

Election Day Communion Service, 6:00 pm, Tuesday, November 8
in the sanctuary

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MIDWEEK CONNECTION AT MCN

November 2, 2016

Worship with Us This Sunday, November 6

The Scriptures for this Sunday are Psalm 73:1-3, 13-17, and Psalm 37:1-8, and the title of the sermon is *Close Calls in the Spiritual Life*. Pastor Tim comments, "There are three texts to read together as preparation for Sunday. Psalm 37 and 73, and Matthew 5:1-12."

Prayers

**Please continue to pray for Connie Satchwell, who is recovering from heart surgery. She is rejoicing at being home, and continues to improve. Visit <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/conniesatchwell> for updates. Her family is especially grateful for your prayers and support during this time.*



**Please pray for increasing health for*

- *Randy Zehr's mother*
- *Juergen Schroeer's brother*
- *Andy Hedberg's father*

This Week at 805 S Cottage

Wed Nov 2 Adult Christian Education Teachers 7:00 pm

Thurs Nov 3 Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am
Staff Meeting 9:30 am

Sun Nov 6
 Pre-Service Prayer 9:00 am
 Worship 9:30 am
 Children's Christian Ed 10:45 am
 Adult Christian Ed 11:00 am
 Gordon/Pound Recital 2:00 pm
 Junior High Youth 5:00 pm
 Senior High Youth 5:00 pm
 Junior Choir 6:00 pm
 Youth Choir 6:45 pm
 Adult Choir 7:30 pm



Tues Nov 8
 Wellness Committee 5:30 pm
 Election Communion 6:00 pm

Wed Nov 9
 Peace & Justice Committee 5:15 pm
 Christian Education Committee 6:00 pm
 Adult Christian Education Teachers 7:00 pm

Thur Nov 10
 Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am
 IMC Pastor-Peer Meeting 9:00 am
 Staff Meeting 2:00 pm
 Outreach Committee 5:00 pm
 Church Board 6:30 pm

Serving This Sunday



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| Greeters | South: Mike and Stephe Company West: Emma King |
| Welcome Table | Wilma Dyck |
| Ushers | Linda and Roger Clemmons Paul and Mary Ann Watkins |
| Worship Leader | Kay Reimer |
| Song Leader | Glenn Wilson |
| Accompanist | Dorothy Loepf |
| Scripture | David Voegtlin |
| Children's Time | Matt Hickman |
| Sermon | Pastor Tim Schrag |
| Technology | Caleb Augspurger |
| Toddler Nursery | Elsa Raab |
| Preschool Nursery | Shannon/Spring Neely |

Blood pressures will be taken this Sunday in the Nurse's Office.

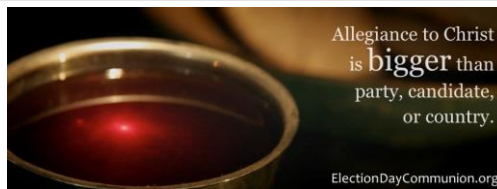
Birthdays & Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to

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| Janet | Gundy | 6-Nov |
| Cory | Culbertson | 8-Nov |
| Jason | Waggoner | 10-Nov |
| Henry | Dick | 11-Nov |
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Happy Thirteenth Anniversary to Andy & Beth Reeser,
who were married on November 8.



Election Day Communion

Come join us for a 30 minute Election Day Communion Service, 6:00 pm, Tuesday, November 8 in the sanctuary. Election Day Communion reminds us that though we may vote differently, we are one Body of Christ. It is a chance to choose a “different path” - a path that reminds us of our allegiance to Christ, to the ways of peace and to unity in the midst of differences. Election Day Communion is an ecumenical movement across the US with over 900 churches participating. More information at <https://www.facebook.com/ElectionDayCommunion/>



SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY: On Sunday afternoon, November 6, at 2 pm, cellist Nina Gordon and pianist Nancy Pound, faculty members at IWU, will present a recital in the Mennonite Church of Normal worship space. The program of classical music includes works by Brahms, Schumann, Bruch, and Rachmaninoff. Please share this information widely with friends and acquaintances. There is no charge.

Surprise Luncheon

Surprise Luncheon is December 4. Sign-up forms will be in your mailboxes this Sunday, November 6. Please leave your sign-up sheet in basket provided in church entrance by Sunday, November 20. If you have questions, call the church office at 452-6622.

New to Surprise Luncheons? Here is an explanation: The MCN Surprise Luncheon is an opportunity to get to know people and meet new people. Here is how it works: some church families offer to host and others sign up to be guests for a Sunday noon meal, usually the first Sunday in December. The host family provides the main dish and dessert; guest families each provide a salad.

