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MIDWEEK CONNECTION AT MCN

February 1, 2017

Worship with Us This Sunday,
February 5, 2017

We welcome Michael Danner, Illinois Mennonite Conference Executive Minister, to the pulpit this Sunday. The Scripture for this Sunday is 2 Cor 5:16-21. The title of the sermon is *Be Reconciled*. Michael comments, "I want to explore what it means for the church to step fully into her vocation - compelled by the love of Jesus - to be agents of reconciliation in the world."

The hymns are *My Life Flows On* (HWB 580), *God Who Stretched* (HWB 414), *This is a Day of New Beginnings* (HWB 640).



Prayers

Please pray for compassion for refugees.

This Week at 805 S Cottage

Thur Feb 2

Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am

Sun Feb 5 Pre-Service Prayer 9:00 am
 Worship 9:30 am
 Christian Education for Children 10:45 am
 Christian Education for Adults 11:00 am
 Junior High Youth 5:00 pm
 Senior High Youth 5:00 pm

Tue Feb 7 Staff Meeting 10:30 am
 Pastoral Council 6:00 pm

Wed Feb 8 Peace & Justice Committee 5:15 pm

Thur Feb 9 Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am
 IMC Pastor-Peer Meeting 9:00 am
 Outreach Committee 5:00 pm
 Youth Ministry Committee 6:00 pm



Serving This Sunday



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| Greeters | South: Duane and Stephanie Nester West: Mary Jantze |
| Welcome Table | Hazel Yoder |
| Ushers | Darvis and Shelly King Jonah, Emma, Evan King |
| Worship Leader | Melika Hershberger |
| Song Leader | Cindy Ropp |
| Accompanist | Dorothy Loepp |
| Scripture | Deb Stenger |
| Children's Time | Alena Culbertson |
| Sermon | Michael Danner |
| Technology | Rick Harnish |
| Toddler Nursery | Courtney Yoder |
| Preschool Nursery | Claire Dyck |



Birthdays

Happy Birthday to
 Gabriella Harnish on February 5
 John Stutzman on February 5
 Adam Reiman on February 6
 Shelly King on February 9

Teresa Novy on February 9
Kenayah Tshiseleka on February 10

Two New Adult Christian Education Electives Start This Sunday 11:00 am

1) **What Did Jesus Mean?** This class will examine sayings of Jesus that are difficult to understand. The class will be led by Darryl Miller.

2) **The New Jim Crow Adult Elective.** Based on Michelle Alexander's book, *The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness*, this class runs Feb-early May and is led by Amy Reiman and David Harnish. The class starts February 5 and meets from 11:00-11:45 each Sunday. *The New Jim Crow* presents the compelling case that mass incarceration, a form of social control that disproportionately affects people of color, is the most urgent civil rights issue of our time. Amy and David will draw on their experiences as local educators, in order to historically contextualize Alexander's thesis, and to better understand both the limitation and potential of the language we use to discuss systems of racism. The class will work to establish a Biblical imperative to respond to Alexander's call to take action on this human rights issue. Class participants need to have a copy of the book and must read a 20-page assignment each week before class. Books may be purchased at Barnes & Noble (approx \$20), online at Amazon (used approx \$14) or check with Pastor Jane.

Welcoming Immigrants and Refugees as Neighbors

Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) U.S. decries the executive actions on immigration enforcement taken this week by President Trump as well as actions on refugee resettlement expected later. In our society, rejection of the immigrant—"the other"—still runs deep. By building walls and turning away refugees we ignore Christ's call to care for those in need and to love the newcomer. We encourage you to consider new ways you can [welcome](#) immigrants and refugees as neighbors in your community, and to make your voice heard by [contacting](#) the White House and your members of Congress. Pray with us for [hearts of love](#) toward one another.

2017 Directories

It's time to update the MCN Directory. Please check the accuracy of your information in one of these ways:

- Send a correction by email. A Word version of the 2016 Directory will be emailed to you. Please open the document and review what is listed for your contact information. If you want changes for 2017, please reply with those changes.
- Correct a paper version that will be available on the Entrance Table and in the Atrium on Sunday, February 5 and Sunday, February 12.

Thanks so much. Accurate contact information promotes good communication.

