



MIDWEEK CONNECTION AT MCN

October 3, 2018

Worship with Us this Sunday, October 7

The sermon title is *Memory and Hope* and the Scripture is 1 Corinthians 11:17-27. Pastor Tim Schrag comments, "The focus of the sermon will be on memory. What has been the role of memory in shaping your present and future? How does 'remembering Jesus' shape you today?"

Hymns This Sunday

Sing to the Lord of Harvest - HWB 98

Seed, Scattered and Sown - HWB 454

Go, My Children - HWB 433

Prayers

Please pray for

*Barry Weaver's retirement plans

*Mary Ann and Paul Watkin's son-in-law Jason Harvey and his family. Jason's father passed away September 28 in North Carolina.

*Tsunami victims in Indonesia

*Those whom have experienced sexual harm for safety and healing in relationships

*D. Paul Miller who has entered hospice care

*Mary Kauffman who has been in the hospital this week

This Week At 805 S Cottage

Thur Oct 4 Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am

Sun Oct 7 Pre-Service Prayer 9:00 am
Worship with Communion 9:30 am



Christian Education for Children 10:45 am
Blood Pressures Taken 10:45 am
Christian Education for Adults 11:00 am
MYF & JMYF Youth Groups 5:00 pm
Junior Choir 6:00 pm
Youth Choir 6:45 pm
Is There a Lesson Documentary 7:00 pm

Mon Oct 8 Mennonite Women 9:30 am

Tue Oct 9 Financial Stewardship Committee 4:30 pm
Church Board 6:30 pm

Wed Oct 10 Pastoral Council 6:00 pm

Thur Oct 11 Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am
Pastor Peer Meeting 9:00 am
Advent Planning Meeting 5:00 pm
Worship Committee 5:30 pm
Youth Ministry Committee 6:00 pm

Serving This Sunday

Greeters	Mike & Stephanie Company West: David Voegtlin
Welcome Table	Kay Reimer
Ushers	Mary Ann & Paul Watkins, Emmanuel & Tanya Kasongo
Sermon	Pastor Tim Schrag
Worship Leader	Lynn Reha
Song Leader	Cindy Ropp
Scripture	Cindy Ropp
Children's Time	Louise Reeser
Accompanist	Elsa Raab
Technology	Adam Augspurger
Toddler Nursery	Kristen Satchwell
Preschool Nursery	Matt Culbertson



Birthdays and Anniversaries



Clarence Oyer 10/9
Alex Schiffman 10/10
Mary Ann King 10/11



Pastor Jane's article *Pilgrimage to a Thin Place: The call to go deeper into the heart of God*, explores some of the meaning of her sabbatical trip to Iona Abbey in Scotland. It has been published in the September issue of **The Mennonite**. Read and learn more about Pastor Jane's "call to go deeper into the heart of God."



Digital Sign

You may have noticed that some of the sections of the Digital Sign that were malfunctioning have changed--actually moved around. This is a stopgap measure to allow our messages to be read while the Financial Stewardship is considering the widely varied opinions about our sign and the expense of repairs, etc. Financial Stewardship hopes to decide the future of the sign soon and we will make an announcement about the decision.



Would you provide a Sunday night meal for our youth groups?

Eating together has been an important part of our fellowship together! We anticipate needing food for 25 people and will aim to eat at 6:15 PM.

Thank you for your help with this--it is very much appreciated!

Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e094faaa87-youth>



Solar Installation Project, Sept 2018

The Solar Resolution vote passed at 94% approval of the following 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."*



Communion

This Sunday, October 7th we will celebrate Communion in worship here at MCN. In preparation, we are all encouraged to engage in self-examination - of both our relationships with God, and with others.



Is There a Lesson? 45 Years on the Anabaptist Trail

The Mennonite Church of Normal is hosting a showing of the 90-minute documentary film by John L. and Jay Ruth *Is There a Lesson? 45 Years on the Anabaptist Trail with John Ruth and TourMagination* on October 7th at 7:00 pm. 805 Cottage Avenue, Normal, IL 61761. Admission is free.

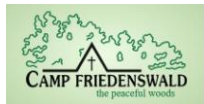
Is There a Lesson? 45 Years on the Anabaptist Trail with John Ruth and TourMagination draws on more than four decades of photography by John L. Ruth on tours on four continents. Supplementary imagery comes from the more than 1,500 participants in tours led by Ruth beginning in 1973. Thematic continuity is woven by onsite commentary videotaped by Ruth's son Jay on a final tour in 2017.

