



**Mennonite
Church
of Normal**

A congregation of
Mennonite Church USA

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

October 14, 2015

MIDWEEK CONNECTION AT MCN

Today's Chuckle

What are the rules in zebra baseball? *Three stripes and you're out.*

Where does a baseball player go when he needs a new uniform? *New Jersey*

Why does a pitcher raise one leg when he pitches? *If he'd raise both legs, he'd fall down.*

Happy Birthday!

Danielle Kettering 10/15
Rachel Ropp 10/15
Mary Ann Watkins 10/16
Matt Culbertson 10/17
Lora Oyer 10/17
Katie Ropp 10/17
Wesley Hershberger 10/18
Stephanie Company 10/19
Garrett Reeser 10/20
Nathan Liew 10/21

Happy Anniversary!

George & Diane Wiman (35)
10/18
Aaron & Emily Petri (2)
10/26

Prayer Requests

Prayer is requested for:
*Health concerns for:
*Cal Hubbard

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 Lynn.

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

Worship with us this Sunday, October 18

The title of the sermon is *On Earth As It Is In Heaven* and it is based on Matthew 19:13-15. and Matthew 25:35-40. Pastor Tim Schrag says this about the sermon: "These two texts are a small sample of those which record God's concern for everyone, from youngest to oldest, 'least' to greatest. What other texts come to mind in this regard?"

Serving this Sunday

Greeters	South—Paul & Mary Ann Watkins West—Esther Brown
Welcome Table	Kay Reimer
Ushers	Larry & Louise Reeser King Family Darvis King
Worship Leader	Chris Culbertson
Accompanist	Cindy Ropp
Song Leader	Cory Culbertson
Children's Time	Tshitshi Tshiseleka
Scripture	Pastor Tim Schrag
Sermon	Rick Harnish
Technology	Courtney Yoder
Toddler Nursery	Diana Doblosky
Preschool Nursery	

MCN Events This Week

Wed Oct 14	Peace & Justice Committee 5:15 pm Church Board Retreat 6:45 pm
Thurs Oct 15	Next Man's Bible Study 6:15 am Outreach Committee 5:00 pm
Sun Oct 18	Pre-Service Prayer 9:00 am Worship 9:30 pm Christian Education 11:00 am Senior High Youth Group 5:00 pm Junior High Youth Group 5:00 pm Junior Choir 6:00 pm Youth Choir 6:45 pm
Tues Oct 20	Undoing Racism 7:00 pm

Upcoming Events

Men's Retreat Kindling the Gift of God, Prayer: It's Problems and Potential. Don't miss out on the upcoming **Men's Retreat at Camp Friedenswald Oct 16-18**. Experience the beauty of the natural world while catching up with old friends and making new ones. **Alan Kreider** of Elkhart, IN will speak on the power and problems of prayer, and **Hal Hess** of Cincinnati, OH will lead us in music. Activities include primitive fire-building, nature hikes, an outdoor service project and the annual Friedenswald Mennothon. Come to relax, be challenged and have a great time! Cost is \$150 and men 25 and under register for free. See you there. For more information call [269-476-9744](tel:269-476-9744).

Cluster Mini-Meetings in Worship, October 18. Neighborhood Clusters are One Year Old! As a celebration of this first anniversary, we'll have Cluster mini-meetings at the close of

Eureka Hospital. This month MCN is asked to pray for the Medical Oncology Specialty Unit at Advocate BroMenn.

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

If the pain of your story is not transformed, it will be transmitted. *Richard Rohr*

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](#).

Building Use

Carpet Cleaning will take place on Wednesday, October 14th from 1:00 pm until 5:00 pm

Illinois Balanced and Restorative Justice Project (IBARJ) will be holding a workshop in the Fellowship Area on Thursday, October 15, 9:30 am-2:30 pm

Hands All Around Quilt Guild Mentoring meets from 6:00-9:00 on Thursday, October 15 in Rooms 12 & 9.

Directory Update Correction Please use THIS information for the Liew Family (wrong phone# last week)

LIEW, Jay and Angela
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worship on Sunday, October 18. Worship will close about 10:30 and Clusters will gather for a brief time for face-to-face connections.