*Thank
you* 

Thanks!

We want to thank each person who called, send cards, attended the visitation, attended the funeral, brought food, gave flowers and gave other acts of comfort and love since Ruth's mother's passing. We are overwhelmed with the generosity and caring we have received. *Joe and Ruth Haney*

2017 Women's Retreat

Join women from across the Illinois Mennonite Conference on May 5-7 to hear Asia Frye explore how women are made in God's own image. Please save the date and read the flyer [on the website](#) and Entrance Bulletin Board for more details.

Help Send IMC Youth to Orlando

Can the Illinois Mennonite Conference join together to give every IMC youth the opportunity to experience Youth Convention in Orlando? Please [click here to view a flyer](#) with addition or information or check the Entrance Bulletin Board.



Menno Haven Camp & Retreat Center Oak Lodge Renovation

We wanted to let you know a way you can help this week to make an impact financially for the Oak Lodge Renovation. We just received an email saying that any monetary gift or pledge given between today, January 31st, through February 4th and ear marked "matching gift" will be matched up to \$4500. So if you give this week, either by clicking [here](#) or by mailing a donation or a pledge (payable by December 2017) postmarked by February 4th *Doc Johnson*

Announcements from Mennonite Central Committee

Mennonite Central Committee is seeking a Donor Relations Associate. This person will be responsible for helping to implement the donor relations strategy for MCC Great Lakes by stewarding major donors involving face-to face contact. Based in Goshen, Ind., this part of the position requires significant travel to connect with individual donors, key influencers and other supporting groups. The position also works with the middle donor engagement program and represents MCC more broadly. In this role donor stewardship involves personal contact via phone, email, notes and semiannual MCC project reports. A collaborative approach to this position is important, given the frequent needs for teamwork with both other regional staff and with MCC U.S. donor relations staff and network. For a full job description, visit mcc.org/gl-dra. Individuals interested in this position should send a cover letter and current resume when they apply online.

For more information or questions, contact Amber Falcón at 574-534-4133 or AmberFalcon@mcc.org.

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Looking for a summer internship? Learn, grow and develop your skills while interning (some positions are paid) for an organization that makes a difference in the world! Check out

opportunities with Mennonite Central Committee at: <https://mcc.org/get-involved/serve/openings/short-term>

Relief Sale

59th Illinois Mennonite Relief Sale, March 17-18, Interstate Center, Bloomington. "Sharing God's Love and Compassion!" Please put the dates on your calendar. The Distress Supper will be on Thursday, February 9, at the Roanoke Mennonite Church at 6:00 p.m. Anyone is welcome. If you like to go, call Roelie Homan, 662-6426.

ISU International Studies Seminar Series

On February 15, this series, with the 2017 theme peace and conflict resolution, will feature a panel including David Eaton from the First Presbyterian Church of Normal, **Henry Dick** from the Mennonite Church, and another panelist to be announced. The title of the panel will be Local Faith-Based International Peacebuilding Activities. The event is located in the Old Main Room, Bone Student Center.



Building Use

Hands All Around Quilt Guild

Thursday, February 2, 5:30-9:00 pm Sanctuary

Friday, February 3, 8:00 am-4:30 pm Atrium and Fellowship Area

Saturday, February 4, 8:00 am-4:30 pm Atrium and Fellowship Area

Illinois Mennonite Conference Church Life Team

Wednesday, February 8, 10:00 am-3:00 pm Conference Room

Home Extension Tea

Saturday, February 11, 12:00 pm-5:00 pm



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 Addiction Recovery

Unit. 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.

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

Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter. *Martin Luther King, Jr.*



Today's Chuckle Letter from College

Dear Dad,

School i\$ really great. I've made lot\$ of friend\$ and am \$tudying hard. With all my \$tuff, I \$imply can't think of anything I need, \$o if you would like you can ju\$t \$end me a card, a\$ I would love to hear from you. Love, your \$on

REPLY FROM DAD....

Dear Son,

I kNOw that astroNOmy, ecoNOmics, and oceaNOgraphy are eNOugh to keep even an hoNOre student busy. Do NOT forget that the pursuit of kNOWledge is a NOble task, and you can never study hard eNOugh. Love, Dad.