



MIDWEEK CONNECTION AT MCN

September 28, 2016

Worship with Us This Sunday, October 2

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 1 Corinthians 12:18-27 and this week's sermon title is *Remembering the Body*. Pastor Tim comments, "On this World-Wide Communion Sunday, I will be remembering those around the world who are persecuted for their faith. Last Sunday I preached about 'endurance'. I have to wonder how that theme from Revelation might resonate in a country of persecution for believers."

Communion will be served this Sunday. The Bible teaches that we are to "examine ourselves" in preparation (1 Cor 11:27-29). Our Mennonite forebears took seriously the idea of being fully at peace with God and one's Christian brothers and sisters in order to partake. Let us prepare with similar prayerful reflection and personal examination. Contributions for the Mutual Aid Fund are specifically sought on Communion Sundays. Resources from this benevolent fund are disbursed by the Pastoral Council in times of discerned need. Simply include your offering clearly marked "Mutual Aid" when the plate is passed. Your gift will be gratefully received, and carefully distributed.

Prayers and Condolences

Please pray for

- * The Hickman Family as Deb travels home from Liberia with their daughter Blessing.
- * Student of Phil Hoffmann who was in a serious car accident



We offer condolences for the family of Debrah Hunsberger, niece of John and Erma Stutzman, who passed away last week.

This Week at 805 S Cottage

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
Sun, Oct 2	Pre-Service Prayer 9:00 am Worship 9:30 am Children's Christian Ed 10:45 am Adult Christian Ed 11:00 am Experience-Based Feedback Facilitator Training noon Senior High Youth 3:00 pm Junior High Youth 5:00 pm Junior Choir 6:00 pm Presentation on Cambodia by Rachel Ropp 7:00 pm
Tues Oct 4	Pastoral Council 6:00 pm
Wed Oct 5	Adult Christian Education Teachers 7:00 pm
Thurs Oct 6	Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am Staff Meeting 9:30 am



Please Note: Youth Choir, will NOT meet this week because of a time conflict with Rachel Ropp's presentation on Cambodia. Youth Choir will start next week, October 9.

Serving This Sunday



Greeters	South: Mary Ann King, Kristen Sand West: Mary Dyck
Welcome Table	Aldine Combs
Ushers	Linda and Roger Clemmons Paul and Mary Ann Watkins
Worship Leader	To Be Announced
Song Leader	Jenell Ulrich
Accompanist	Dorothy Loepp
Scripture	Nathan Miller
Children's Time	Shelly King
Sermon	Pastor Tim Schrag
Technology	Rick Harnish
Toddler Nursery	Emily Petri
Preschool Nursery	Jeremy Haab

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to

Dick	Pamela	2-Oct
Schroeer	Juergen	2-Oct
Stalter	Phil	2-Oct
Franks	Michele	3-Oct
Unzicker	Keith	4-Oct
Harnish	David	5-Oct
Doblosky	Xander	6-Oct
Driscoll	Katie	6-Oct
Kasongo	Theresia	6-Oct
Oyer	Clarence	9-Oct



Happy Anniversary to

Phil & Laura Dick on Oct 1 (41 years)
Lee & Mary Alice Hertzler on October 4
Gene & Linda Kettering on October 4 (5)
Emmanuel & Tanya Kasongo on October
Todd & Danielle Kettering on October 9



MYF Fundraiser Car Wash: Join the high school youth at HyVee in Bloomington at 3p Sunday to have your car washed at their summer 2017 convention fundraiser!

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.

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. Checks may be made out to Mennonite Church of Normal, with Periodicals in the memo line.



Soup and Pie Potluck

Come for a great Fellowship time and excellent food on October 9. You can visit for a long time, since there is no meeting to follow. Please sign up and indicate what you will bring by going to [Signup Genius http://www.signupgenius.com/go/904044BABAB2EAB9-soup/34788877](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/904044BABAB2EAB9-soup/34788877) We are using Signup Genius to simplify the sign up procedure and Fellowship Committee plan and organize the event. Use Signup Genius, call Lynn in the church office at 309-452-6622 or Leanne at 309-696-5399.

Membership at MCN

Interested in exploring church membership at Mennonite Church of Normal? Contact Pastor Schrag for details. An orientation class will be starting soon.

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 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

The **13th Annual Alternative Gifts Fair** will be on Sundays, Nov. 6 and 13. Put these dates on your calendar. The AGI and MCC catalogs will be coming soon.



Building Use

- Hands All Around Quilt Guild
- * Thursday, October 6, 5:30pm -9:00 pm
 - *Friday, October 7, 8:00 am-4:00 pm
 - * Saturday, October 8, 8:00 am-4:00 pm
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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, worshipping 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

Welcome to Blessing Hickman

Pastor Matt will be on unpaid family leave from this Sunday through Sunday, October 16th to be with their new daughter Blessing as she arrives here from West Africa.

The North Main Cluster is organizing meals for Hickmans as adjust to a new family member. Could you provide a meal (picking up carry-in or freezing ahead counts!) in the next two weeks? Contact Lynn Reha or Melika Hershberger.



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

We who were formerly no people at all, and who knew of no peace, are now called to be...a church...of peace. True Christians do not know vengeance. They are the children of peace. Their hearts overflow with peace. Their mouths speak peace, and they walk in the way of peace. *Menno Simons*

Today's Chuckle

There was this truck driver who had to deliver a hundred penguins to the state zoo. As he's driving through the desert, the truck breaks down. He waves another truck down and offers the driver \$500 to take these penguins to the state zoo for him.



The next day the first truck driver arrives in town and sees the second truck driver crossing the road with 100 penguins walking in single file behind him!

He jumps out of his truck and says, "What's going on? I gave you \$500 to take these penguins to the zoo!"

The guy replies, "I did take them to the zoo. And I had money left over so now we're going to a movie."