Host families offer to host the number of guests that suit their home. Hosts do not know who is coming, only the number of guests they will have. Guests do not know where they are going until after Sunday School the day of the event. Guests are assigned to hosts by the Fellowship Committee. Care is taken to accommodate the needs of guests, whether it be for an accessible home or playmates for their children. However, it is always possible you will have opportunity to spend quality time with persons you have not particularly interacted with before.



Winter Clothing Drive

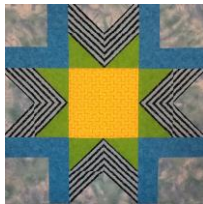
Heartland Head Start serves low-income families to assist them with pre-school services and aid families in day-to-day needs. This year, we are trying to provide these families in our Mennonite classroom winter clothing. Throughout my time here, I have noticed a need for hats, scarves, gloves, and coats 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, Sundays, November 6 & 13

This Sunday will be the first of two Sundays of the Alternative Gifts Fair. Have you filled out your shopping list? Be sure to fill out how many inserts, which describe the projects, you want. Gift cards are available for people who make a donation. You can give any amount of money to any project. The donations are tax-deductible and will appear on your yearly financial statement. Last year's total was \$20,761. Let's see if we can beat it! Be sure to take a look at all the beautiful displays, the most we have had in the last 12 years. Sunday we will sing the "Twelve Days of Christmas" again. Don't miss it! Questions: call Roelie Homan, 662-6426



Quilt Block Silent Auction for MCC Relief Quilts Supplies

Another big thanks to Sue Schrag for sharing her creative artistry with us through the creation of the Bible story quilt blocks we've had on display for the past many months. We've heard many comments of appreciation.

Nine of the quilt blocks are being loaned to the church for future use in worship. Eight are for sale by silent auction. All proceeds will be used to purchase fabric and supplies for quilts and comforters made for MCC.

The quilt blocks for sale are on tables at the back of the atrium. Each block has a starting bid of \$75.

To place a bid, sign up for an Auction Number on the counter in front of Lynn's desk in the front office. Then place as many bids as many times as you want on the Bid Sheet under the quilt block. The Auction will be Sundays, October 23 through November 6.



Christ the King Banquet Request

Worship Committee is looking for 4 persons willing to make 3 dozen mini muffins for the Christ the King banquet on Sunday, November 20. This will take place during the worship service, so the mini muffins would need to be at church by 8:30 that Sunday morning, or the night before. Please no nuts in ingredients. Contact Louise Reeser at 826-3423 or reeserfarms@gmail.com.



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. Sign up in the MCN Library, or sign up online at <http://www.redcrossblood.org/>



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/C1Xqn9mr1aI>

Interested persons please talk to Pastor Jane.



The Amish Project

The Illinois State University School of Theatre and Dance will present one performance of The Amish Project in Westhoff Theatre at 7:30 p.m. Friday, November 4. The Amish Project, written by Jessica Dickey, is a fictional retelling of the 2006 Nickel Mines shooting. One woman channels a kaleidoscope of voices in reaction to a true life mass shooting in an Amish schoolhouse. Focusing on the aftermath of the tragedy and the Amish community's reaction toward the widow of the gunman, the play demonstrates the power of forgiveness and the ripple effect of compassion.

Found

Did you lose something from Gold's Gym Express? See Lynn in the church office.



Building Use

Hands All Around Quilt Guild will meet:

*Thursday, November 3 from 5:30 pm-9:00 pm in the Sanctuary

*Friday, November 4 from 8:00 am-4:00 pm in the Fellowship and Atrium areas

*Saturday, November 5 from 8:00 am-4:00 pm in the Fellowship and Atrium areas

Head Start Parent Meeting November 10 4:30 pm in Fellowship and Atrium areas

STAR Tutoring Tuesday and Wednesday mornings, Junior High Room

Through the Regional Office of Education #17, STAR Adult Literacy Program matches volunteer tutors and adult students who are preparing to take GED tests.

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

The sacred duty of being an individual is to gradually learn how to lie so as to awaken the eternal within you. *John O'Donohue*

Today's Daffynitions

- Coffee:** The person upon whom one coughs.
- Flabbergasted:** Appalled by discovering how much weight one has gained.
- Abdicate:** To give up all hope of ever having a flat stomach.
- Lymph:** To walk with a lisp.
- Gargoyle:** Olive-flavored mouthwash.
- Flatulence:** Emergency vehicle that picks up someone who has been run over by a steamroller.

