reminder and a request to please make your contributions in the next three weeks so we have a better idea where we stand for our balance. Thanks again for your continued support of this valuable program!



Thank you to all that came and donated to the MYF Fundraiser Congregational Meal last Sunday! Tentative totals indicate a net profit of over \$1,400! A huge thank you to Gerry Schrock who led the dedicated Youth!



Exploring Your Fit CE Class - January - March 2018

A good “fit” between *who* we are and *how* we serve God and others offers the best chance for meaning, significance and joy to result. It also reduces frustrations and disappointments. Exploring Your Gift class takes a look at how God made you - personality type, natural gifts, spiritual gifts, season of life, Enneagram, and more - in order to think about where you “best fit” in serving in the church and community. **Please contact Pastor Jane to register.**



Coats and Winter Gear for Returning Citizens

Jobs Partnership, a ministry that assists citizens returning to society from prison, is in need of winter coats, hats, gloves, and boots for men and women. Good used items may be collected in the red tub in the Atrium for the

next month (until Dec 10). Questions - ask Mary Jantze.



This holiday season as you pick out gifts for loved ones, why not add a few supplies for MCC kits to your list? As families around the world face disaster and crisis, MCC kits and comforters remind them that their needs are not forgotten. There is a new, easy way for you to get involved! MCC Great Lakes has put together a list of most needed items on Amazon.com. Simply purchase the pre-selected items on the wish list and the items will ship directly to the material resource center in Goshen. (Due to space limitations at MCC Connections in Kidron, all items are being shipped to Goshen.) Thank you for joining MCC in sharing God's love and compassion in this tangible way this Christmas.

Direct link to Amazon Wish List: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2Q8X1M1HPMQ92/ref=cm_go_nav_hz or search "MCC Great Lakes" in Amazon Wish Lists.



Thanksgiving Day Meal

If you have not signed up for the Thanksgiving Dinner at the church - it's not too late! You can sign up online through this link [Sign Up Genius](#) or sign up on the Community Events bulletin board in the atrium, or by calling Marge Nester. It will be fun! Meat is supplied. Just come at noon and bring a dish to share. It will be fun!



The Peoria Area Community Festival of Nativities

December 1-3, Friday & Saturday 10am-9pm, Sunday 12pm-6pm

Free Admission

3700 W. Reservoir Blvd., Peoria IL

www.communityfestivalofnativities.com



Northwest Neighborhood Community Center Christmas Party!!

December 2nd, 2017. 5-7pm

If you are interested in volunteering for this event, here are some of our needs!

- Set up/clean up crew
- Meal prep and servers
- Activity leaders

Interested in helping with food? Contact Jordan at jwilie22@gmail.com.

Interested in meal prep on Tuesdays and/or Thursdays? Email Deb belle11.dd@gmail.com

There is also a need for Gift card donations and meal donations. If you can donate a gift card, please give to Amy Reiman.



Bells In Motion Presents: A Ringing Christmas

Saturday, December 2, 7pm

First Mennonite Church, 250 Baltimore, Morton

\$15 tickets at the door

For questions visit www.bellsinmotion.org or contact Kathy Frampton 309-263-4237 or kathlenaf@yahoo.com



Camp Friedenswald is Coming to Bloomington-Normal!

You are invited to join us on Monday, December 4th at 6:30pm at MCN for an update from Camp.

As a Builder or friend of Camp Friedenswald, we want to thank you for your continued support, and to share all that has happened in 2017 to Renew Friedenswald. We hope to see you there! If possible, RSVP by November 27 to 269-476-9744 or jenna@friedenswald.org.



Save the date! We hope you will make this your "try it out" year if you haven't been in a while (or ever!) EVERYONE is invited to the All Church Winter Retreat at Camp Friedenswald: a weekend of fellowship and fun, January 26-28! Friedenswald is a beautiful retreat in southern Michigan with comfortable, warm lodges to accommodate us. Opportunities for social time or solitude abound! Activities for the weekend include relaxation, worship, sledding, tubing, hiking, eating, cross country skiing, reading, games, fellowship, and more! Questions can be directed to Shelly/Darvis King or Marge Nester. More details and sign up coming in December.



Mennonite Disaster Service trip, Feb 11-17, 2018 - Coastal Bend Area, Texas.

This is still in the early planning stages, but MCN is booked for a few volunteer slots (4-10) with MDS for hurricane relief work in Texas. Please inform Pastor Jane if you'd like to be on the list of interested persons.



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 Minister Michael Danner's weekly message to IMC churches.

Voice of the Day

"We ought to give thanks for all fortune: if it is good, because it is good, if bad, because it works in us patience, humility and the contempt of this world and the hope of our eternal country."

C.S. Lewis

Today's Chuckle



1. Load your plate up high, then take it to the kitchen, toss it all in the blender, and take your "shake" back to the table. Announce that it's the new Thanksgiving Weight Loss Shake.
2. When everyone goes around to say what they are thankful for, say, "I'm thankful I didn't get caught," and refuse to say anything more.
3. Bring along old recorded football games, pop them in the DVD when Dad's not looking. Make sure it is set to the last two minutes of the game. When he comes into the room, turn off the DVD and turn on the regular TV.
4. Bring a date that only talks about the tragic and abusive conditions known to exist at turkey farms.
5. During mid-meal turn to mom and say, "See mom, I told you they wouldn't notice that the turkey was past the expiration date. You were worried for nothing."