

Winter Clothing Drive for Head Start Families. All sizes welcome.

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MIDWEEK CONNECTION AT MCN

October 12, 2016

## Worship with Us This Sunday, October 16

This Sunday concludes a 6-week sermon series on the book of Revelation titled *The Revelation of Jesus Christ: Eternal Words for Today*. The Scriptures this week are Revelation 21:6-8 and Revelation 21:22-22:5. This week's sermon title is *Open Gates: The 'Universalistic' Possibility*. Pastor Tim comments, "The question of whether some persons will spend eternity in hell because of their non-belief in Jesus, or whether in the end, all will be saved, is the topic of the sermon for October 16. This will complete the sermon series on Revelation." The hymns are *Speak, O Lord, O Let All Who Thirst* (HWB 495), *Nothing is Lost on the Breath of God* (STS 121).

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## Prayers and Condolences

*\*Please pray for Connie Satchwell, who is preparing for heart surgery at Mayo Clinic during the week of October 17.*

*\*Please pray for Ron & Leanne Schertz's granddaughter Madeline, who will be working with a NGO in Cambodia.*

*\* Our condolences go out to Ken Shoemaker and family. Ken's brother Donald passed away on October 12.*

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## This Week at 805 S Cottage

Wed Oct 12	Adult Christian Education Teachers 7:00 pm
Thurs Oct 13	Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am Pastor-Peer IMC Meeting 9:00 pm Staff Meeting 2:00 pm Outreach Committee 5:00 pm Church Board 6:00 pm
Sat Oct 15	Junior High leave for Menno Haven 8:00 am
Sun, Oct 16	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 5:00 pm Youth Choir 6:45 pm
Wed Oct 19	Adult Christian Education Teachers 7:00 pm



**Lighting fixture installation** On Friday and Saturday, October 14 and 15 David Warfel will be leading a group of people installing a light fixture in the Atrium. Lee Hertzler created the fixture. Scaffolding will be used. Many thanks to Lee, David and the others who will be installing.

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### Serving This Sunday



Greeters	South: Barry and Marge Weaver West: Ryan Miller
Welcome Table	Kay Reimer
Ushers	Adam Augspurger, Caleb Augspurger Nancy Fisher, Ardys Serpette
Worship Leader	Lynn Reha
Song Leader	Barry Weaver
Accompanist	Denise Hedberg
Scripture	Erin Ponnou-Delaffon
Children's Time	Chris Culbertson
Sermon	Pastor Tim Schrag
Technology	Rick Harnish
Toddler Nursery	Clara Unzicker
Preschool Nursery	Beth Reeser

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## Birthdays & Anniversaries

### Happy Birthday to

Mary Ann	Watkins	16-Oct
Matt	Culbertson	17-Oct
Wesley	Hershberger	18-Oct
Stephanie	Company	19-Oct
Garrett	Reeser	20-Oct
Jay	Liew	21-Oct
Nathan	Liew	21-Oct
Elsa	Raab	21-Oct
Esther	Brown	22-Oct
Lisa	Jablonski	22-Oct
Larry	Schrader	22-Oct



Happy Thirty-Sixth Anniversar  
George and Diane Wiman,  
who were married on October

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## 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

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.



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/>

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## CPR Training Available!

The Wellness Committee is sponsoring a CPR Training at the church on Saturday, October 22nd at 8:30AM. The four hour training will cover CPR for both adults and pediatrics. Sign up is required. Please contact the church office if you are interested. Childcare available upon request.

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## Spending Plan Status

The Financial Stewardship Committee would like to update the congregation on our current 2016 Spending Plan status. As of the end of September our income has been \$343,825 and our expenses have been \$381,212. This has resulted in a YTD deficit of -\$37,387. While we have been able to meet our obligations at this point, we have obvious concerns about this rather significant shortfall. It is not uncommon for us to be in a deficit situation at this point in the year, but this current amount is larger than previous years. As a comparison, our deficit at this same point in 2015 was -\$18,226.

We would ask that everyone prayerfully consider how they can help reduce this deficit. We have three months to recover from this and it is our strong conviction that this is certainly possible. It is our hope that by making everyone aware of the situation at this point that it will give us ample time to respond.

Any concerns or questions about this can be directed to anyone on our committee. Our members are: Doug Ulrich, Gail Fisher, Adam Augspurger, Linda Clemmons, Rick Yoder

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### Building Use

#### Music Recording

Laurel Aberle (Beard), a musician who has recorded in the Sanctuary before, and who has provided worship music for us, will be recording again on Saturday, October 15, beginning at 4 pm.

#### Carpet Cleaning

Carpets will be cleaned starting 2:30 pm on Thursday, October 20 and finishing on Friday, October 21.

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## Renew Friedenswald

Over the last year we have been working on plans to [Renew Friedenswald](#). We are excited to be moving forward with construction this fall! While the majority of the construction will be handled by DJ Construction, there are specific areas where we will be relying heavily on volunteer assistance. One of the first opportunities comes before construction begins. We need help removing old bunks, taking down the old Boys' Cabins, cutting trees, among other projects. This work will happen **October 21-22** --this coming weekend!. It will be a work weekend, but also a fun way to get involved and to help us kick off these exciting projects! If you're able to help out that weekend (one or two days), please indicate your availability [here](#).

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## Welcome to Blessing Hickman

Deb and Blessing Hickman arrived in Chicago on Saturday and were greeted by Matt and the kids, and others. Pastor Matt will be on family leave until October 17. For the most part, the Hickmans will be helping Blessing adjust at home and only gradually going for short outings. Feel free to call or email them. They will let you know if a visit is suitable or not.

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## Bangladesh

Meghan Reha's presentation on her time with Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) in Bangladesh will be at 3:00 pm on October 23 in the Sanctuary. Meghan will also talk about children in Bangladesh during children's time that Sunday. The children's Noisy Offering for 2015-16 was given to Basha, an MCC-assisted project which helps women with children find employment.

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## Widow's Cruse Food Destination

The Jesus House Food Pantry is being closed out, so our food donations are now going to Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church Food Pantry. Thanks to all who donate, and especially to Mark Alsene who delivers the donations.

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## Free Film Screening and Discussion

Pastor Tim says this content comes "highly recommended."

Join us for a free screening and discussion of the PBS FRONTLINE film *Being Mortal*. Based on the best-selling book by Atul Gawande, M.D., this documentary explores the hopes of patients and families facing terminal illness and their relationships with the physicians who treat them.

See the film and be part of a national conversation that brings health care professionals and community members together around the shared responsibility of discussing what matters most to patients and families facing difficult treatment decisions and how to have these conversations ahead of a medical crisis.

**WHERE:** Illinois State University Alumni Center, 1101 N. Main St., Normal, IL

**WHEN:** Tuesday, October 25, 2016

**TIME:** Doors open at 5 p.m. Program 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

A light supper will be served.

**REGISTER TODAY, SPACE IS LIMITED!** Call (309) 438-2176 or register [online](#).



## 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

Why do we rush to defend God to a broken world, and not race to defend the image of God in the world's broken? *Ann Voskamp*

## Today's Chuckle

--Is it possible to have deja vu and amnesia at the same time? (I feel like I've forgotten this before...)

--If you see a young man open the car door for his girlfriend, either the car is new or the girlfriend is.

--The big-time CEO was scheduled to speak at an important convention, so he asked an employee to write him a punchy 20-minute speech. When the CEO returned from the big event, he was furious. "What's the idea of writing me an hour-long speech?" he demanded. "Half the audience walked out before I finished." The employee was baffled. "I wrote you a 20-minute speech," he replied. "I also gave you the two extra copies you asked for."

