

MIDWEEK CONNECTION AT MCN

February 6, 2019

Worship with Us this Sunday, February 10

The sermon title is *Nothing and Everything, and In-Between* and the Scripture is Philippians 2:1-11. Pastor Tim Schrag comments, "Throughout Philippians, Paul contrasts status and honor-seeking Greco-Roman society, with the ethos of followers of Jesus who are to 'consider others better than yourselves'. How does that situation and Paul's instructions, play out in our lives, as followers of Jesus?"

Hymns this Sunday

I Sing the Mighty Power of God - HWB 46

Blessed Assurance - HWB 332

How Can I Say - STS 117

You Walk Along Our Shoreline - STJ 99

Prayers

Please pray for

*Ken Clements' grandson Carlton who fell off his bunk bed and broke both wrists and will have undergone surgery

*Healing for Deb Stenger's brothers. One was diagnosed with non-hodgkin's lymphoma, and the other is having tests for a heart arrhythmia

*Spring and Nick Neely who will be traveling for a followup at Mayo Clinic. Prayer for safe travels and peace

*Jo Ropp has been moved to room 343 at McLean County Nursing Home

*Dorothy and Leroy Loepp, Dorothy's sister-in-law Shirley Harms is nearing the end of life and Dorothy's mother-in-law, Leonna Loepp is hospitalized

Congratulations to

*Emmanuel Kasongo and Tania Kimbembe on the birth of their daughter, Manuella Kimbembe Kasongo on January 30th at 6lbs, 4oz

This Week At 805 S Cottage

Thur Feb 7 Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am
Youth Ministry Committee 6:00 pm
Cluster Leaders Meeting 6:30 pm @ Church

Sun Feb 10 Pre-Service Prayer 9:00 am
Worship 9:30 am
Christian Education for Children 10:45am
Christian Education for Adults 11:00 am
JMYF & MYF Youth Group 5:00 pm
Junior Choir 6:00 pm
Youth Choir 6:45 pm

Mon Feb 11 Mennonite Women 9:30 am
Financial Stewardship Committee 4:30 pm

Tue Feb 12 Church Board 5:30 pm
Wellness Committee 5:30 pm

Wed Feb 13 Pastoral Council 6:00 pm

Thur Feb 14 Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am
Pastor Peer Meeting 9:00 am



Serving This Sunday

Greeters	Adam & Caleb Augspurger
	West: Mary Ann King
Welcome Table	Mary Jantze
Ushers	The King Family, Manny Oyer, JB Ponnou-Delaffon, Stephanie Nester
Sermon	Pastor Tim Schrag
Worship Leader	Mike Company
Song Leader	Glenn Wilson
Accompanist	Chris Culbertson
Scripture Reader	Emmanuel Kasongo
Children's Time	Helen Brandon
Technology	Caleb Augspurger
Toddler Nursery	Lucy Unzicker
Preschool Nursery	Carrie Stalter





Kenayah Tshiseleka 2/10

Leroy Loepp 2/13

Rick Satchwell 2/14



Would you provide a meal for our youth groups this Sunday night?

Eating together has been an important part of our fellowship together! We anticipate needing food for 25 people and will aim to eat at 6:15 PM.

Please let Lauren know in the church office if you can provide a meal this Sunday, February 10.



Illinois Mennonite Conference

Annual Business Meeting

Illinois Mennonite Conference is having their annual business meeting Saturday, February 23, 2019 at Menno Haven Camp and Retreat Center. If you would like to be a delegate for the Mennonite Church of Normal, please contact Cindy Ropp by email at cropp@ilstu.edu. Registration is due by February 8, 2019. Delegates will receive an agenda, reports and other information by email.



Two Q&A and Discussion Events

Please come for two Q&A and discussion events organized by the Process Design Team. On February 10, Debra Sutter from First Mennonite Church of Champaign will be here to talk about their congregation's process and experiences. On March 3, a panel of people from the LGBTQ community, all people of faith, will be here to share their stories and answer questions. Both events will be immediately following Sunday School and lunch will be provided.



Feeding the Hungry, Together

Join faithful people from all over central Illinois to repackage rice for local food pantries. The Delegate Church Association of Advocate BroMenn Medical Center and Advocate Eureka Hospital, in partnership with the McLean

County Interfaith Alliance, is gathering faith communities for a 90-minute rice repackaging project.

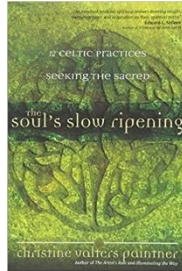
When: 6 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, February 20, 2019

Where: Bloomington High School cafeteria, 1202 East Locust St., Bloomington. (Park in the North lot along Empire Street. Enter at the Senior Café doors.)

Who can volunteer: Volunteers of all ages are welcome!

What else: Feel free to bring your favorite rice recipe to share with other volunteers. Email it before the event and we'll assemble a packet of recipes for each attendee.

