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MIDWEEK CONNECTION AT MCN

October 26, 2016

Worship with Us This Sunday, October 30

The Scripture for this Sunday is Psalm 51:1-12 and the title of the sermon is *Confession and Compassion*. Pastor Tim comments, "Psalm 51 is David's response after Nathan the prophet confronts him his adultery with Bathsheba." Hymns are *What Is This Place* (HWB 1) *Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing* (HWB 12), *You Are Salt for the Earth* (HWB 226) *The Lord Is King* (HWB 69). The hymns were chosen with a view towards the Christian's larger picture as we approach this election time.

Prayers

**Please continue to pray for Connie Satchwell, who is recovering from heart surgery. She is healing well, continues to improve and hopes to be home by the end of the week. Visit <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/conniesatchwell> for updates. Her family is especially grateful for your prayers and support during this time.*



**Please pray for the many people who are living in temporary shelters because they are refugees.*

This Week at 805 S Cottage

Wed Oct 26 Adult Christian Education Teachers 7:00 pm
Thurs Oct 27 Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am
Staff Meeting 9:30 am
Sun, Oct 30 Pre-Service Prayer 9:00 am
Worship 9:30 am
Children's Christian Ed 10:45 am
Adult Christian Ed 11:00 am
Junior High Youth 5:00 pm
Senior High Youth 5:00 pm
Junior Choir 6:00 pm
Youth Choir 6:45 pm

Tues Nov 1 Pastoral Council 6:00 pm
Wed Nov 2 Adult Christian Education Teachers 7:00 pm
Thur Nov 3 Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am
Staff Meeting 9:30 am
Adult Education Teachers 7:00 pm



Serving This Sunday



Greeters	South: Abby and David Warfel West: Nathan Miller
Welcome Table	Marge Weaver
Ushers	Lotus Hershberger, Mark Roeschley Ross and Wesley Hershberger
Worship Leader	Melika Hershberger
Song Leader	Wayne Hochstetler
Accompanist	Elsa Raab
Scripture	Lydia Hedberg
Children's Time	Alena Culbertson
Sermon	Pastor Tim Schrag
Technology	Rick Harnish
Toddler Nursery	Wilma Dyck
Preschool Nursery	Louise Reeser

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to

Ramona	Augspurger	31-Oct
Gene	Kettering	31-Oct
Lynn	Reha	1-Nov
Evelyn	Kasongo	2-Nov
Caleb	Augspurger	3-Nov
Jeff	Company	5-Nov
Noah	Engel	5-Nov
Tim	Schrag	5-Nov
Ethan	Wright	5-Nov



Happy Twentieth Anniversary to
Darvis and Shelly King,
who were married on November 2.



Election Day Communion

Come join us for a 30 minute Election Day Communion Service, 6:00 pm, Tuesday, November 8 in the sanctuary. Election Day Communion reminds us that though we may vote differently, we are one Body of Christ. It is a chance to choose a "different path" - a path that reminds us of our allegiance to Christ, to the ways of peace and to unity in the midst of differences. Election Day Communion is an ecumenical movement across the US with over 900 churches participating. More information at <https://www.facebook.com/ElectionDayCommunion/>



Winter Clothing Drive

Heartland Head Start serves low-income families to assist them with pre-school services and aid families in day-to-day needs. This year, we are trying to provide these families in our Mennonite classroom winter clothing. Throughout my time here, I have noticed a need for hats, scarves, gloves, and coats for all family members. We would like to start a winter clothing drive for my classroom to lessen their worry of having proper clothing for the winter. If you could please drop off any winter clothing for all shapes and sizes that are no longer in use, we would greatly appreciate it. It would tremendously assist our parents and kids in the classroom. Please bring items now through the end of October and place in the receptacle (small items) and rolling coat rack (coats) in the Atrium. If you have any questions regarding the clothing drive, please contact me at (309)-660-7973. Thanks!

