



MIDWEEK CONNECTION AT MCN

November 7, 2018

Worship with Us this Sunday, November 11

Meredith Schroerer will give the message this Sunday. The sermon title is *The Lord's Prayer: Reaching for God and God's Kingdom* and the Scripture is Matthew 6:7-15, 18:23-35. Meredith comments, "How should we pray? Why should we pray? When Jesus' disciples asked him to teach them to pray, he gave them the Lord's Prayer. Sunday's sermon will suggest that this prayer is far from a brief, formal prayer which is all too easy to repeat while one's mind is far away. If we enter fully into Jesus' prayer, we find ourselves in soul-searching struggle over how we conceive of God and where we stand in relation to God's kingdom."

Hymns This Sunday

New Earth, Heavens New - HWB 299

Brothers and Sisters of Mine - HWB 142

Holy, Holy, Holy - HWB 75

Be Thou My Vision - HWB 545

Prayers

Please pray for

- *Carol Lou Eisenhardt's brother Benny Campbell as he faces pancreatic cancer, and Carol Lou as she is in New York to be with family
- *Barry Weaver's past pediatric partner Jim Zimmerman is on hospice after two years of brain cancer. Barry's sister was diagnosed with acute myeloid leukemia and is starting chemotherapy. Carl Dintaman, Marge's brother-in-law passed away in Goshen, IN on October 19th
- *John Stutzman has malignant melanoma and will have it removed Wednesday, November 7
- *Janet and Glenn Wilson pray for Quinn's safe travels back from CPT. Wednesday, November 7 Janet will have a thyroidectomy and two weeks later Glenn will have a second cryoablation to his pulmonary vein
- *Grace and mercy during the election season. To be open and caring, holding each other carefully. Keep our

community, state, country, the world in our prayers.

*For the scared people in our community, may we be able to look people in the eye and say hello

*Show Bus driver Jack had an unexpected surgery for Stage IV colon cancer

*Leah Kabira's cousin was in car accident and is badly hurt and her two children passed away

Condolences

*Our condolences go out to the friends and family of D. Paul Miller, who passed away on Saturday evening at the Martin Health Center in Bloomington, IL. Services are pending for a later date.

*Alice Ruth Ramseyer, Cindy Ropp's aunt, passed away Monday morning. Alice Ruth and her husband, Robert, we're long time missionaries, and a strong presence at AMBS. She was a strong member at First Mennonite Church of Bluffton, and is remembered for her warm and gracious hospitality, her love of all people, and her deep spirituality. The visitation is Thursday evening, and the funeral is Friday morning in Bluffton. Your prayers are appreciated.

This Week At 805 S Cottage

Thur Nov 8	Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am Pastor Peer Meeting 9:00 am Process Design Team 6:00 pm
Sat Nov 10	Blood Drive 8:00 am
Sun Nov 11	Pre-Service Prayer 9:00 am Worship 9:30 am Christian Education for Children 10:45 am Alternative Gifts Fair 10:45 am Christian Education for Adults 11:00 am Cantus Novus Choir Concert 2:00 pm MYF & JMYF Youth Groups 5:00 pm Junior Choir 6:00 pm Youth Choir 6:45 pm
Mon Nov 12	Mennonite Women 9:30 am Personnel Policy Task Force 5:30 pm
Tue Nov 13	Worship Committee 5:00 pm Wellness Committee 5:30 pm Youth Ministry Committee 6:00 pm
Wed Nov 14	Pastoral Council 6:00 pm Children's Time Workshop 7:00 pm
Thur Nov 15	Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am Outreach Committee 5:00 pm



Serving This Sunday

Greeters

Jeremy & Chris Haab



Welcome Table
Ushers

Sermon
Worship Leader
Song Leader
Scripture
Children's Time
Accompanist
Technology
Toddler Nursery
Preschool Nursery

West: Emma King
Mary Kauffman
Nancy Fisher & Andreas Unzicker,
Phil & Alexa Hoffman, Manny Oyer
Meredith Schroeer
Marge Weaver
Cindy Ropp
Marlphonsia Tania Kimbembe
Gerry Schrock
Chris Culbertson
Rick Harnish
Wilma Dyck
The King Family

Birthdays and Anniversaries



Henry Dick 11/11
Tran Tu 11/12
Jane Roeschley 11/13
Lexi Neely 11/14
Lloyd Combs 11/15
Jack Brandon 11/16



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](#)



Roll-Up Mattresses for Immigrants

If you would like to help purchase a roll-up mattress for immigrant families, make checks out to the Mennonite Church of Normal, and in the memo line write immigrant outreach. Thanks!



A Message from the Church Board

As has previously been communicated, both pastor Tm Schrag and Pastor Jane Roeschley have announced their retirements. Pastor Tim's retirement is effective August 31, 2019; Pastor Jane's retirement is effective November 30, 2019.

The Church Board has been working with Conference Minister Doug Luginbill from Central District Conference regarding our next steps. The Church Board recently took action to request from the Conference that a Transitional Pastor be appointed for at least one year, to assist the congregation during this transition period. The Board will address the topic of staffing at our December Board meeting and will communicate further with the congregation about staffing after that meeting.

Wayne Hochstetler, Congregational Chairperson



Metal Roof Color Selection

The Financial Stewardship Committee (FSC) greatly appreciates the participation in the opportunity to comment on color selections for the new metal roof. More than 50 responses were received! As you can imagine there is a wide variety of opinion about what is an appropriate color for the roof. However, one color received about double the 'love it' ratings as any other, and less than 1/10 as many 'hate it' ratings as any other color. And so, the FSC chooses that color: Mansard Brown.



**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.



15th Annual Alternative Gifts Fair

This year's fair is the next two Sundays, November 11 & 18. Don't miss out on this year's rendition of "The Twelve Days of Christmas" at church this week! Please stop by after the church service, admire the wonderful booths, and support Mennonite Central Committee and Alternative Gifts International's work across the globe. You can give any amount of money to any project and donations are tax-deductible. Extra shopping lists will be available.



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.



Children's Time Workshop

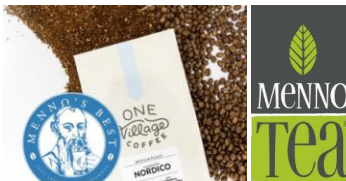
Wed. November 14th from 7:00 - 8:30

All current children's time volunteers are invited to attend. We'll share together how to make our children's time engaging, energizing and impactful. Brownies provided!



Communion

In two Sundays, November 18, 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.



Plan Your Coffee and Tea Order for 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. The proposed 2019 Spending Plan will be reviewed and discussed at the meeting. A copy of the proposed plan is available [here](#). Copies will also be available on the Entrance Table on Sunday. Please bring a copy to the Congregational Meeting on November 18.



Thanksgiving Day Meal

Sign up for the Thanksgiving Dinner at the church! You can sign up online through this link [Sign Up Genius](#) or sign up on the Community Events bulletin board in the atrium, or by calling Marge Nester. It will be fun! Meat is supplied. Just come at noon and bring a dish to share. Guests are welcome!



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

"There's power in love to help and heal when nothing else can. There's power in love to lift up and liberate when nothing else will. There's power in love to show us the way to live." **Bishop Michael Curry**



Building Use

Crosswinds Church

November 7, 5:00 pm

Wild Ones

November 12, 5:30 pm

Crosswinds Church

November 14, 5:00 pm

HAAQG Sewing Mentoring

November 15, 6:00 pm

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WHY STUDY?

The more I study
The more I know

The more I know
The more I forget

The more I forget
The less I know

So why study?