

Fall Back! DST ends on Sunday, **November 4, 2018**,
at 2:00 A.M.

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Offering Christ's peace to hearts, homes, community and world

MIDWEEK CONNECTION AT MCN

October 31, 2018

Worship with Us this Sunday, November 4

The sermon title is *The Crowds Will Be With You Always* and the Scripture is Matthew 14:1-14. Pastor Tim Schrag comments, "It is noteworthy the way that Jesus was able to keep focus on his ministry, even in the midst of great evil which affected him personally."

Hymns This Sunday

Christ is Our Cornerstone - HWB 43
O God of Mystery and Might - HWB 130
I Bind My Heart This Tide - HWB 411
The Lord is My Light - STJ 97

Prayers

Please pray for

- *Ron Ropp has received a diagnosis of lymphoma. He is awaiting test results to indicate the particulars of the type of lymphoma and treatment protocol
- *Carol Lou Eisenhardt's brother Benny Campbell as he faces pancreatic cancer, and Carol Lou as she travels to New York to be with family
- *Quinn Wilson as he serves with CPT in Israel-Palestine, Oct 22-Nov 5
- *The Jewish community after the tragic shooting at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh
- *Mennonite Disaster Service as they work in north Florida and seek help from Region 2
- *Bloomington School District as they seek to purchase mattress rolls for immigrant families

This Week At 805 S Cottage

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

Sun Nov 4 Pre-Service Prayer 9:00 am
 Worship 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

Mon Nov 5 Financial Stewardship Committee 4:30 pm

Tue Nov 6 Church Board 6:30 pm

Thur Nov 8 Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am
 Process Design Team 6:00 pm

Sat Nov 10 Blood Drive 8:00 am



Serving This Sunday

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| Greeters | Tshitshi Tshiseleka & Ginette Molino |
| | West: Esther Brown |
| Welcome Table | Mary Kauffman |
| Ushers | Mike & Stephanie Company |
| | Shannon Neely & Terry Wiebenga |
| Sermon | Pastor Tim Schrag |
| Worship Leader | Kay Reimer |
| Song Leader | Barry Weaver |
| Scripture | David Voegtlin |
| Children's Time | Joe Culpepper |
| Accompanist | Dorothy Loepf |
| Technology | Wesley Hershberger |
| Toddler Nursery | Beth Reeser |
| Preschool Nursery | Sarah Nichols |



Birthdays and Anniversaries



Jeff Company 11/5
 Noah Engel 11/5

Tim Schrag 11/5
Ethan Wright 11/5
Jan Gundy 11/6
Cory Culbertson 11/8

Happy 15th Anniversary to Andy and Beth Reeser on November 8



Candlelight Vigil

The Jewish community of Illinois State University and Bloomington-Normal will hold a candlelight vigil at 7 p.m. this Thursday, Nov. 1 on the ISU quad to mourn the victims of the tragedy at the Tree of Life Congregation in Pittsburgh.

The group also is collecting donations that will be sent to an official GoFundMe fundraiser for the congregation. The donations will go directly to aid the congregation in repairing the synagogue and to help survivors and families of the victims.

See the event on [Facebook](#).

Organizers share that anyone of any religious or cultural background is welcome and encouraged to attend.



Daylight Saving Time Ends November 4th!

Turn your clock back an hour Saturday night!

Sunday, November 4, 2018, 2:00am clocks are turned **backward** one hour to
Sunday, November 4, 2018, 1:00am local standard time instead.



Provide Feedback on the Color of the New Metal Roof

Financial Stewardship Committee seeks feedback on the color of the new metal roof. The color choice has been narrowed to a smaller group and we plan to have larger samples in the library Sunday. Take a look and share any feedback with a Financial Stewardship member.



Ride Needed

Julie Musselman is looking for a ride to Goshen, IN on Wednesday, November 7 in the afternoon and returning Thursday, November 8 for a cousin's funeral. Please let her know if you can help by calling 267-808-9982.



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](#)



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

This year's fair is coming up on November 11 & 18. Don't miss out on this year's rendition "The Twelve Days of Christmas" at church this Sunday! Thanks to all of the families and Sunday School classes who volunteered to do a booth. Have you filled out your shopping list yet? You can give any amount of money to any project and donations are tax-deductible.



Songs of Life Unfolding - Cantus Novus in Concert

Sunday November 11, 3:00 pm

Mennonite Church of Normal

Music of creation and community inspired by the St. John's Bible and Shaker songs and hymns.



Menno's Best Coffee is Partnering with Menno Tea!

Not jazzed about coffee? MCN is excited to partner with Menno Tea and bring Menno Tea Raw, which offers a dried version of their bottled tea for you to brew at home. Made with local, organic mint leaves from a Mennonite farm in northeastern Ohio, Menno Tea Raw is available in three varieties: Just Mint, Original, and Yerba Mint.

Starting November 18, the youth at MCN will be selling Menno's Best Coffee and Menno Tea bags. Keep warm this winter or gift a piece of the Mennonite world this holiday season. Thanks for helping MCN's youth groups attend Mennonite Church USA's 2019 Convention, as well as supporting Mennonite Church USA's peace and justice work. Your order will be ready on December 16th, just in time for Christmas!



Congregational Meal

A congregational meal, which is a fundraiser for MCN's Youth Groups to attend Mennonite Church USA's 2019 Convention in Kansas City, will precede the congregational meeting November 18. Come enjoy a homemade meal by the youth!



Congregational Meeting

A congregational meeting will take place on Sunday, November 18 at 1:00 pm. During this meeting the proposed 2019 Spending Plan will be presented. The proposed 2019 Spending Plan will be available for your review on Sunday, November 11.



Save the Date!

Ecumenical Advocacy Days (advocacydays.org) are Friday, April 5 - Monday, April 8, 2019 and the theme is Troubling the Waters for the Healing of Our World. This Washington, D.C. conference will draw on #GoodTrouble pioneers from the Civil Rights era as well as inspiration from young leaders to learn from the past, share best practices, and encourage one another for the work ahead. Through worship, educational and training workshops, and advocacy, we will beckon the Spirit to "Trouble the Waters" as depicted in John 5:1-9, calling on God to bring healing to our nation and world. Join us as we envision and train for new ways to stir up #GoodTrouble for the healing of all God's children. Begin saving money now so you, your teens and young adults can come to Washington, D.C. with others from the MCC Great Lakes region to learn, be inspired and do advocacy. Contact SusanMarkLandis@gmail.com for more information. Some scholarships and help with transportation available.



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

"Presently we are involved in a ruinous assault on the planet Earth. Our plundering economy, our acid rain, hazardous waste and chemical poisoning of the land are all manifestations of a pervasive cultural pathology that needs to be remedied. Otherwise we may soon discover that we have lost paradise a second time."

Thomas Berry



Building Use

Crosswinds Church

October 31, 5:00 pm

HAAQG Meetings

November 1, 5:30 pm

HAAQG Workshops

November 2 & 3, 8:00 am

Cantus Novus

November 6, 7:00 pm

Crosswinds Church

November 7, 5:00 pm

Today's Chuckle



A minister in a little church announced: "Before we pass the collection plate, I would like to request that the person who stole the chickens from Brother Martin's hen house please refrain from giving any money to the Lord. The Lord doesn't want money from a thief!"

The collection plate was passed around, and for the first time in months everybody gave.
