



MIDWEEK CONNECTION AT MCN

September 12, 2018

Worship with Us this Sunday, September 16

The sermon title is *Mercy-full and Merciful* and the Scripture is Matthew 18:21-35 and Ephesians 4:21-24. Pastor Tim Schrag comments, "One way to consider this parable is to focus on how the mercy in the parable seemingly fails to soak in to the servant's heart. The servant is 'hard-hearted' toward the master!"

Prayers

Please pray for

- *Ron Schertz who is recovering after a 5-bypass surgery in Elkhart
- *Holly Zehr as she learns more about her neurological concerns
- *Paul and Lynn Chang who are traveling to Taiwan for a few months

Condolences

*We offer condolences to Stephanie Nester and her family. Her grandmother passed away last week.

This Week At 805 S Cottage

- Thur Sept 13 Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am
 Outreach Committee 5:00 pm
 Leadership Selection Committee 6:30 pm
- Sun Sept 16 Pre-Service Prayer 9:00 am
 Worship 9:30 am
 Christian Education for Children 10:45 am
 Christian Education for Adults 11:00 am
 MYF & JMYF College Fair 5:00 pm
- Mon Sept 17 Personnel Policy Committee 5:30 pm
 Process Design Team 6:00 pm
- Tue Sept 18 Wellness Committee 5:30 pm



Youth Ministry Committee 6:30 pm

Thur Sept 20 Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am

Serving This Sunday

Greeters	Rick & Annette Harnish
Welcome Table	West:
Ushers	Gail Fisher
	Eric and Chellie Miller,
	Roger & Linda Clemmons
Sermon	Pastor Tim Schrag
Worship Leader	Kay Reimer
Song Leader	Jenell Ulrich
Scripture	Erin Ponnou-Delaffon
Children's Time	Chris Culbertson
Accompanist	Elsa Raab
Technology	Wesley Hershberger
Toddler Nursery	Nancy Fisher
Preschool Nursery	The King Family



Birthdays and Anniversaries



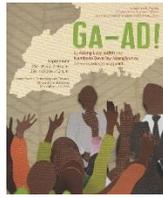
Sophie Charles 9/18
Meredith Satchwell 9/19
Emmanuel Kasongo 9/20
Dorothy Zehr 9/20
Nancy Fisher 9/21
Joe Culpepper 9/22
Lynette Miller 9/22
Meredith Schroeer 9/22

Happy 55th Anniversary to Glenn and Lorene Busenitz on September 21



Apartment Needed

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



The Illinois State University School of Theatre and Dance

Their fall production season launches with *Ga-AD!* by Adong Lucy Judith and Nambozo Beverley Nzengiyunva. *Ga-AD!* runs September 26 through 29 at 7:30 p.m. and September 29 and 30 at 2 p.m. in the Center for the Performing Arts Theatre on the campus of Illinois State University.

This Friday, September 14 from noon-1 p.m., there will be a free Colloquium with director and playwright Adong Lucy Judith in the Center for the Performing Arts Theatre. On Wednesday, September 26, there will be a pre-show reception at 6 p.m. in the Center for the Performing Arts Lobby and a post-performance talkback with playwright and director Adong Lucy Judith.

Ga-AD! is part of an exciting community and cultural exchange with playwright Adong Lucy Judith, who has a six-week residency at Illinois State while directing her play. Adong comes to campus from Uganda, where she is the founder and artistic director of Silent Voices Uganda, a nonprofit performing arts company that 'gives voice' to social issues affecting underprivileged groups. As both a Fulbright Scholar and TED Fellow, Adong Judith creates art that provokes meaningful conversations about taboo issues.

Ga-AD!, inspired by the poem *The Loneliest Journey is the Journey of a Faithful Woman*, is a play-poetry hybrid that explores the role of women in a Pentecostal church in modern-day Uganda. Faith, a loyal servant of God, has suffered a car accident and entered into the afterlife. Looking back, Faith questions her actions and her relationship with the charismatic and greedy Apostle Jeremiah.

