



MIDWEEK CONNECTION AT MCN

October 24, 2018

Worship with Us this Sunday, October 28

The sermon title is *Wheat Planting Time* and the Scripture is John 12:23-28. Pastor Tim Schrag comments, "The image Jesus offers of death/resurrection is an agricultural one, of wheat dying and thus 'bearing fruit'. In what ways does 'dying to self' have meaning for you?"

Hymns This Sunday

Rain Down - STJ 49

We Sing to You, O God - STJ 1

O Breathe on Me, O Breathe of God - STJ 46

Spirit of God! Descend - HWB 502

Prayers

Please pray for

*Parents during parent teacher conferences this week, for smooth, welcoming, and restoring experiences

*Support for Mary Engel as she strives to be a good Christian parent

*Quinn Wilson as he serves with CPT in Israel-Palestine, Oct 22-Nov 5

*John and Erma Stutzman as they prepare to move to Waterloo December 4

*Cal and Vivian Hubbard as Cal recovers from a knee replacement

*Those involved in the caravan of South and Central America and those stopped at the Mexican border

Congratulations to

*Lena Driscoll who will be attending Bethel College next year and playing basketball

This Week At 805 S Cottage

Thur Oct 25 Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am

Sun Oct 28 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

Thur Nov 1 Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am
 Piano Tuning 2:00 pm



Serving This Sunday



Greeters	Gail & Nancy Fisher
	West: Shannon Neely
Welcome Table	Hazel Yoder
Ushers	Tshitshi Tshiseleka, Jeremie Dedetemo, Ross & Wesley Hershberger
Sermon	Pastor Tim Schrag
Worship Leader	Joe Culpepper
Song Leader	Jenell Ulrich
Scripture	Mary Ann Watkins
Children's Time	Shelly King
Accompanist	Dorothy Loepp
Technology	Adam Augspurger
Toddler Nursery	Lucy Unzicker
Preschool Nursery	Duane & Stephanie Nester

Birthdays and Anniversaries



Jeremie Dedetemo 10/28
 Addie Zehr 10/28
 J'ne Augspurger 10/29
 Ramona Augspurger 10/31
 Lynn Reha 11/1
 Evelyn Kasongo 11/2
 Caleb Augspurger 11/3

Happy 22nd Anniversary to Darvis and Shelly King on November 2



Sleeping Bags for Sheridan Elementary School

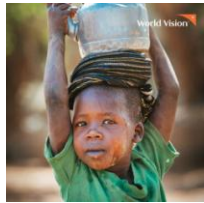
Holly Zehr is hoping to collect 30 sleeping bags to borrow for Sheridan's library for about a month. Can you help? Bring your **labeled** extra sleeping bags to church this Sunday. Thanks!



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](#)



Still Thinking about the Matthew 25 Challenge?

It's not too late to sign up to sponsor a child! There is information in your mailbox that can be returned to the church office, or stop by the office to select the specific child you would like to sponsor. As a sponsor, you'll help enable children to enjoy good health, education, spiritual nurture, and protection. You'll discover the joy of helping families and community leaders build a healthy environment where kids can grow, thrive, and reach their God-given potential.

Want another way to make Jesus' call more real for your family?

Text LOVE to 44888 to get daily texts over the next week with ideas for family activities.



Menno Haven Work Day

The Fall Work Day is Saturday, October 27, 2018! (Please note date change!) Menno Haven depends on, and greatly appreciates, the hard work of volunteers like you to keep our 231 acres of sanctuary looking great! Join us for a time of fellowship, working, helping, and eating!

Typical schedule:

8:00am - light breakfast

8:30am - work projects begin

12:00pm - lunch
12:45pm - resume work projects
4:00pm - clean up

Come prepared for the weather. Depending on which projects you plan to help with, we recommend bringing your own work gloves, eye and ear protection, garden rakes, chainsaws. Tasks may include lawn & trail maintenance, wood splitting, cleaning out gutters, deep cleaning Menno Haven vehicles, cleaning the Climbing Wall, and/or winterizing flower beds.



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/TMldissolution>



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>.



**American
Red Cross**

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.



Alternative Gifts Fair

Sundays, November 11 & 18: Christmas is just 2 months away. If you're looking for meaningful gifts for your friends and family this year, look no further! To check out this year's projects, you can peruse the MCC and AGI catalogs on the library table or peruse online:

<https://donate.mcc.org> and <https://www.alternativegifts.org/projects/>. We are still hoping a few more families will sign up to host a booth. Contact Abby Warfel if you're interested.



Menno's Best Coffee is Coming to MCN!

Are you a coffee drinker? Do you know people that like coffee? Do you want to be an awesome gift-giver?

Starting November 18, the youth at MCN will be selling three specialty coffee options: Menno's Best Dark, Menno's Best Medium, or Menno's Best Decaf. They come in both ground and whole bean options. All coffee is fair trade and organic. For \$15.00 you will receive a 12oz. bag of your choosing and also be helping MCN's youth groups attend MC USA's 2019 Convention, as well as supporting MC USA's peace and justice work. Your order will be ready on December 16th, just in time for Christmas!



Midwest Food Bank Volunteer Opportunities

Monday, January 14, 2019 from 6-8pm

Friday, April 12, 2019 from 6-8 pm

Thursday, September 19, 2019 from 6-8 pm

Friday, November 15 from 6-8 pm

Come join us in a fun evening of service to others at Midwest Food Bank! Anyone 10 yrs or older is welcome. Sign up at [Signup Genius](#) or contact the church office.





Save the Date

Camp Friedenswald Winter Church Retreat will be January 25 - 27, 2019. Sign-up coming soon!



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

“Relying on God has to start all over every day as if nothing has yet been done.” **C.S. Lewis**



Building Use

Crosswinds Church

October 24, 5:00 pm

Cantus Novus

October 30, 7:00 pm

Crosswinds Church

October 31, 5:00 pm

HAAQG Meetings

November 1, 5:30 pm

HAAQG Workshops

November 2 & 3, 8:00 am

Today's Chuckle



We were camping with our granddaughters 5- and 3-years-old at a state park and hiking on one of the trails.

The 5-year-old asked for a walking stick, so I found a limb on the ground and trimmed off the little stems and such. Hiking a little further and thinking the 3-year-old would want one also, I found another limb on the ground that fit her size and trimmed it down and gave it to her.

After about ten steps of so, she slings the stick out into the woods and states, "I don't need this, I'm not Moses."