

An Encounter with Korea's Culture and History, presented by Darrel and Lynette Miller this Sunday 6:45 pm in the MRC Community Room.

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MIDWEEK CONNECTION AT MCN

November 22, 2016

Worship with Us This Sunday, November 27
The First Sunday of Advent

The Scripture for this Sunday is Matthew 24:36-44. The title of the sermon is *Steadily Alert*. Pastor Tim Schrag asks, "This text is sometimes experienced as ominous, conveying a sense of dread and threat. I would think we followers of Jesus, if we are faithfully following him, might ask, 'what is there for us to worry about?! So whence the dread?'"

The hymns are *Comfort, Comfort, O My People* (HWB 176), *On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry* (HWB 183), *He Came Down* (STJ 31), and *Hope is a Candle* (STJ 15), and *Bless'd Be the God of Israel* (HWB 174).

All Sharing and Prayer Requests to Pastor Tim During Advent - Please write out or send by email to Pastor Tim all items for sharing and prayer for Sunday worship. There is no open microphone sharing during Advent.



Prayers

Please pray for Ross Weaver who will be in Standing Rock, SD as a paramedic.

This Week at 805 S Cottage

Nov 24-25 Church Office closed for Thanksgiving Holiday
Pre-Service Prayer 9:00 am
Worship 9:30 am
Children's Christian Ed 10:45 am

Sun Nov 27 Adult Christian Ed 11:00 am
Junior Choir 6:00 pm
Youth Choir 6:45 pm
Adult Choir 7:30 pm

Wed Nov 30 Adult Christian Education Teachers 7:00 pm

Thu Dec 1 Fellowship Committee 4:00 pm



Serving This Sunday



Greeters	South: Gail & Nancy Fisher West: Marcia Rossi
Welcome Table	Louise Reeser
Ushers	Larry and Louise Reeser David and Abby Warfel
Worship Leader	Darrel Miller
Song Leader	Cindy Ropp
Accompanist	Elsa Raab
Scripture	Darrel Miller
Children's Time	Holly Zehr
Sermon	Pastor Tim Schrag
Technology	Randy Zehr
Toddler Nursery	Kristy Hoffman
Preschool Nursery	Shannon Unzicker

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to

Miles	Doblosky	29-Nov
Ron	Schertz	29-Nov



Post Election Gathering

Needing to Process How You're Feeling Following the Election? Pastor Jane will host a gathering on Monday, November 28 at 2 pm. Please contact her for information about location. jane@normalmennonite.org



Contemplative Coloring

All persons of *all* ages at *anytime* during Advent are invited to help us complete an extra-large set of coloring posters. They combine to form the entire Christmas story. Posters and coloring pencils will be available at the table in the atrium.



Alternative Gifts Fair

Alternative Gifts Fair- Thanks so much to all for your overflowing generosity! Our grand total is \$21,689 (MCC- \$14,550; AGI- \$7,139), \$1,331 dollars more than last year's total! MCC and AGI inserts have been ordered and will be in church mailboxes in early December. Again, thanks to your generous donations which will bring new hope to many people around the world.

Upgrades!

Carpet baseboard installation is scheduled for November 30. That should finalize our upgrades for 2016.



Are you interested in the Thanksgiving Potluck at 12:30 on November 24? For details and to sign up, visit <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e094faaa87-thanksgiving>



An Encounter with Korea's Culture and History

Sunday, November 27. 6:45 p.m. Homebuilders at the MRC community room. Program by Lynette and Darrel Miller on "An Encounter with Korea's Culture and History." They were recently two weeks in Korea for their son's wedding celebration. Everyone welcome.

Bridge of Hope Family.02

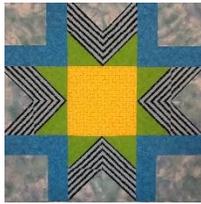
Home Sweet Home Ministries has given MCN the invitation to again become part of the move to housing stability for another family through a 2-year monthly experience of neighboring. No longer using the terminology of “mentors”, the church relationship is now one of “neighbors” -- regardless of how far apart we live. What a great connection to a compelling Biblical idea! We hope to begin in January.

Might God be nudging you to become part of our Neighboring? It will be an enriching way to put your faith into action. We are looking for 6-8 persons (men and women, all ages) to give an evening a month for 2 years to help be “neighbors” to a single parent and kids as they strengthen their lives. See this link for an introduction of Bridge of Hope Neighboring. <https://youtu.be/C1Xqn9mr1al>

Interested persons please talk to Pastor Jane.

Sowing Sisterhood

This latest volume of the Illinois Mennonite Women Newsletter features articles on the Housewarmer Project and Gratitude. Select this link to go to the [Sowing Sisterhood Newsletter, Volume 6](#).



Housewarmer Project

The Mennonite Women USA Housewarmer Project continues to donate quilted wall hangings to Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) to give to homeowners when their home is completed and a dedication takes place. MDS is hard at work rebuilding after flooding in West Virginia, Detroit, Michigan, Lafayette, Louisiana, a typhoon in Saipan, and will soon begin rebuilding after wildfires in California. We are getting very low on quilted wall hangings. If quilting is your gift, please consider sharing. See the link below for more information."

<https://mennonitewomenusa.org/housewarmer/>

Mennonite Central Committee Great Lakes

Mennonite Central Committee Great Lakes is seeking a Program Director. The person who fills this role will be responsible for the direction and oversight of MCC Great Lakes programs. The Program Director is expected to connect with constituent churches and groups, as well as partner organizations, to work together and advance the mission of MCC. This position also explores ways to further develop relationships between program staff and partnerships within the Great Lakes region to reflect the commitment to diverse constituent churches. To see a full job description and apply, visit mcc.org/gl-program-director or contact Amber Falcón at 574-534-4133.



Building Use

Laurel Aberle Music Recording
2:30-6:30 pm Saturday, November 26

Hands All Around Quilt Guild
Sanctuary Thursday December 1, 5:30-9:00 pm
Fellowship Area December 2 & 3 8:00 am-4:00 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 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

Beside the streams of Babylon, we sat and wept, trying to remember Mount Zion. —Psalm 137:1
Exile was the very time when the Jewish people went deep and discovered their prophetic voices—Isaiah, Jeremiah, and others—speaking truth to power, calling for justice. Their experience laid the solid foundation for Jesus' teaching and solidarity with the poor and the outcast. *Richard Rohr*



Today's
Thanksgiving Groaners

What happened when the turkey got into a fight?
He got the stuffing knocked out of him.
What do you get when you cross a turkey with a banjo?
A turkey that can pluck itself.

Why did they let the turkey join the band?
Because he had the drumsticks

What did the mother turkey say to her disobedient children?
"If your father could see you now, he'd turn over in his gravy."

Why did the police arrest the turkey?
They suspected it of fowl play

What sound does a space turkey make?
Hubble, Hubble, Hubble.

Why did the turkey cross the road?
It was the chicken's day off.
