

God's People Gather to Worship

The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, Isaiah 61: 1

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, MRC Community Room	
What Did Jesus Mean? Darryl Miller, Leader, Conference Room	
High School Study Pastor Tim Schrag 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 12, 2017

Community Life	Pastor Tim Schrag
Scripture Focus	Pastor Jane Roeschley
<i>Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Matthew 5:5-6</i>	
Prelude	Youth Musicians
Call to Worship	
*Hymns	Glenn Wilson, Chris Culbertson
	<i>Praise With Joy the World's Creator</i> STJ 16
	<i>Jesus, Stand Among Us</i> HWB 25
Prayer	
Children's Time	Helen Brandon
Offering	
Sharing and Congregational Prayer with Lord's Prayer	
*Hymn	<i>Brothers and Sisters of Mine</i> HWB 142
Scripture	Isaiah 61:1-3 Matthew 25: 1-40 Jeremy Haab Rev Joe Culpepper
Sermon	<i>Homeless Shelter Saints: Meeting Jesus One Meal Card at a Time</i>
*Hymn	<i>Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service</i> HWB 369
*Benediction	
*Postlude and Dismissal	<i>*Please stand as you are able.</i> <i>Parents/Caregivers, please note that Children's CE dismisses at 11:45.</i> <i>Please remember to silence your cell phone.</i>

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
	Southeast Cluster Potluck	12:00 pm
	Junior High Youth	5:00 pm
	Senior High Youth	5:00 pm
	Junior Choir	6:00 pm
	Youth Choir	6:45 pm
Mon Feb 13	Mennonite Women	9:30 am
	Church Board	6:30 pm
Tue Feb 14	Worship Committee	5:15 pm
Wed Feb 15	Hospitality Inservice	7:00 pm
Thur Feb 16	Next Man Bible Study	6:15 am

Welcome Joe Culpepper Reverend Joe Culpepper will be delivering the sermon today. Welcome back to the MCN pulpit, Joe.

Torn Cloth Cross. The cross on the worship table was fashioned last spring by the High School Class during their study of The True Story. It was made with torn strips of colored cloth to wrapped around Styrofoam. The foam squares were hung together in the form of a cross on on their classroom wall. We appreciate their sharing it with us this month in our worship.

Adult Christian Education Classrooms The New Jim Crow class will meet at the MRC Community Room this Sunday. The *What Did Jesus Mean?* Class will meet in the Conference Room.

MCN Spending Plan Status

Thank you for your offerings.

January Income \$34,190.61

January Expenses \$39,858.07

Attendance on Feb 5 was 168.

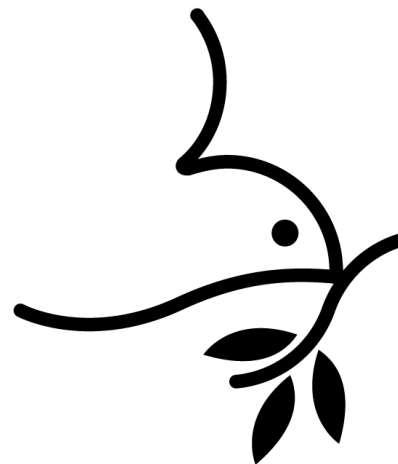
Furniture Needed Aime & Zizi Fataki will be moving into their own apartment on Feb 18. We as a church would like to help them by providing gently used furniture and household effects, as well as moving strength on the day of the move. Please contact me if you have pieces of furniture you can give them (as soon as you reasonably can), so we have an inventory. You will also have an opportunity to give gift cards for thrift stores, Habitat ReStore, and Walmart. Thank you for your neighborliness. *Lois Hochstetler* 300-533-8513 loishoch@icloud.com

Mennonite Central Committee Great Lakes Board Meeting MCN is hosting the Board Meeting for MCC Great Lakes on February 24-25. We will be providing lodging and meals for a group of 20-25 people. The request is for overnight housing for 4 people for Thursday-Saturday (3 nights) and for 12 people for Friday night. The hosts will not be responsible for meals. Please contact Marge Weaver by email margemartinweaver@gmail.com if you can help host.

59th Annual Illinois Mennonite Relief Sale, March 17-18, Interstate Center, Bloomington. Sign-up sheets & supplies are available today. There is a special need for more fruit pies, and more homemade angel food cakes. Questions? Ask Roelie Homan (662-6426) or Gerry Schrock (452-7345).

Needed: Someone to spearhead the collection of cardboard for recycling at the relief sale. Great opportunity for a family, or a group of friends! Contact Pastor Tim if interested.

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.



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