Emily Evanson, Social Worker, Heartland Head Start



Alternative Gifts Fair, Sundays, November 6 & 13

Christmas is just 8 weeks away. If you're looking for meaningful gifts for your friends and family this year, look to further! The 13th Annual Alternative Gifts Fair is coming up on Sundays November 6 & 13. To check out this years' projects, you can peruse the MCC and AGI catalogs on the library table or peruse online: <https://donate.mcc.org> and <https://www.alternativegifts.org/projects/>. Shopping lists have been put in mailboxes and extra copies will be available at the fair.

Quilt Block Silent Auction for MCC Relief Quilts Supplies

Another big thanks to Sue Schrag for sharing her creative artistry with us through the creation of the Bible story quilt blocks we've had on display for the past many months. We've heard many comments of appreciation for them.

Nine of the quilt blocks are being loaned to the church for future use in worship. Eight are for sale by silent auction. All proceeds will be used to purchase fabric and supplies for quilts and comforters made for MCC.

The quilt blocks for sale are on tables are the back of the atrium. Each block has a starting bid of \$75.

To place a bid, sign up for an Auction Number on the counter in front of Lynn's desk in the front office. Then place as many bids as many time as you want on the Bid Sheet under the quilt block.

The Auction will be Sundays, October 23 through November 6.



Saturday, November 12 from 8:00 am-12:00 pm Call the Church Office at 452-6622 or the Drive Coordinator at 451-3677 for an appointment. Or sign up online at <http://www.redcrossblood.org/>

Mennonite Disaster Service

Did you know that Mennonite Disaster Service hosts a Recreational Vehicle (RV) program for volunteers 55+ who are interested in helping with clean-up, repair and rebuild after a disaster strikes?

The RV Program typically operates each year from late fall until early spring and a typical project includes 4-6 RV's (4-6 couples) for four weeks or more. Volunteers work four, six-hour days and have time to enjoy the area in their off time.

MDS provides free-of-charge the RV parking site with full hookups including a minimum of 30-AMP electrical services, a water hookup and a means of black and gray water disposal. In addition, volunteers may request a fuel (diesel or gas) reimbursement for travel according to the MDS RV Program guidelines. Where possible, laundry services and telephone hookups are provided.

The RV participants prepare their own meals and need to have kitchen, toilet and shower facilities in their RV. When an RV couple volunteers together, one spouse is expected to work.

The other spouse is encouraged, but not required to work.

Learn more about the MDS Recreational Vehicle Program and previous projects by visiting the MDS Website. Interested in volunteering with the RV program? The first step is completing a quick online form so MDS representatives can follow-up with additional details.



SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY: On Sunday afternoon, November 6, at 2 pm, cellist Nina Gordon and pianist Nancy Pound, faculty members at IWU, will present a recital in the Mennonite Church of Normal worship space. The program of classical music includes works by Brahms, Schumann, Bruch, and Rachmaninoff. Please share this information widely with friends and acquaintances. There is no charge.



Building Use

Hands All Around Quilt Guild will meet:

*Thursday, November 3 from 5:30 pm-9:00 pm in the Sanctuary

*Friday, November 4 from 8:00 am-4:00 pm in the Fellowship and Atrium areas

*Saturday, November 5 from 8:00 am-4:00 pm in the Fellowship and Atrium areas

Partners in Healing

Mennonite Church of Normal joins 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 Advocate Home Health & Hospice 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.



Conference Newsletters

[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](#). [Click the link](#) to read the current IMC Weekly: Illinois Mennonite Conference (IMC) Conference Ministers Michael Danner & Kim Litwiller's weekly message to IMC churches. Also, the latest copy of [Missional Crossroads](#) is available.



Thought for the Day

Above all, trust in the slow work of God. *Pierre Teilhard de Chardin*

Today's Chuckle

Pastor Dave Charlton tells us, "After a worship service at First Baptist Church in Newcastle, Kentucky, a mother with a fidgety seven-year-old boy told me how she finally got her son to sit still and be quiet. About halfway through the sermon, she leaned over and whispered, "If you don't be quiet, Pastor Charlton is going to lose his place and will have to start his sermon all over again!"



At a wedding I recently attended, the priest called for a moment of silence to remember the faithful dead...As the church grew quiet, a little boy sitting in front of me turned to his father and said excitedly, "Dad, you have some of their albums!"