Conversation about White Privilege and Undoing Racism, October 20, 7 pm. Pastor Jane and the Outreach Committee will continue hosting a monthly time for conversation, the 3rd Tuesdays of the coming months. An article to read ahead of coming this month, October 20, is "*Black Lives Matter, But....*" by Cyneatha Millsaps of Community Mennonite Church, Markham, IL. <https://themennonite.org/opinion/black-lives-matter-but-2/>

Mennonite Women Can Create will be held on October 24th at the Tremont Community Center (216 S. Sampson St., Tremont). Please RSVP to the IMC office by [10/20/15 \(309\) 925-2111](tel:3099252111) or email hmason@mennonite.net. You can also register on facebook <https://www.facebook.com/events/1686461751585453/>. This event was inspired by *Spark, Igniting Your God-Given Creativity*, a women's Bible study written by April Yamasaki and commissioned by Mennonite Women Canada & Mennonite Women USA. There is a flyer with additional information on the Entrance Bulletin Board.

Day of Discernment The Illinois Mennonite Conference is sponsoring Day of Discernment 2015 on November 7 from 9am-3pm at the Tremont Community Center in Tremont, IL. The focus is *We actively seek the Holy Spirit's guidance!* The presenter/facilitators are Kristin Jackson and Amos Shakya from Living Water Community Church. Please let Lotus Hershberger know if you are interested in attending. A flyer with additional information is posted on the Entrance Bulletin Board.

Alternative Gifts Fair Sundays November 8 and 15: MCC and AGI Gift Catalogs are now on the library table for browsing. If you and your family would like to do a booth this year, now is the time to select the project which best sets your creative juices flowing! As always, the early worm gets (in this case) the wished for project!

Of Note

Pastor Tim Schrag will be out of the office on Monday, October 19-Wednesday October 21.

Correction on School Shootings Statistic. Pastor Jane would like to make a correction to something said during Sharing Time on Sunday, October 4. She spoke about "reading something on the internet - not confirmed" about there being a school shooting each week (74) since Sandy Hook. Further fact-checking on that has revealed that that statistic included more a very broad definition of "school shooting". This article gives a more nuanced explanation. <http://www.politifact.com/truth-o-meter/statements/2014/jun/13/everytown-gun-safety/have-there-been-74-school-shootings-sandy-hook-clo/>

The analysis by Politifact in this article about the 74 shootings originally referenced breaks down as such: Incidents such as Sandy Hook or Columbine in which the shooter intended to commit mass murder: 10 instances; Incidents related to criminal activity (such as drug dealing or robbery), or personal altercations: 39 instances; Incidents unconnected to members of school community and/or that took place outside school hours: 16 instances; Suicides: 6 instances; Accidental discharges: 3 instances. In all, these 74 incidents resulted in 38 deaths and 53 injuries.

Of Special Interest

Lecture by St. Louis Theologian The Department of Politics and Government at Illinois State University will host a public lecture by Rev. Osagyefo Uhuru Sekou on Thursday October 15th at 7 pm in Capen Auditorium in Edwards Hall: "A New Civil Rights Movement? Ferguson, Black Lives Matter, and the Future of Nonviolence." Raised in St. Louis, and educated at Harvard and Union Theological Seminary, Rev. Sekou has trained thousands in non-violent resistance, both in the U.S. and abroad. After the shooting of Michael Brown, this prominent activist, author, and theologian returned to St. Louis full-time, and has been a central figure in the ongoing struggle in Ferguson for economic and social justice and an end to police brutality.

Hazardous Waste Collection A rare and valuable opportunity: Household Hazardous Waste Collection, THIS SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 8 am to 2 pm, at Mitsubishi Motors, 100 N. Mitsubishi Motorway, Normal. Help protect our water resources by safely disposing of household chemicals, oil-based paints, herbicides and pesticides, and more. For a full list, go to www.ecologyactioncenter.org; click on the Household Hazardous Waste tab.

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Questions? Call the Ecology Action Center: 454-3169.

Lois Jett Historic Costume Collection The work of one of our members was featured on the front page of The Pantagraph on Monday, October 12. Please read about recent activities with the Lois Jett Historic Costume Collection at http://www.pantagraph.com/news/local/fashion-exhibit-takes-on-global-view/article_90192712-66c7-5089-a74e-8c9bd7bf939d.html

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