



MIDWEEK CONNECTION AT MCN

December 19, 2018

Worship with Us this Sunday, December 23

The sermon title is *Echoes from the Past and Future* and the Scripture is Luke 1:46-55. Pastor Tim Schrag comments, "In what ways are the words of Mary, and what is happening in her life, reminiscent of past events in the history of Israel? In what ways have those themes 'echoed' throughout the lives of God's people since?"

Hint: Think poetically and symbolically, not just literally."

Hymns This Sunday

The First Noel, the Angel Did Say - HWB 199

O Come, All Ye Faithful - HWB 212

Silent Night, Holy Night - HWB 193

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing - HWB 201

Prayers

Please pray for

*Holly Zehr who is recovering from a successful surgery

This Week At 805 S Cottage

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| Thur Dec 20 | Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am
The Longest Night 6:30 pm |
| Sat Dec 22 | Orchestra Rehearsal 10:30 am |
| Sun Dec 23 | Pre-Service Prayer 9:00 am
Worship 9:30 am
Christian Education for Children 10:45 am
Christian Education for Adults 11:00 am |



Mon Dec 24 Church Office Closed
Christmas Eve Worship Service 6:30 pm

Tues Dec 25 Church Office Closed

Thur Dec 27 Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am

Serving This Sunday

Greeters

West: Marcia Rossi

Welcome Table

Wilma Dyck

Ushers

David, Abby, Joe Warfel, & David & Gabby Harnish

Sermon

Pastor Tim Schrag

Worship Leader

Amy Reiman

Song Leader

Glenn Wilson

Accompanist

Dorothy Loepp

Scripture Reader

Amy Reiman

Children's Time

Shannon Unzicker

Technology

Wesley Hershberger

Toddler Nursery

Miriam Kennell

Preschool Nursery

The King Family



Birthdays and Anniversaries



Deborah Spacek 12/24

Mary Kauffman 12/25

Joelle Friesen 12/27

Happy 41st Anniversary to Rick and Connie Yoder on December 28

Happy 17th Anniversary to Frank and Lisa Jablonski on December 29

Happy 17th Anniversary to Randy and Holly Zehr on December 29



Status of the Standing Seam Metal Roof Project at MCN

The total cost for the standing seam metal roof for the church is \$128,000. The MCN is directly responsible for \$78,000 of this amount. The total insurance payout is going to be \$67,700. The difference of \$10,300 can be covered in several ways. 1. Pay this amount from the Capital Improvement & Repair escrow funds. (Balance at the end for Nov was \$27,715.) 2. Welcome contributions from persons who would like to support the roof project with above budget gifts yet in 2018. 3. A combination of 1 and 2. The FSC would welcome above budget gifts for the roof project. Please designate for "Roof Project".



MRC Treadmill

The MRC is replacing their Star Trac TR 4500 Series Treadmill and is ready to donate it. It is still serviceable, and would possibly need some repair in the future. If you are interested in seeing it or have questions please contact Lotus Hershberger.



The Longest Night

We hope you can join us for the Longest Night Service on Thursday, December 20th, at 6:30 pm.



Christmas Eve Service

The Christmas Eve Service is Monday evening, December 24 at 6:30 pm. The Fellowship Committee invites you to bring a plate of Christmas cookies to share after the service. Please bring your own plate and take any leftovers home at the end of the evening. We can enjoy cookies during the time of visiting that follows the service.



Q&A Discussion

Please plan to attend a Q&A and discussion time immediately after church on January 13, 2019. A panel of people from the LGBTQ community, all people of faith, will be here to share their stories and answer questions. We, the Process Design Team, see this as an integral step in our church's discernment process and hope many in the congregation will attend. Plans for lunch are in the works. Any questions can be directed to Shelly King (snking2002@yahoo.com) or Joe Culpepper (pepperjetn@aol.com).



High School Essay Contest!

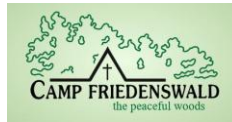
The annual MCC U.S. Washington Office essay contest highlights the perspectives of youth on significant public policy issues and promotes the involvement of young people in faithful witness to government authorities. The contest is open to Mennonite, Brethren in Christ and other Anabaptist youth of high school age and to all youth who attend Mennonite high schools within the United States and Puerto Rico. The winner of the grand prize will receive \$750, 2nd place \$500 and 3rd place \$250.

Topics this year include:

- Gun violence

- Immigration
- North Korea

The deadline for submitting essays is January 25, 2019. For more information, visit: mcc.org/itk-essay-contest.



All Church Winter Retreat

EVERYONE is invited to a weekend of fellowship and fun at Camp Friedenswald, January 25-27! Friedenswald is a beautiful retreat in southern Michigan with comfortable, warm lodges to accommodate us. Whether you're looking for social time or solitude, there's something for everyone! More details and sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e094faaa87-allchurch>



Save the Date

Sister Care Seminar: Equipping Women for Healing Ministry

April 5-7, 2019 at Camp Menno Haven

Presenters are Alicia Manning and Hyacinth Stevens

For more information, contact Shannon Unzicker

Sister Care seminars, a ministry of Mennonite USA, provide women with tools for ongoing personal healing and for responding more effectively to the needs of others.



