



Offering Christ's peace to hearts, homes, community and world

September 23, 2015

MIDWEEK CONNECTION AT MCN

Today's Punniest

Yesterday I accidentally swallowed some food coloring. The doctor says I'm OK, but I feel like I've dyed a little inside.

So what if I don't know what apocalypse means!? It's not the end of the world!

Happy Birthday!

Beth Reeser 9/25
Lydia Wilson 9/25
Russell Oyer 9/27
Cole Waggoner 9/30

Happy Anniversary!

Robert & Evelyn Reeser
(52) 9/27

Prayer Requests

Prayer is requested for:

*Health concerns for:

*Doris Shoemaker

*Pam Dick

*Deborah Spacek

*Employment for Jeremy Haab

If you have a prayer concern for which you would appreciate the prayers of your church family, please call the church office at 452-6622 or email lyn@mcn.org.

Partners in Healing

Mennonite Church of Normal join with other churches in the area to pray for various sections of Advocate Bro Menn Medical Center and Advocate Eureka Hospital. This month MCN is asked to pray for the Emergency Department at Advocate

Worship with us this Sunday, September 27

The title of the sermon is *Land of the Free and Home of the Bored* and it is based on Revelation 3:14-22. Pastor Tim Schrag says, "You are invited to an argument! Please argue the case why the North American church isn't like the church at Laodicea. What is the evidence of our passion for Christ?"

Serving this Sunday

Greeters

South—Rachel Zehr; Esther Brown

West—Lotus Hershberger

Welcome Table

Gerry Schrock

Ushers

Roger & Linda Clemmons

Darvis & Shelly King

Worship Leader

Matt Hickman

Accompanist

Lydia Hedberg

Song Leader

Jenell Ulrich

Children's Time

Cory Culbertson

Scripture

Evan King

Sermon

Pastor Tim Schrag

Technology

Rick Harnish

Toddler Nursery

Carrie Stalter

Preschool Nursery

Matt Culbertson

MCN Events This Week

Thur Sept 24

Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am

Relief Sale Pie Prep 9:00 am

Sun Sept 13

Pre-Service Prayer 9:00 am

Worship 9:30 am

Christian Education 11:00 am

Junior High Youth Group 5:00 pm

Senior High Youth Group 5:00 pm

Homebuilders 7:00 pm

Wed Sept 30

Church Board Retreat 6:30 pm

Upcoming Events

Women's Retreat - Camp Friedenswald The theme is *Women Rising: Naming, Claiming, Transforming* and it will be held on this weekend, September 25-27, 2015. You are invited to come with your brokenness, your strength, your laughter and be open to the Spirit. Mennonite Church of Normal and First Church of Champaign/Urbana are hosting the retreat this year.

Homebuilders Sunday, Sept. 27, 7:00 p.m. at the MRC community building. Program: "Sailing to Antarctica" by Wayne and Lois Hochstetler. Everyone welcome.

Upcoming Birthday Russ Oyer turns 95 on September 27. If you would like to send a card on this special birthday, send it to 2025 E Lincoln St., Apartment 3203, Bloomington, IL 61701

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Please call the church office if you or someone in your family is hospitalized. Due to HIPAA regulations, persons may be hospitalized for several days before your pastors are aware of a need for pastoral care.

Voice of the Day

Joy comes to us in ordinary moments. We risk missing out on joy when we get too busy chasing down the extraordinary. *Brene Brown*

Conference Newsletters

[Click the link](#) to read the current *Heart, Soul, Mind & Strength*, IMC Conference Ministers Michael Danner & Kim Litwiller's weekly message to IMC churches. Also, the latest copy of [Missional Crossroads](#) is available. The CDC Focus is available [here](#) and the CDC Reporter [here](#).

Postlude and Dismissal Continuing

The Worship Committee has reviewed the summer trial of concluding worship with a postlude, followed by a dismissal, as helpful in creating a worshipful closure to our services. This will continue. We appreciate the generous gifts of our musicians shared in this way!

Of Note

Update on Tshileka Habitat Home Tshitshi reports that things are going well at their new home and that they hope to be in by late November. They are making good progress on their sweat equity hours, and have less than 100 to complete; less than 30 of "shared" hours are left.

YWCA Reading to End Racism Volunteers Needed. Reading to End Racism is a racial justice program that uses trained volunteers to read to elementary children in the classroom. The YWCA is seeking volunteers to participate in two Reading to End Racism Days this fall at Washing Elementary and Cedar Ridge Elementary schools. Required 2-hour training, Sept 29, 6:30-8:30 pm. Volunteers will: read to children in their classroom, use books and personal stories to stimulate a conversation with students and teachers, discuss race, the nature of racism and how individuals can work to eliminate racism in their lives, schools and communities. Books, visual aids and suggested activities will be provided. If interested in learning more contact Satin Young at readingtoendracism@ywcamclean.org or 309.662.0461. Pastor Jane is planning to participate.

Anger Management for Women Beginning September 30th, INtegrity Counseling will be offering an anger management support group for adult women (ages 15+) in the community. This 8 week group session will help women work through and make improvements on their journey to manage anger and frustration. This group seeks to provide a safe and supportive environment for members to share and process solutions together. Nelicia Butler, graduate intern, will be facilitating the group on Wednesdays from 5:30-6:30 PM. (9-30, 10-7, 10-14, 10-21, 10-28, 11-4, 11-11, and 11-18). INtegrity Counseling is located in the Old St. Joseph Hospital Building at 502 S. Morris, Suite B. Bloomington, IL. Call 309-827-9100 or email integritycounseling@frontier.com for more information and to register. Classes are free but donations are accepted.

Healthcare Advance Planning and End-of-Life Decision-Making

As part of an effort to generate community-wide discussion, several organizations have banded together to host, "Beginning the Conversation: Learning to Talk about a Taboo Subject," the second in a series of events on healthcare advance planning and end-of-life decision-making.

The goal is to pick up the themes that were presented in May with the Normal Theater showing of the film, *Consider the Conversation: a Documentary about a Taboo Subject*. With our second event, planners are aiming at a diverse, multi-generational audience in hopes of providing participants with hands-on experiences and skills that will make it easier for them to have conversations with their friends and loved ones in advance about their wishes for their care.

This free workshop, which includes dinner, is to be held from 4:30-8:00 p.m. October 6 at the ISU Alumni Center, 1101 North Main Street in Normal. The event is co-sponsored by Advocate BroMenn Medical Center, the Community Cancer Center, Compassion and Choices, ISU's Department of Philosophy and Mennonite College of Nursing, and OSF St. Joseph Medical Center. This event is free to the public but registration is required. Call 1.800.323.8622 or go to healthadvisor.advocatehealth.com/class. Use class code 6S20 to register.

Building Use

Head Start Parent meeting will take place on Wednesday, September 23 from 5:30 pm until 7:00 pm Under the Mezzanine.

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