



MIDWEEK CONNECTION AT MCN

January 2, 2019

## Worship with Us this Sunday, January 6

The sermon title is *On Common Ground* and the Scripture is Matthew 2:1-12. Pastor Tim Schrag comments, "What shall we make of the fact that [ritually unclean] astrologers are directed to worship Jesus not in the Temple, but in a common home?"

### Hymns This Sunday

Arise, Your Light is Come! - STS 30  
As With Gladness Men of Old - HWB 218  
Helpless and Hungry - STS 26  
My Hope is Built on Nothing Less - HWB 343

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## This Week At 805 S Cottage

Thur Jan 3	Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am
Sun Jan 6	Pre-Service Prayer 9:00 am Worship 9:30 am Christian Education for Children 10:45am Blood Pressures Taken 10:45 am Christian Education for Adults 11:00 am JMYF & MYF Lunch and Movie 12:00 pm
Mon Jan 7	Youth Ministry Committee 6:30 pm
Tues Jan 8	Financial Stewardship 4:30 pm Wellness Committee 5:30 pm Church Board 6:30 pm

Wed Jan 9 Pastoral Council 6:00 pm  
Thur Jan 10 Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am  
Pastor Peer Meeting 9:00 am

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## Serving This Sunday

Greeters	Andy & Beth Reeser West: Lois Hochstetler
Welcome Table	Marcia Rossi
Ushers	Andy & Beth Reeser, Ben & Caroline Roeschley
Sermon	Pastor Tim Schrag
Worship Leader	Ben Roeschley
Song Leader	Glenn Wilson
Accompanist	Dorothy Loepp
Scripture Reader	Ben Roeschley
Children's Time	Shannon Unzicker
Technology	Randy Zehr
Toddler Nursery	Kristen Satchwell
Preschool Nursery	Matt Culbertson



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## Birthdays and Anniversaries



Paul Watkins 12/30  
John Gundy 12/31  
Eric Miller 1/1  
Albert Tshiseleka 1/1  
Rebecca Josefson 1/3  
Grant Zehr 1/3

Happy 51<sup>st</sup> Anniversary to Jim and Roberta Bortell on December 30



## New Adult Classes Starting January 6

Three Adult Christian Education classes will be available January through February.

1. The uniform series class continuing with "Our Love for God."

## 2. A class entitled “Creating Space for.....” with multiple presenters.

January 6: Nancy Fisher - Creating Space for God

January 13: David and Abby Warfel/Melika Hershberger - Creating Space for the Neighborhood

January 20: Lotus/Judy Hershberger - Creating Space for the Stranger

January 27: Lois Hochstetler - Creating Space for the Hurting

February 3: Elfriede Massier - Adult Child and Aging Parent Relationship

February 10: Jon/Janelle Friesen - Creating Space for Youth

February 17: Laura Dick - Creating Space for Those with Needs

February 24: Lynn Reha - Creating Space for Creative Response

## 3. A class entitled “Stories of Struggle”

Parenting is hard! Each week in this class a seasoned parent will talk about a struggle they experienced raising children. The second part of the class gives time for class members to share one of their children's current challenges and pray about these together. Shannon Neely and Pastor Jane will facilitate this class, which is planned to start January 20th.



## Q&A Discussion

Please plan to attend a Q&A and discussion time immediately after Sunday School 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](mailto:snking2002@yahoo.com)) or Joe Culpepper ([pepperjetn@aol.com](mailto:pepperjetn@aol.com)).



## Volunteer with MCN at the Midwest Food Bank!

Monday, January 14, 2019 from 6-8pm

Spots are still available!

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.



## High School Essay Contest!

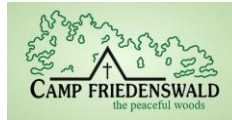
The annual MCC U.S. Washington Office essay contest highlights the perspectives of youth on significant public policy issues and promotes the involvement of young people in faithful witness to government authorities. The contest is open to Mennonite, Brethren in Christ and other Anabaptist youth of high 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> place \$500 and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://mcc.org/itk-essay-contest).

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## 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>

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## 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.

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## 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](#).

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## Voice of the Day

"Seeds move through their life stages in an endless cycle of seasons – and the cycle of seasons reminds us that the journey never ends." **Parker Palmer**

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## **Building Use**

### **Overeaters Anonymous**

January 2, 5:00 pm

### **Crosswinds Church**

January 2, 5:00 pm

### **HAAQG Meeting**

January 3, 5:30 pm

### **HAAQG Retreat**

January 4-5, 7:00 am

### **Overeaters Anonymous**

January 5, 5:00 pm

### **AI-Anon**

January 7, 7:00 pm

### **Crosswinds Church**

January 9, 5:00 pm

### **Overeaters Anonymous**

January 9, 10:00 am

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## **Today's Chuckle**



### **EXERCISES WE'D BE BETTER OFF WITHOUT IN 2019...**

- Jumping on the bandwagon
- Running around in circles
  - Pushing your luck
  - Playing in traffic
  - Spinning your wheels
  - Adding fuel to the fire
- Beating your head against the wall
  - Beating your own drum
  - Dragging your heels
  - Jumping to conclusions
  - Grasping at straws
  - Fishing for compliments
- Throwing your weight around
  - Passing the buck