

Congregational Meal (Youth Fundraiser) and Meeting Sunday
noon. All welcome.

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MIDWEEK CONNECTION AT MCN

November 9, 2016

Worship with Us This Sunday, November 13

The Scripture for this Sunday is John 10:1-10, and Philippians 4:8-9. The title of the sermon is *Hearing Voices*. Pastor Tim comments, "The sermon this morning is not about mental illness! But we do all 'hear voices', and we'll consider how we attune ourselves to God's voice."

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*

** Please pray for our nation and the impact of this election on all of us, but especially immigrants, women and people of color.*

This Week at 805 S Cottage

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

Thurs Nov 10
Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am
IMC Pastor-Peer Meeting 9:00 am
Staff Meeting 1:00 pm
Outreach Committee 5:00 pm
Church Board 6:00 pm

Sat Nov 12
Red Cross Blood Drive 8:00 am

Sun Nov 13
Pre-Service Prayer 9:00 am
Worship 9:30 am
Children's Christian Ed 10:45 am
Adult Christian Ed 11:00 am
Congregational Meal and Meeting 12:00 pm
Relief Sale Board 2:30 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



Mon Nov 14
Mennonite Women 9:30 am
Cluster Leaders 7:00 pm

Wed Nov 16
Ministry to Aging Seminar 6:00 pm
Adult Christian Education Teachers 7:00 pm

Thur Nov 17
Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am
Staff Meeting 9:30 am
Financial Stewardship 5:30 pm
Youth Ministry Committee 6:00 pm

Serving This Sunday

Greeters

South: Rick and Annette Harnish

Welcome Table
Ushers

West: Mark Roeschley

Nancy Fisher

Larry & Louise Reeser

Lisa & Frank Jablonski

Worship Leader
Song Leader

Melika Hershberger

Wayne Hochstetler



Accompanist
Scripture
Children's Time
Sermon
Technology
Toddler Nursery

Jenell Ulrich
Clara Unzicker
Shelly King
Pastor Tim Schrag
Caleb Augspurgen
Nancy Fisher

Preschool Nursery

Clara Unzicker

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to

Jane	Roeschley	13-Nov
Alexandra	Neely	14-Nov
Lloyd	Combs	15-Nov
Jack	Brandon	16-Nov
Barbara	Gillespie	18-Nov
David	Warfel	19-Nov



Congregational Meal and Meeting

A Congregational Meal and Meeting will take place this Sunday, November 13. The Youth will serve the meal (Menu: pasta casserole, salad, bread and dessert.) as a fundraiser for their trip to the 2017 MCUSA Convention in Orlando. The meeting will include a review of the proposed Spending Plan, and a presentation about the new MCN Vision and Mission statements. Click here for a copy of the proposed [Spending Plan](#) and new [Vision and Mission Statements](#). Please print off and bring to the Congregational Meeting, along with any questions you may have about the proposed Spending Plan.

Surprise Luncheon

Surprise Luncheon is December 4. 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.



Alternative Gifts Fair, Sundays, November 13

Alternative Gifts Fair Thank you to everyone who attended, prepared booths, and contributed generously at the first Sunday of the Alternative Gifts Fair. We have already raised \$9,440 (MCC-\$5,453; AGI-\$3,987)! Last year we raised a total of \$20,761. Let's see if we can break the fundraising thermometer with record numbers of donations!

This Sunday will be your last opportunity to participate. Shopping lists for AGI and MCC will be available on the cashier's table, together with cards to send to recipients. Checks should be made out to the Mennonite Church of Normal and donations can be made in any amount. Our thanks to all for joining us in this fun project which sends gifts of caring and hope around the world!

Upgrades!

Our building is getting some needed upgrades. During this week (November 7-11) and early next week (November 14-16) carpet in the main areas will be replaced. This process involves both dust and glue. If you are sensitive to these allergens, please be aware of this process. Also, we are in the process of replacing all the old (20 years or more!) furnace and air conditioning units. The one above the kitchen will be replaced on November 14-16.

Ministering to Older Adults in the Church

Wednesday, November 16, 6:00-7:30 pm Sponsored by Meadows, facilitated by Pastor Jane Roeschley, and held in the MCN Sanctuary, this seminar will explore characteristics of the growing older adult population, the Christian call to ministry with this segment of our congregations and talk about some ideas to minister to them. Refreshments will be served. To reserve your spot, please call Darla Hath, Volunteer and Development Coordinator for Meadow Communities at (309)747.3628



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/>



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>



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.



Building Use

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

STAR Tutoring
Tuesday and Wednesday 8:30-11:30

Tuesday and Wednesday 3:30-4:30
Tuesday and Thursday 12:30-1:30
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.

Illinois Prairie Chapter of Wild Ones
Monday, November 14, 5:30 pm

HAAQG Sewing Mentoring
Thursday, November 17 6:00 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 [Missionary Crossroads](#) is available.



Thought for the Day

Over and over, when I ask God why all of these injustices are allowed to exist in the world, I can feel the Spirit whisper to me, You tell me why we allow this to happen. You are my body, my hands, my feet. *Shane Claiborne*
