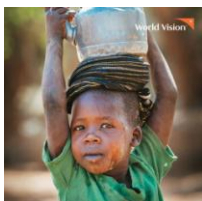




MIDWEEK CONNECTION AT MCN

October 17, 2018

Worship with Us this Sunday, October 21



Join the congregation and continue the Mathew 25 Challenge!
Experience God's Word in community through a week-long daily text challenge.

Hymns This Sunday

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service - HWB 369

Sanctuary - Screen

Beauty for Brokenness - STS 115

My Soul Cries Out - STS 124

Prayers

Please pray for

*Quinn Wilson as he prepares to serve with CPT in Israel-Palestine, Oct 22-Nov 5.

We give thanks for

*Roger Clemmons doing well after a knee replacement and for all the visits, gifts, food, cards and advice from others

*Mary Kauffman improving and moving to Heritage Health Rehab

*Cal and Vivian Hubbard traveling to Mayo for Cal's knee replacement this week

*D. Paul Miller doing well and in high spirits

Congratulations to

Jonah King, National Merit Winner

This Week At 805 S Cottage

- Thur Oct 18 Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am
Outreach Committee 5:00 pm
- Sun Oct 21 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 Youth Groups 5:00 pm
Junior Choir 6:00 pm
Youth Choir 6:45 pm
- Tue Oct 23 Peace and Justice Committee 5:00 pm
Youth Ministry Committee 6:00 pm
MCC Alumni Gathering at MRC 6:30 pm
- Thur Oct 25 Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am



Serving This Sunday

Greeters	Duane & Stephanie Nester
Welcome Table	West: Lotus Hershberger
Ushers	Mary Jantze
Sermon	The King Family
Worship Leader	Pastor Tim Schrag
Song Leader	Lynette Miller
Scripture	Glenn Wilson
Children's Time	Chellie Miller
Accompanist	Chris Culbertson
Technology	Denise Hedberg
Toddler Nursery	Adam Augspurger
Preschool Nursery	Erin or JB Ponnou-Delaffon
	Nancy Fisher



Birthdays and Anniversaries



Elsa Raab 10/21
Esther Brown 10/22
Lisa Jablonski 10/22
Larry Schrader 10/22

Joe Jantze 10/23
Don Augspurger 10/24
James Brandon 10/25
Sarah Nichols 10/25
Clara Ponnou-Delaffon 10/26
Margaret Sila 10/26

Happy 5th Anniversary to Aaron and Emily Petri on October 26



Hurricane Response Volunteers Needed

For more information from the Illinois Region, email Deanna Frey at dfrey@mds.mennonite.org.

To sign up for volunteering click here: [MDS Hurricane Response Volunteer Registration Form](#)



HÄXAN Witchcraft Through the Ages

Glenn Wilson's Further Jazz will be doing a film at the Normal Theater followed by a concert of Halloween Jazz on Friday October 19th @ 7:00pm.

Benjamin Christensen's legendary 1922 silent film from Denmark is a witches' brew of the scary, gross, and darkly humorous. The film will feature a live, improvised accompaniment performed by Glenn Wilson and Witchhunt. You will literally never be able to see this film with this accompaniment again, so we hope you can join us for this unique cinema-going experience, perfect for Halloween season. The film will be followed by a concert filled with Halloween favorites.

\$7 General Admission, \$5 Students



Solar Project Update

The work continues. See some samples of roofing materials in the library on Sunday.



Periodical Orders Due October 21st

As a congregation we qualify for group subscriptions to The Mennonite, a monthly magazine to help readers glorify God, grow in faith, and become agents of healing and hope in the world (\$39), The Upper Room (\$8.00), and Rejoice, a quarterly devotional published by MennoMedia (\$33).

Please complete the gold form from your mailbox and return it with payment to the church office by Sunday, October 21.



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>



Mennonite Publications Survey

Through the proposed merger of The Mennonite, Inc. (TMI) and Mennonite World Review (MWR), Mennonite Church USA will lose its official media platform (both print and digital) dedicated to MC USA voices and news. The merged organization will function as an independent editorial voice serving a variety of Anabaptist communities including MC USA, but without organizational ties to any particular Anabaptist denomination.

Read more background information and Frequently Asked Questions here: <http://mennoniteusa.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/Merger-FAQ--Final.pdf>

Through this survey, the Executive Board and staff are seeking input from the broader church as we navigate the merger process and discern our communication needs moving forward. Please complete the survey at the following link no later than **October 29**.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TMI dissolution>



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.



15th Annual Alternative Gifts Fair

Sundays November 11 & 18: It's that time of year again! If your family or Sunday School class would like to do a booth for this year's fair, now is the time to select the project which best gets your creative juices flowing! MCC and AGI Gift Catalogs are on the library table for browsing. As always, the early worm gets (in this case) the wished for project! Contact Abby Warfel if interested.



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

“How many people would like to be good, if only they might be good without taking trouble about it! They do not like goodness well enough to hunger and thirst after it, or to sell all that they may buy it; they will not batter at the gate of the kingdom of heaven; but they look with pleasure on this or that aerial castle of righteousness, and think it would be rather nice to live in it.” **George MacDonald**



Building Use

Crosswinds Church

October 17, 5:00 pm

HAAQG Sewing Mentoring

October 18, 6:00 pm

Head Start Training

October 22, 8:00 am

Cantus Novus

October 23, 7:00 pm

Crosswinds Church

October 24, 5:00 pm

Today's Chuckle



One day on his way to work, my husband stopped at the cafeteria as it began to rain.

Forgetting that he hadn't brought an umbrella, he reached for the nearest one when he got up to leave.

"That's my umbrella," a woman immediately scolded.

Abashed at his mistake, he walked on to his office. He was drenched by the time he arrived.

Once there, he discovered three umbrellas that he had left in the office over the months, and he decided to bring them home at the end of the day.

That afternoon he ran into the same woman who had confronted him earlier.

She looked at the umbrellas, then at him, and tartly remarked: "You did real well for yourself today, didn't you?"