

God's People Gather to Worship

...the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.
2 Corinthians 5:18b-19

For our guests

- The guestbook and name tags are at the Welcome Table, as well as a small gift for our first-time visitors.
- There is opportunity for introduction of guests during the pre-service time.
- Large print hymnals and hearing devices are available. Ask a greeter or any one of the ushers.

Caring for our children – Professionally-staffed child care is offered beginning at 9:20 am.

- **Toddler Nursery** for newborns through age 2, including a nursing nook, and crib room.
- **Preschool Nursery** for ages 3-5 (Pre-K), in Room 11.
- **Children's Time** during worship. Children are invited to come to the platform.

Following Worship

- **Christian Education** for adults begins at 11:00 am. See the classes listed below.
- **Caring and Sharing** time is available in the center Fellowship Area.

Christian Education	
Children	
10:45 am	
Gather 'Round (ages 3-1st)	Room 11
<i>SHINE Curriculum</i>	
Nursery	Nursery
3 & 4 year olds	Rooms 13 & 14
Grades K-1	Room 11
Grades 2 & 3	Room 12
Grades 4 & 5	Room 9
Grades 6-8	Room 8
Adults & Teens	
The New Jim Crow David Harnish & Amy Reiman, Leaders, Classroom 4	
What Did Jesus Mean? Darryl Miller, Leader, Conference Room	
High School Study Jon and Janelle Friesen Leaders, Rooms 5 & 7	

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Get connected! For more information on any of the following ministries, contact the office.	
* Junior & Youth Choirs	* Area Clusters
* Junior High Fellowship	* Mennonite Women
* Senior High Fellowship	* Book Studies
* Young Families	* Homebuilders
* Women's Bible Studies	* Seniors Events
* Next Man's Bible Study	* Parish Nurse

Order of Worship February 5, 2017

Community Life		Pastor Tim Schrag
Scripture Focus		Melika Hershberger
	<i>Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Matthew 5:3</i>	
Prelude		Dorothy Loepp
Call to Worship		
*Hymns	<i>Better Is One Day</i>	Clara Unzicker, Alena Culbertson, Andreas Unzicker, Nathan Miller
	<i>My Life Flows On</i>	Cindy Ropp HWB 580
*Prayer		
Children's Time		Alena Culbertson
Worship Music		Marlphonsia Tawnya Kasongo
Offering		
Confession		Back of Bulletin
Sharing and Congregational Prayer		
*Hymn	<i>God Who Stretched</i>	HWB 414
Scripture	2 Corinthians 5:16-21	Deb Stenger
Sermon	<i>Be Reconciled</i>	Michael Danner
*Hymn	<i>This is a Day of New Beginnings</i>	HWB 640
*Benediction		
*Postlude and Dismissal		

**Please stand as you are able.*

Parents/Caregivers, please note that Children's CE dismisses at 11:45.

Please remember to silence your cell phone.

Weekly Calendar

Today	Pre-Service Prayer	9:00 am
	Worship	9:30 am
	CE for Children	10:45 am
	CE for Adults	10:45 am
	Junior High Youth	5:00 pm
	Senior High Youth	5:00 pm
Tue Feb 7	Staff Meeting	10:30 am
	Pastoral Council	6:00 pm
Wed Feb 8	Peace & Justice Comm.	5:15 pm
Thu Feb 9	Next Man Bible Study	6:15 am
	IMC Pastor-Peer Meeting	9:00 am
	Outreach Committee	5:00 pm

Welcome Michael Danner Michael Danner will be delivering the sermon today. Michael is the Illinois Mennonite Conference Executive Minister . Welcome, Michael!

2017 Directory It's time to update the MCN Directory. Please check the accuracy of your information by email or on the paper copies available today and February 12.

Welcoming Immigrants and Refugees as Neighbors Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) U.S. decries the executive actions on immigration enforcement taken this week by President Trump as well as actions on refugee resettlement expected later. In our society, rejection of the immigrant—"the other"—still runs deep. By building walls and turning away refugees we ignore Christ's call to care for those in need and to love the newcomer. Pray with us for hearts of love toward one another.

MCN Spending Plan Status

Thank you for your offerings.

January Income \$34,190.61

January Expenses \$39,858.07

Attendance on Jan 29 was 140.

Two New Adult Christian Education Classes begin today, 11:00-11:45.

- 1) **What did Jesus Mean: Difficult Passages from Jesus and Paul** This class will examine sayings of Jesus that are difficult to understand. The class will be led by Darryl Miller and will meet in the Conference Room. It will meet throughout February; beginning in March the Uniform series will start again.
- 2) **The New Jim Crow** Based on Michelle Alexander's book, *The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness*. This class runs Feb-early May and is led by Amy Reiman and David Harnish.

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, hear our confession.
Our faith is uncertain,
our forgiveness slow,
our conviction weak,
our compassion wavering.

We have exalted the proud and powerful,
put down the weak,
saturated the rich with good things,
neglected the poor,
sent the hungry away empty-handed.

We have helped ourselves.

Show us your mercy.
Help us show mercy,
through your Son, our Savior.
AMEN



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Offering Christ's peace to hearts, homes, community and world