



MIDWEEK CONNECTION AT MCN

January 9, 2019

Worship with Us this Sunday, January 13

The sermon title is *At the Table* and the Scripture is Acts 10:9-23. Pastor Tim Schrag comments, "This text is one of the great pivots of the Biblical story, and we will consider what it means to worship the God revealed in this story."

Hymns This Sunday

Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know - HWB 337

Awake, My Soul - HWB 609

You've Got A Place - STJ 4

Just a Closer Walk with Thee - STJ 106

Prayers

Please pray for

*The Junior High Winter Retreat at Camp Menno Haven this weekend and the speaker, Chris Culbertson

*Clara Unzicker who is traveling to Peru with a group from Goshen College for Study Service Term.

*Ruth Marquis, as she transitions to living at Heritage Manor, Bloomington, Room 111. Cards and visits are welcome.

This Week At 805 S Cottage

Thur Jan 10

Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am

Pastor Peer Meeting 9:00 am

Sun Jan 13 Pre-Service Prayer 9:00 am
 Worship 9:30 am
 Christian Education for Children 10:45am
 Christian Education for Adults 11:00 am
 MYF 5:00 pm
 Quinn Wilson's CPT Presentation 7:00 pm

Mon Jan 14 Mennonite Women 9:30 am
 Midwest Food Bank Volunteers 6:00 pm

Tue Jan 15 Wellness Committee 5:30 pm

Thur Jan 17 Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am
 Outreach Committee 5:00 pm



Serving This Sunday

<p>Greeters</p> <p>Welcome Table</p> <p>Ushers</p> <p>Sermon</p> <p>Worship Leader</p> <p>Song Leader</p> <p>Accompanist</p> <p>Scripture Reader</p> <p>Children's Time</p> <p>Technology</p> <p>Toddler Nursery</p> <p>Preschool Nursery</p>	<p>Larry & Louise Reeser</p> <p>West: Mary Dyck</p> <p>David Voegtlin</p> <p>Lotus & Ross Hershberger, Emmanuel Kasongo & Tania Kimbembe</p> <p>Pastor Tim Schrag</p> <p>Gail Fisher</p> <p>Cindy Ropp</p> <p>Elsa Raab</p> <p>Bess Desch</p> <p>Holly Zehr</p> <p>Randy Zehr</p> <p>Annette Harnish</p> <p>Lexi Neely</p>
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Birthdays and Anniversaries



Carol Lou Eisenhardt 1/4
 Mary Alice Hertzler 1/7
 Frank Jablonski 1/8
 Seth Stalter 1/9
 Albert Tshiseleka 1/9 *corrected
 Dick Baum 1/11
 Ken Shoemaker 1/11
 Anna Rosa Tshiseleka 1/12
 Christian Engel 1/14
 Carrie Stalter 1/15

Joe Matthews 1/16

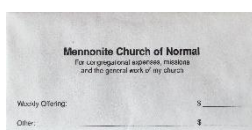
Louise Reeser 1/18

Happy 51st Anniversary to Larry and Louise Reeser on January 6



Ushers Needed

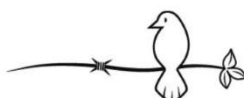
Can you offer your gifts in 2019 by volunteering to be a Sunday morning Usher? If you would like to be added to the schedule or have questions on what an Usher does, please contact Lauren in the church office. Email at church@normalmennonite.org or call 309-452-6622. Thanks!



Offering Envelopes

Please let Lauren know if you are running low on offering envelopes in 2019. The envelopes are no longer dated, so feel free to use all of the ones you have. We will not be doing a standard order this year. When you run out, please contact the church office at church@normalmennonite.org or 309-452-6622 and we will give you more.

Thanks!



christian peacemaker teams

You Are Invited!

Quinn Wilson will share about his travels with Christian Peacemaker Teams to Israel this fall, with a presentation January 13th at 7:00 PM at the Mennonite Church of Normal.



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. Lunch will be served immediately after. Any questions can be directed to Shelly King (snking2002@yahoo.com) or Joe Culpepper (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.



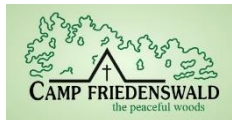
Congregational Meal

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 January 20th. Come enjoy a homemade meal by the youth!



2019 Spending Plan and Congregational Meeting

Our next Congregational Meeting is planned for Sunday, January 20th at 1:00 pm. Our agenda will include the 2019 Spending Plan, the Annual Reports, a Design Team 2019 Plan, and a Pastoral Transition Plan. The proposed 2019 Spending Plan and the 2018 Annual Reports will be available on the Entrance Table on Sunday, and also on the website next week.



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>



Come, walk with us. . . to God knows where!

You are warmly invited to gather with your CDC brothers and sisters at the upcoming Regional Gathering on February 9, 2019. We'll sing and pray together as we get to know one another. There will be updates about what is happening in CDC and we will engage with our theme. The Chicago Community congregation will host and share a bit of their congregation's story. We will also hear a story from Asian Mennonite Community Church. Come share your perspectives and ideas and bring a friend. Please know that anyone is welcome to participate.

Regional Gatherings begin with coffee and tea at 9:45 am, and conclude at 3:00 pm.

The Chicago Community congregation has graciously agreed to provide lunch for us. We ask that those eating lunch bring a donation to help cover the costs. **To help them plan for the amount of food needed, please let Emma know if you are attending by Feb 1.** Email: office@mcusacdc.org; Phone 800.662.2264.



Volunteer Opportunity

MCC's Sharing With Appalachian People (SWAP) location in West Virginia is in the process of moving from Elkhorn to Kimball. Help is needed to make the final renovations possible so staff can move in time for the upcoming season. Volunteers are needed over the next three months, particularly people with specific skills such as electric, HVAC, plumbing and carpentry. If you or someone you know is interested in volunteering, please contact AppalachiaElkhornLC@mcc.org or 606-633-5065.



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

"Newness happens in the world when long silenced people get their voice enough to sing dangerous alternatives."
Walter Brueggemann



Building Use

Crosswinds Church
January 9, 5:00 pm

Overeaters Anonymous
January 9, 5:00 pm

Overeaters Anonymous

January 12, 10:00 am

Wild Ones Meeting

January 14, 5:30 pm

Al-Anon

January 14, 7:00 pm

Cantus Novus

January 15, 7:00 pm

Crosswinds Church

January 16, 5:00 pm

Overeaters Anonymous

January 16, 5:00 pm

Carpet Cleaning

January 17-18

HAAQG Mentoring

January 17, 6:00 pm

Today's Chuckle



The strong young man at the construction site was bragging that he could outdo anyone in a feat of strength. He made a special case of making fun of one of the older workmen.

After several minutes, the older worker had had enough. "Why don't you put your money where your mouth is," he said. "I'll bet a week's wages that I can haul something in a wheelbarrow over to that outbuilding that you won't be able to wheel back."

"You're on, old-timer," the braggart replied. "Let's see what you got."

The old man reached out and grabbed the wheelbarrow by the handles. Then, nodding to the young man, he said, "All right. Get in."