



MIDWEEK CONNECTION AT MCN

September 5, 2018

Worship with Us this Sunday, September 9

The sermon title is *God's Word, and God's World*, and the Scripture is Psalm 33:1-11 and John 1:1-5; 14. Pastor Tim Schrag comments, "We do well to rescue the word 'diversity' from its current political overtones, and consider the marvelous way that the diversity of God's creation is a wonderful reflection of God's imagination."

Prayers

Please pray for

- *Ron and Leanne Schertz, Ron is scheduled for 5-bypass surgery on Thursday, September 6th in Elkhart
- *Meredith Schroerer who is recovering from complications from a spider bite
- *Those looking for work
- *Immigrants and Refugees
- *Mark Alsene's sister
- *David and Laurie Yost who are leaving on a six month medical service in New Zealand

Condolences

We offer condolences to Keith, Shannon, Clara, Lucy, Andreas, and Ian Unzicker. Keith's father, Don Unzicker, passed away Tuesday, September 4. Visitation for Don Unzicker will be Friday, September 7th from 5 to 7 pm and funeral service on Saturday at 10 am, both at Metamora Mennonite Church.

This Week At 805 S Cottage

Thur Sept 6 Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am

Sun Sept 9 Pre-Service Prayer 9:00 am
Worship 9:30 am



Christian Education for Children 10:45 am
Christian Education for Adults 11:00 am

Mon Sept 10 Mennonite Women 9:30 am

Tue Sept 11 Financial Stewardship Committee 4:30 pm
Wellness Committee 5:30 pm
Church Board 6:30 pm

Wed Sept 12 Pastoral Council 6:00 pm

Thur Sept 13 Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am
Outreach Committee 5:00 pm
Leadership Selection Committee 6:30 pm

Serving This Sunday

Greeters	Kristen and Lauren Satchwell West: Lois Hochstetler
Welcome Table	Marcia Rossi
Ushers	Mark Roeschley & Ardys Serpette Stephanie Nester & Manny Oyer
Sermon	Pastor Tim Schrag
Worship Leader	Darvis King
Song Leader	Cindy Ropp
Scripture	Linda Clemmons
Children's Time	Holly Zehr
Accompanist	Chris Culbertson
Technology	Wesley Hershberger
Toddler Nursery	JB or Erin Ponnou-Delaffon
Preschool Nursery	Holly Zehr



Birthdays and Anniversaries



Linda Clemmons 9/13
Darin Driscoll 9/13
Andy Hedberg 9/13

Happy 46th Anniversary to John and Erma Stutzman on September 9



Van to borrow for Women's Retreat?

There is a group of 5 women who would like to take a van together to Camp Friedenswald for Women's

Retreat. Might there be one they could borrow? Contact Cindy Ropp.



Family Literacy Child Care -- School Year Volunteer Needed

Our summer volunteers for the Family Literacy Child Care, 12:30-2:00 pm each Wednesday are heading back to school. We need 2 (or 3) volunteers who could serve 1-2 times per month. Please talk to Pastor Jane.



Apartment Needed

If anyone has or knows of a 1 bedroom apartment that would be available in early September, please contact John Bertsche.



Pray for the Cure

The eighth annual Bloomington-Normal area PRAY for the CURE™ will be held on **Thursday, September 6, 2018 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church, 1617 E. Emerson St. in Bloomington, IL.** This event is a prelude to the Susan G. Komen Bloomington-Normal Race for the Cure for breast cancer awareness on Saturday, September 8, 2017. PRAY for the CURE™ is a special evening dedicated to prayer, praise and worship for cancer survivors, their families, friends and health care providers. The evening is also a time to pray for the researchers, labs and funding agents who are making the work towards a cure for breast cancer a priority.

Guest speaker is Don Lusk who will share "The Best of Times, the Worst of Times - A Caregiver's Story."

[Pantagraph Article](#)



Adult offerings during Christian Education Hour, starting September 9

Welcoming the LGBTQ Community: Biblical Perspectives and Storytelling, taught by Joe Culpepper and Darrel Miller. Depending on size, this class will meet to the left of the kitchen (Room 4) or in the Sanctuary.

God's World and God's People, a study of the book of Genesis, with leading spread among class members. This class will meet in the conference room.

Lectio Divina/Lectio Visio class: contemplative reading of scripture or contemplative gazing of religious art with group interaction and response. Initially led by Lynette Miller. This class will meet under the mezzanine, north end.



Apple Harvest

Unfortunately, the quantity and quality of apples this year won't justify a community harvest day. However, there are a small number of good apples which can be salvaged. The Millers would welcome a group of about 20 volunteers on the morning of Saturday, September 15 to pick and wash apples for the Relief Sale along with Home Sweet Home or other agencies. No cider will be made. Please contact Eric (309.831.6585) or Chellie (309.212.2408) if you're interested in assisting. Thank you.



The Political Jesus Seminar

New Covenant Community, 210 W. Mulberry St., Normal, IL is sponsoring The Political Jesus Seminar September 14th and 15th. The Jesus of history resisted the political and social realities of his day. Early Christians did the same. Neither one was necessarily successful in their aims, but what do we know about their attitudes toward the economy, immigrants, and war? How did Jesus and emerging Christ communities express concerns for justice and peace? Looking at the world today, what would they say about American politics? Scholarships are available from the Peace and Justice Committee.

