



MIDWEEK CONNECTION AT MCN
2016

September 21,

Worship with Us This Sunday, September 25

This Sunday continues a 6-week sermon series on the book of Revelation titled *The Revelation of Jesus Christ: Eternal Words for Today*. The Scripture this week is Revelation 6:9-11; 7:9-17 and this week's sermon title is *Waiting with a Purpose*. Pastor Tim comments, "Patience has always been considered a virtue. But 'endurance' and 'perseverance' are perhaps different categories. Regardless, all of these seem in short supply in the times in which we live. Contrast this to the morning texts."

Our Scripture Focus this week and throughout the Fall will come from the Bible Memory Passages which our children are studying.

Prayers

Please pray for

- * The Hickman Family as Deb travels to Liberia to pick up their daughter Blessing.
- * Beth Reeser's friend who lost her baby and is now fighting cancer
- * Lynn Reha and family as they mourn the sudden passing of her brother-in-law



This Week at 805 S Cottage

Wed Sept 21

Adult Christian Education Teachers 7:00 pm

Thur Sept 22

Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am
Staff Meeting 9:30 am

Sun Sept 25

Pre-Service Prayer 9:00 am
Worship 9:30 am
Children's Christian Ed 10:45 am
Adult Christian Ed 11:00 am
Senior High Youth 3:00 pm
Junior High Youth 5:00 pm



Wed Sept 28

Adult Christian Education Teachers 7:00 pm

Thurs Sept 29

Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am
Staff Meeting 9:30 am

Fri Sept 30

Visitation for Rachel Zehr 5:00 pm

Sat Oct 1

Memorial Service for Rachel Zehr 11:00 am

Serving This Sunday



Greeters

South: Doris and Ken Shoemaker

West: Ardys Serpette

Welcome Table

Kay Reimer

Ushers

Terry Wiebenga, Kristen Sand

David and Gabriella Harnish

Worship Leader

Mike Company

Song Leader

Barry Weaver

Accompanist

Dorothy Loepf

Scripture

Larry Schrader

Children's Time

Ron Ropp

Sermon

Pastor Tim Schrag

Technology

Randy Zehr

Toddler Nursery

Angela/Jay Liew

Preschool Nursery

Lena Driscoll

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Beth	Reeser	25-Sep
Lydia	Wilson	25-Sep
Russell	Oyer	27-Sep
Shannon	Neely	30-Sep
Cole	Waggoner	30-Sep



A
Happy 53rd Anniversary to
Robert & Evelyn Reeser on
Sept. 27

Apple Pie Preparation

On Monday, Sept. 19 at 9:00 AM nineteen people gathered to prepare apple pie filling for the Mennonite Relief Sale. Fifty-five (55) pie fillings were prepared. Thanks to all who helped.

Homebuilders

On September 25, 7:00 pm, Gerlof Homan will present *Conquering Land Without War: How the Netherlands Peacefully Gained New Territory*. All are welcome to this Homebuilders' Event held in the Mennonite Residential Community Room.

Periodicals

It's time to renew periodicals! As a congregation we qualify for group subscriptions to The Mennonite, a monthly magazine to help readers glorify God, grow in faith, and become agents of healing and hope in the world (\$37), The Upper Room (\$7.50), and Rejoice, a quarterly devotional published by MennoMedia (\$30.70). An order form has been placed into your mailboxes. If you wish to receive any of these periodicals, please complete this form and return it to the church office by Sunday, October 2.

Cambodia Program, October 2, 7 pm by Rachel Ropp

Rachel will share highlights of her two weeks serving in Cambodia last June with a mission team from Illinois State University. MCN assisted Rachel in her funding for this trip. Rachel and the mission team worked with an organization in Cambodia that aims to rescue and rehabilitate victims of human trafficking. Come hear Rachel share about that work, some things she learned and how she experienced God at work.



Soup and Pie Potluck

Save the Date for an October 9th Soup and Pie potluck.

Reading the Bible with Jesus

"Reading the Bible with Jesus": Reba Place Church in Evanston, IL, will host itinerant Bible teacher and singer/songwriter Bryan Moyer-Suderman for a seminar and family-friendly concert, January 20-22, 2017. Known especially for his "songs of faith for small and tall," Bryan has received excellent reviews from both Mennonite pastors and congregations and well-known authors and speakers Brian McLaren and David M. Csinos. Expect to be engaged and encouraged as we look at the Bible through an Anabaptist, Jesus-centered lens. For more about Bryan Moyer-Suderman's ministry, check out www.ambs.edu/churchleadershipcenter/Reading-The-Bible-With-Jesus.cfm <<http://www.ambs.edu/churchleadershipcenter/Reading-The-Bible-With-Jesus.cfm>> and www.smalltallministries.com <<http://www.smalltallministries.com/>> . or see the brochure on the Christian Education Bulletin Board. For questions about the seminar or concert, email rpcoffice@gmail.com.



Men's Retreat at Friedenswald

October 14-16 Men & Boys Retreat at Camp Friedenswald! Bring your family & friends for a weekend sitting around the fire, canoeing, hiking, playing games, worshiping and relaxing. Come for the fun activities, and stay for the meaningful input from Luke Gascho, Executive Director of Merry Lea Learning Center, centering us on our communities of people within the community of creation. Make sure to bring the whole family, men of all ages are specifically invited for this weekend of fun together. Adults: \$150; Ages 6-12: \$25; Ages 13-18: \$50; Ages 18-25: Free Register Today and learn more at: friedenswald.org/retreats

Calls and Visits Requested

Deborah Spacek's address is Pontiac Healthcare and Rehab, 308 West Lowell Street, Pontiac, IL. and her phone is 815-842-1181. She would love calls, cards and visits.



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 Same Day Services at Advocate Eureka Hospital. 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 [Missionary Crossroads](#) is available.



Thought for the Day

We need not a new set of beliefs, but a new way of believing, not simply new answers to the same old questions, but a new set of questions.
Brian D. McLaren

Today's Chuckle

A lady is walking out of a movie theatre at the same time sees a man with a parrot on his shoulder. She turns to the man and says, "Your parrot actually seemed to understand the movie. It looked around during the boring parts, it paid close attention to the dramatic parts, it even squawked during the funny parts. I don't understand how that can be." The man replied, "I don't understand it either. He didn't like the book at all."

