

STAR Literacy Volunteer Introductory Meeting
January 5, 7:00 pm

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MIDWEEK CONNECTION AT MCN

January 4, 2017

Worship with Us This Sunday,
January 8, 2017

The Scriptures for this Sunday are Genesis 28:10-22 and Hebrews 11:13-22. The title of the sermon is *A Mirror, But Still a Model?* Pastor Tim Schrag comments, "The faith of Jacob seems as if he is always prone to hedge his bets. What kind of faith is that? And yet in the end, he is held up as one 'living by faith'. We'll explore this tension on Sunday."

The hymns are *Christ is Our Cornerstone* (HWB 43), *I Owe the Lord a Morning Song* (HWB 651), and *Why Should I Feel Discouraged* (STS 103) and *I Know Not Why God's Wondrous* (HWB 338).

This Week at 805 S Cottage

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| Wed Jan 4 | Adult Christian Education Teachers 7:00 pm |
| Thur Jan 5 | STAR Literacy Volunteer Introductory Meeting 7:00 pm |
| Sun Jan 8 | Pre-Service Prayer 9:00 am
Worship 9:30 am
Christian Education for Children 10:45 am
Christian Education for Adults 11:00 am |
| Mon Jan 9 | Mennonite Women 9:30 am |



Tues Jan 10 Staff Meeting 10:30 am
 Worship Committee 5:00 pm
 Wellness Committee 5:30 pm
 Church Board 6:30 pm

Wed Jan 11 Peace & Justice Committee 5:15 pm
 Adult Christian Education Teachers 7:00 pm

Thur Jan 12 Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am
 Pastor-Peer IMC Meeting 9:00 am
 Outreach Committee 5:00 pm
 Youth Ministry 6:00 pm

Serving This Sunday



Greeters	South: Esther Brown, Wilma Dyck West: Lotus Hershberger
Welcome Table	Mary Ann King
Ushers	Lotus Hershberger, Nancy Fisher Ross and Wesley Hershberger
Worship Leader	Mike Company
Song Leader	Cindy Ropp
Accompanist	Chris Culbertson and Youth Musicians
Scripture	David Warfel
Children's Time	Matt Hickman
Sermon	Pastor Tim Schrag
Technology	Randy Zehr
Toddler Nursery	Spring Neely
Preschool Nursery	Jonah King

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to		
Frank	Jablonski	8-Jan
Seth	Stalter	9-Jan
Dick	Baum	11-Jan
Ken	Shoemaker	11-Jan
Anna Rosa	Tshiseleka	12-Jan
Christian	Engel	14-Jan



STAR Literacy Volunteer Meeting

Sheila Diaz, Literacy Coordinator of the STAR Literacy Program will present information for volunteers from MCN who may be interested in tutoring community residents. These community members are studying English as an Other Language or preparing for the GED Test. The meeting will take place on January 5, 2016 at 7 pm at MCN and is open to all who are interested.

Moro Moro Scholarship Fund

The [Moro Moro Scholarship Fund](#) is a fund that my late father started to benefit children from his hometown in rural Bolivia. I would be honored if you took a minute to read over the good work going on there. You can click on the link above or there are few extra copies are on the table in the narthex. Many Blessings! - Doug Valverde (dougvalverde@hotmail.com)

SWAP Volunteers Needed

Mennonite Central Committee is seeking Location Coordinators for the Sharing With Appalachia People (SWAP) site in West Virginia. The Location Coordinators have overall responsibility for the implementation of the SWAP program within McDowell County. SWAP provides week-long service opportunities for young people and adults, mainly during the summer months, but also some in the spring and fall. The primary focus of SWAP is housing repair for low-income individuals and families who don't qualify for other low-cost housing programs, with an important secondary focus on mentoring volunteers and staff in Christian service. The SWAP Location Coordinators will work with local partners in West Virginia to organize and implement the program, as well as promote communication and understanding between volunteers and local residents. For a full job description, visit mcc.org/get-involved/serve/openings/mcc-swap-location-coordinator-wv. Individuals interested in this position should send a cover letter and current resume when they apply online. For more information or questions, contact Amber Falcón at 574-534-4133 or AmberFalcon@mcc.org.

Thank You

I've experienced more than my share of support once again following knee replacement surgery! But it feels so gratifying to know that well wishers follow up with prayers, cards, phone calls or even a meal! As recuperation progresses, I am reminded what a blessing it is to be part of a larger Family! Thank you so much! *Gail Fisher*



Building Use

Hands All Around Quilt Guild

Thursday, January 5, 5:30-9:00 pm Sanctuary

Friday, January 6, 8:00 am-4:30 pm Atrium and Fellowship Area

Saturday, January 7, 8:00 am-4:30 pm Atrium and Fellowship Area



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 Addiction Recovery Unit. 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.

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

To follow God does not often mean traveling with certainty about where God will lead us. Rather, following God propels us to be present to the place where we are, for this is the very place where God shows up.

Jan L. Richardson, Through the Advent Door: Entering a Contemplative Christmas



Today's Chuckle

Photons have mass? I didn't even know they were Catholic.
Don't let your worries get the best of you; remember, Moses started out as a basket case.
An opinion without 3.14159 is just an onion.