RSVP: The Rev. Christine McNeal, BCC, senior staff chaplain and coordinator for church relations at Advocate BroMenn and Advocate Eureka. christine.mcneal@advocatehealth.com or 309.268.3504



New Adult CE Class Coming in March

Celtic Wisdom for Seeking the Sacred

Celtic monks in the British Isles during the 600-900's sought to imitate the Desert mothers and fathers of early Christianity. Drawing on that desert tradition, spiritual practices from Celtic Christians are valued as helpful to us today, as pilgrims on a spiritual journey. Using the book, *The Soul's Slow Ripening* by Christine Valters Paintner, each class session will include an exploration of a Biblical text, an introduction to a Celtic saint and the opportunity to learn about particular Celtic spiritual practices such as encircling prayer, soul friendship, walking the rounds, pilgrimage or more. The class will be led by Pastor Jane. Cost of the book (available at the first class) is \$12.50.



Ted & Co. Presents

In partnership with Mennonite Disaster Service, Ted & Co presents the original play, *The Jesus Stories: Faith, Forks & Fettuccine*, in conjunction with a unique auction of buckets, filled with baked goods and other homey items, and fund the tools MDS needs to help restore communities ravaged by natural disaster. All proceeds from the auction benefit the continued work of MDS rebuilding homes and hope for families in need.

Sunday, March 3, 2019 @ 6:00 pm
Metamora Mennonite Church
1393 Mennonite Rd, Metamora, IL

Admission pay-what-you-can. Suggested donation \$10/person
Please come prepared to bid on the auction items!



Camp Friedenswald Spring Creativity Weekend

March 8-10

Art Retreat with Judith Wenig-Horswell, print-making

Develop your skills no matter what level, in the warm company of others in the peaceful woods of Camp Friedenswald. We'll be learning print making using gelatin print process which results in monotypes (single print images), and exploring the beauty of the woods around us. Work, play, and reflect in the company of kindred souls!

Crafting Retreat

Whether you scrapbook, sew, quilt, or craft, we invite you to join us for a relaxing weekend filled with good food and fellowship. Come alone or bring friends or family. The beautiful surroundings of the peaceful woods and the creativity of others at this retreat will inspire you!

Cost \$160. Register today at <https://friedenswald.org/retreats/>



61st Illinois Mennonite Relief Sale March 15 and 16

The 2019 Illinois Mennonite Relief Sale Board wishes to thank you again for your past support and inform you of upcoming activities. Our 2019 Pre-Sale activity this year is a video presentation of: "Is There a Lesson? 45 Years on the Anabaptist Trail with John Ruth." This will be Sunday evening, February 17, at 6:00 P.M. in the First Mennonite Church of Morton. This special documentary, authored by Dr. John Ruth of Harleysville, PA., draws on more than 40 years of his photography while leading 60 tours on four continents. Dr. Ruth, an ordained minister, served as a pastor for 43 years. He also received a PH.D. from Harvard and was a college English professor. Admission to this special event is free, but there will be a free-will offering with all funds benefiting Mennonite Central Committee. In addition please mark your calendar for the 61st Relief Sale Distress Supper at North Danvers Mennonite Church on February 12 at 6:00 P.M. Our 61st Illinois Mennonite Relief Sale is scheduled for March 15 and 16. Your prayers and support for these Christian ministry events will be greatly appreciated!



Two Chinese Graduate Students Seeking American Home Experience

Pastor Jane has been contacted about two men from China who are doing graduate work at ISU who would like to find a home in which to live so they can better learn English and experience the American way of life. Rent, utilities, and internet to be paid by the student. Email Pastor Jane for further information.



Double Stroller Needed

Marge Weaver is looking for a used double stroller to purchase. Please contact her if you can help at margemartinweaver@gmail.com. Thanks!



Partners in Healing

MCN has been asked to pray for the Administration at Advocate BroMenn and Advocate Eureka Hospital in 2019. These executives make decisions each day of great importance to patient care. 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

"Faith comes and goes. It rises and falls like the tides of an invisible ocean. If it is presumptuous to think that faith will stay with you forever, it is just as presumptuous to think that unbelief will." **Flannery O'Connor**



Building Use

Crosswinds Church

February 6, 5:00 pm

Overeaters Anonymous

February 6, 5:00 pm

HAAQG Meeting

February 7, 5:30 pm

HAAQG Workshop

February 8-9, 8:00 am

Overeaters Anonymous

February 9, 10:00 am

Wild Ones Board Meeting

February 11, 5:30 pm

Al-Anon

February 11, 7:00 pm

Cantus Novus

February 12, 7:00 pm

Crosswinds Church

February 12, 5:00 pm

Overeaters Anonymous

February 12, 5:00 pm

HAAQG Sewing Mentoring

February 14, 6:00 pm

Today's Chuckle



A teenager who had just received her learner's permit offered to drive her parents to church. After a hair-raising ride, they finally reached their destination.

The mother got out of the car and said, "Thank you!"

"Any time," her daughter replied.

As the woman slammed the door, she said, "I wasn't talking to you. I was talking to God."