John Ruth is Julie Musselman's cousin! More information can be found here: <https://themennonite.org/daily-news/anabaptist-trail-documentary-showings-scheduled/>



Behavioral Health Community Forum

Join us on Monday, October 8, 2018 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in Uptown Normal for our 2nd Annual Behavioral Health Community Forum. All are welcome and attendance is **FREE!** [Click here](#) for the flyer. Please click [this link for an agenda and registration](#).



Mennonite Men's Retreat

Mennonite Men retreat - for men and boys. What does it mean to be a man? We witness toxic masculinity—men being invulnerable, acting tough, abusing power and dominating others. In this retreat, Healthy Masculinity: On Being a Man at Camp Friedenswald October 12-14, men and boys we will see how masculinity means something much more and better. Based on who we are as beloved sons of God, we will reconsider the marks of good men and explore our part in building God's peace. The retreat will be led by Steve Thomas, U.S. Coordinator for Mennonite Men, the men's organization of MC USA. Men may come alone, with a friend, or bring a son, grandson, nephew or mentee. For more information, see the attached [retreat flyer](#) or visit mennonitemen.org/joinmen.



Want to have a voice in the proposed merger of 2 Mennonite periodicals?

The MCUSA Executive Board is proposing "That the boards of Mennonite World Review Inc. and The Mennonite Inc. begin movement toward merging operations and governance, with an expected completion date of July 1, 2019." The Board has one delegate to participate in a decision-making meeting by phone on

November 26, 8:00 pm Eastern time. If you are interested in being a second delegate, please let Wayne Hochstetler (hochwayne@icloud.com) know by October 15.



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>.



How Would You Respond to Someone Experiencing a Mental Health Crisis?

The **Mental Health First Aid** class teaches a 5-step action plan to offer initial help to people with the signs and symptoms of a mental illness or in a crisis, and connect them with the appropriate care. Mental Health First Aid is for anyone— parents, neighbors, students, first responders, teachers, leaders of faith communities, and caring citizens.

Are you interested in learning to be part of the solution?

Join us for a Mental Health First Aid Class.

Date: Monday, October 22, 2018 8am to 5pm

Location: Heartland Head Start, 1407 W Washington St, Bloomington, IL

Fee: \$10.00 (includes course materials, lunch, and snacks)

To register: Call or email Teri at t.meismer@heartlandheadstart.org or (309) 662-4880



MCC Alumni & Friends Potluck

As alumni or interested friends of Mennonite Central Committee, you are warmly invited to join us for an MCC Alumni and Friends Potluck at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 23, at Mennonite Residential Community in the Community Room (711 S. Cottage Ave., #113 on the campus of Mennonite Church of Normal). Special guest speakers will be Rebecca Burkholder and Blaine Derstine, MCC Area Directors for Central Southern and Northeast Asia, who will share stories of peacebuilding in Asia. Please RSVP at 312-623-4227 or to

KristaDutt@mcc.org.

More Info: <https://mcc.org/get-involved/events/illinois-mcc-alumni-friends-potluck-peacebuilding-asia>



MC USA's Women in Leadership

Register now for **Women Doing Theology**, Nov. 8-10, 2018, to join MC USA's Women in Leadership in building upon a history of Anabaptist theologians, ministers, teachers, activists, creatives and many others gathering to do theological work born out of women's experiences. Find out more and register at

<http://mennoniteusa.org/wdt18>.



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.



New Hymnal Project

MennoMedia needs your help to make the new Voices Together hymnal a reality by Fall 2020. Before any copies of Voices Together are sold, MennoMedia will invest more than \$700,000. Everence and Mennonite Central Committee U.S. have issued a matching grant challenge of up to \$100,000 to help MennoMedia in this final fund-raising effort. Help ensure that Voices Together will be affordably priced for congregations. Make a gift today and have it doubled! Every voice matters. Every dollar counts. Give at VoicesTogetherHymnal.org or email Steve Carpenter at SteveC@MennoMedia.org for more information. Gifts of \$500 or more entitle the giver to a tribute line in the hymnal.



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.



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

“Nothing could be worse than fear that one has given up too soon and left one effort unexpended which might have saved the world.” **Jane Addams**



Building Use

Crosswinds Church

October 3, 5:00 pm

HAAQG Meeting

October 4, 5:30 pm

October 5-6, 8:30 am

Wild Ones Board Meeting

October 8, 5:30 pm

Cantus Novus

October 9, 7:00 pm

Crosswinds Church

October 10, 5:00 pm

Today's Chuckle



What did one autumn leaf say to another?.....I'm falling for you.

How do you fix a broken pumpkin?.....With a pumpkin patch

Why are trees very forgiving?.....Because in the Fall they "Let It Go" and in the Spring they "turn over a new leaf".

How does an Elephant get out of a tree?.....Sits on a leaf and waits till Autumn!