[To register and for more information click here](#)



Women's Retreat: September 14-16

Hearing Your Voice, Finding Ours

We will lift up women's voices that go unheard or ignored by our world and our churches. Cyneatha Millsaps will lead worships where women from different backgrounds and experiences share their stories of faith - honestly and authentically. In addition to camp activities (pontoon boat rides and nature hikes), we will also have workshops focused on finding new ways to talk together about issues of our day - Migrant Rights, #MeToo, and more.

Worship Leader: Cyneatha Millsaps, MCUSA Women Executive Director

[More Information](#)



Quaker's Gathering Picnic on September 16th at 12:00pm

Meet at Normandy Village, 701 E Lincoln Ave, south of Food Forrest.

The main dish is provided, please bring a side dish to share.



Global South Voices Presentation

Will be coming to the Mennonite Church of Normal at 7:00 PM on Monday, September 24. These voices are coming from El Salvador, Zimbabwe, and Nepal and are working with the Center for Sustainable Climate Solutions, a collaborative initiative between Mennonite Central Committee (MCC), Goshen College, and Eastern Mennonite University. The three people from El Salvador, Zimbabwe, and Nepal will be sharing their stories about how climate change has affected them and their communities.

This event is sponsored by the Homebuilders and the Outreach and Peace & Justice Committees. I have attached a [flyer for the Global South Voices Speaking Tour](#).

In Peace, Phil Dick, Outreach Committee Chair



Home Sweet Home Thanksgiving Collection

Once again this year, we are invited to dedicate our September Widow's Cruse to the Thanksgiving Meals for Home Sweet Home Ministries. Please bring the following items during the Sundays in September.

Canned cream of mushroom soup
Canned cranberry sauce
Canned French Fried onions
Turkey gravy packets (no jars)
Stuffing mix
Boxed potatoes
Boxed meals
Boxed pie crust mix
Canned fruit
Laundry detergent
Toilet paper
Bath soap/body wash



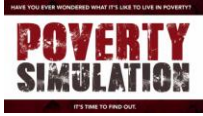
Mennonite Church Blood Drive

Saturday, November 10

8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Walk-In's Welcome

For appointments, please call the church office or sign up [here](#), after entering sponsor code 0402803.
Bring photo ID or your blood donor card, or two other forms of ID.



Poverty Simulation

Saturday, October 20 at 9 AM - 12:30 PM

Join in a live role-playing simulation of families trapped in poverty. We hope this eye-opening look into the impossible decisions - between food and clothing, between healthcare and monthly rent - that millions of Americans are forced to make every day will foster empathy and awareness of the needs in our community.

YWCA McLean County

1201 N. Hershey Road, Bloomington, Illinois 61704

We are seeking volunteers and participants! RSVP required!

Volunteer Sign-up: tinyurl.com/mcleanpovsimvolunteer

Participant Sign-up: tinyurl.com/mcleanpovsim

Learn more at sponsoring organization websites:

www.ywcamclean.org or <https://bn-mclp.org>.



Solar Panel Project

The Solar Working Group appreciates the interest and attendance at the information sessions on the Solar Project over the last two weeks. We greatly value your questions and feedback as we finalize our recommendations for the Church Board and the Financial Stewardship Committee. Please reach out to one of the group members to share any additional comments or feedback. Thank you! The Solar Working Group members are Andy Reeser, Larry Schrader, Cindy Ropp, and Lotus Hershberger.



Partners in Healing

MCN has been asked to pray for the Medical-Oncology Specialty Unit at Advocate BroMenn in 2018. Located on 5 West, Advocate BroMenn's 39-bed Medical-Oncology Specialty Unit serves patients with conditions such as congestive heart failure, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, pneumonia, gastrointestinal problems, cancer, open wounds and sickle cell anemia.

The staff, patients and families who serve or need the services very much appreciate your prayers. In the

coming weeks, more specific prayer requests will be shared.



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](#).

Voice of the Day

"The nonviolent approach does not immediately change the heart of the oppressor. It first does something to the hearts and souls of those committed to it. It gives them new self-respect; it calls up resources of strength and courage that they did not know they had. Finally, it reaches the opponent and so stirs their conscience that reconciliation becomes a reality." **Martin Luther King Jr.**



Building Use

Crosswinds Church

September 5, 5:00 pm

HAAQG Meeting

September 6, 5:30 pm

HAAQG Workshop

September 7 & 8, 8:00 am

Wild Ones

September 11, 5:30 pm

Cantus Novus

September 11, 7:00 pm

Crosswinds Church

September 12, 5:00 pm

Today's Chuckle



A traveler got to the airline counter and presented her ticket to New York. As she gave the agent her luggage she asked, "I'd like you to send my green suitcase to Hawaii, and my red suitcase to London."

The confused agent said, "I'm sorry, we can't do that."

"Really? I am so relieved to hear you say that because, that's exactly what you did to my luggage last year!"