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

"The first step of humility is to cherish at all times the sense of awe with which we should turn to God."

Benedict of Nursia



Building Use

Overeaters Anonymous

December 22, 10:00 am

Overeaters Anonymous

December 26, 5:00 pm

Today's Chuckle



NAME THAT CHRISTMAS CAROL (QUIZ)

(Answers at the bottom)

1. Quadruped with crimson proboscis
2. 5 p.m. to 6 a.m. without noise
3. Miniscule hamlet in the far east
4. Ancient benevolent despot
5. Adorn the vestibule
6. Exuberance directed to the planet
7. Listen, aerial spirits harmonizing
8. Monarchical trio
9. Yonder in the haystack
10. Assemble, everyone who believes
11. Hallowed post meridian
12. Fantasies of a colorless December 25th
13. Tin tintinnabulums
14. A dozen 24-hour Yule periods
15. Befell during the transparent bewitching hour
16. Homo sapien of crystallized vapor
17. I merely desire a pair of incisors
18. I spied my maternal parent osculating a fat man in red
19. Perambulating through a December solstice fantasy
20. Aloft on the acme of the abode
21. Slumber in ethereal quiet.
22. Hey there! The announcing celestial beings carol.
23. O greetings of ease and happiness.
24. On commencement of Yuletide my honey bestowed upon me.
25. Decorate the passage with branches of evergreen sprigs.
26. Once upon a misty night prior to Christ's birthday.
27. Ooh, celestial body of marvel, celestial body of strength.

28. With a vegetable stem smoker and clothes fastening snout.
29. It's a fluff-ball sphere in the cold season.
30. Come on, come on, come on, get moving.
31. O scared darkness, the asterisks are brilliantly shimmering.
32. It's fixin' to appear extremely similar to December 25th.
33. Small children with their optical aids entirely illuminated.
34. Loyal buddies that are important to ourselves collect closely to ourselves again.
35. Boppin' while circling the tannenbaum...
36. Royalty of royalties always and always...
37. O approach, y'all devoted happy and victorious...
38. Urban walkways, congested walkways, trimmed in a festive manner...
39. Ah! The atmospheric condition beyond is terrific...
40. Percussion instruments jingle, are you harking...
41. Remarked the evening breeze to the tiny sheep...
42. Wishing your dates be gleeful and intelligent...
43. Harmony on the planet, kindness to Homo sapiens...
44. Hop in the sack, hide your noggin, since the fat man comes this evening...
45. Ourselves bid yourselves a joyous Noel and a cheerful neoteric 365 days...

ANSWERS:

1. Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer
2. Silent Night
3. O' Little Town of Bethlehem
4. Good King Wenceslas (or some say Jolly Old St. Nicholas)
5. Deck the Halls
6. Joy to the World
7. Hark the Herald Angels Sing
8. We Three Kings
9. Away in a Manger
10. Come All Ye Faithful
11. O Holy Night
12. I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas
13. Silver Bells
14. The Twelve Days of Christmas
15. It Came Upon a Midnight Clear
16. Frosty the Snowman
17. All I Want for Christmas is My Two Front Teeth
18. I Saw Momma Kissin' Santa Claus
19. Walking Through a Winter Wonderland
20. Up on the Rooftop
21. Sleep in heavenly peace... "Silent Night"
22. Hark! the herald angels sing... "Hark the Herald"
23. O tidings of comfort and joy... "God rest ye merry gentlemen"
24. On the first day of Christmas my true love gave to me... "The Twelve Days of Christmas"
25. Deck the halls with boughs of holly... "Deck the Halls"
26. Then one foggy Christmas Eve... "Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer"
27. Ooh star of wonder, star of might... "Star of Wonder"
28. With a corn cob pip and a button nose... "Frosty the Snowman"
29. It's a marshmallow world in the winter... "It's a Marshmallow World"
30. Giddyap, giddyap, giddyap let's go... "Let it Snow"
31. O Holy night, the stars are brightly shining... "O Holy Night"
32. It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas... "It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas"

33. Tiny tots with their eyes all aglow... "The Christmas Song"
34. Faithful friends who are dear to us, gather near to us once more... "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas"
 35. Rockin' 'round the Christmas tree...
 36. King of Kings, forever and ever... "Hallelujah"
37. Oh come all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant... "Oh Come All Ye Faithful"
38. City sidewalks, busy sidewalks, dressed in holiday style... "Silver Bells"
 39. Oh, the weather outside is frightful... "Let it Snow"
40. Sleigh bells ring, are you listening... "Walking in a Winter Wonderland"
41. Said the night wind to the lamb... "Do You Hear What I Hear"
42. May your days be merry and bright... "White Christmas"
43. Peace on Earth, goodwill toward men... "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day"
44. Jump in bed, cover up your head, 'cause Santa Claus comes tonight... "Here comes Santa Claus"
45. We wish you a merry Christmas and a happy new year.... "We wish you a Merry Christmas"