Cindy Ropp is directing the choir within the play!



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.



Welcoming the LGBTQ Community: Biblical Perspectives and Storytelling

Sunday in the class, Darrel Miller will make reference to the discussion linked here. Matthew Vine and Sean McDowell explore Biblical commentary on human sexuality.

Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yFY4VtCWgyl>



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.



Solar Installation Project, Sept 2018

The Board of the MCN at its meeting on Sept 11, 2018, approved the Solar Installation Project, Sept 2018, as brought by the Financial Stewardship Committee. There will be a congregational vote following worship on Sept 30 on the following resolution:

RESOLUTION: The Board of the MCN recommends that the Congregation approve the Solar Installation Project, September 2018, which includes the replacement of the current roof with a standing seam metal roof and the installation of solar panels on the south and west facing areas of the roof.

Information about this project is available on the congregational website at [Solar Installation Project, September 2018](#). There are paper copies on the table in the entryway. There will be additional information sessions on Sept 23 at both 11 AM and at 12 Noon in Room 4 by the kitchen.



Solar Panel Project

The Solar Working Group appreciates the feedback shared in the information sessions. While the SWG was able to attain enough LLC support for the project at the original share level, we want to ensure there is more opportunity for congregants to participate in the LLC financially if interested. If you are interested in investing any amount of funds in this project please contact Lotus or Andy to express your interest by Wednesday, Sept 19, 2018.



Have you thought about who is under your carbon footprint?

Join The Center for Sustainable Climate Solutions (CSCS) and Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) as they bring partners from El Salvador, Zimbabwe, and Nepal to share firsthand accounts of the shifting climate and its effects on individual communities. On **Monday, September 24, from 7:00-8:30 p.m.** Zacarías Arecio Bernabé Martínez, Dr. Sibonokuhle Ncube, and Durga Sunchiuri will share personal testimonies and accounts of their work in their home countries at **Mennonite Church of Normal** (805 S. Cottage Ave). For more information, please contact Bekah York (BekahYork@mcc.org) or Phil Dick (Philip.Dick@mcleancountyil.gov). This event is sponsored by the Homebuilders and the Outreach and Peace & Justice Committees. Hope to see you there!

[Event Flyer](#) [MCC Article](#)



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



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>.



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.



MCC's Response to Flooding in India

The worst monsoon flooding in a century has damaged roads, homes and sources of income for hundreds of thousands of people in the Kerala state of India. As displaced people are returning to their homes, Mennonite Central Committee is working with Gilgal Mission Trust in India to provide tarps, food baskets, cooking utensils, and cleaning and hygiene items. Donations to support the response can be given online at mcc.org/india-flooding; by phone at 888-563-4676; or by mail to MCC U.S., 21 S. 12th St., PO Box 500, Akron, PA 17501.



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 Newsletter

[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

"Try saying this silently to everyone and everything you see for thirty days: 'I wish you happiness now and whatever will bring happiness to you in the future.' If we said it to the sky, we would have to stop polluting; if we said it when we see ponds and lakes and streams, we would have to stop using them as garbage dumps and sewers; if we said it to small children, we would have to stop abusing them;...if we said it to people, we would have to stop stoking the fires of enmity around us. Beauty and human warmth would take root in us like a clear, hot June day. We would change."

Joan Chittister, In a High Spiritual Season



Building Use

Crosswinds Church

September 12, 5:00 pm

Cantus Novus

September 18, 7:00 pm

Crosswinds Church

September 19, 5:00 pm

Piano Tuning

September 20, 10:00 am

HAAQG Sewing Mentoring

September 20, 6:00 pm

Today's Chuckle



A little child in church for the first time watched as the ushers passed the offering plates. When they neared the pew where he sat, the youngster piped up so that everyone could hear: "Don't pay for me Daddy, I'm under five."