

Thanks to all who made the Relief Sale a success!

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MIDWEEK CONNECTION AT MCN

March 22, 2016

Worship with us this Sunday, March 26

The sermon title is *More than Zombies* and the scripture is John 11:1-45. Pastor Tim Schrag comments, "What a picture as Lazarus emerges from the grave, alive and still bound up! More needed to happen!"

The hymns are *Holy Spirit, Come With Power* (HWB 26), *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* (HWB 356), *We Praise Thee, O God* (HWB 99).

Worship Visuals Many thanks to Lynette Miller, Sam Warfel, Joe Warfel, and Julie Musselman for the display on the worship table and for the visual of restoration as displayed in colored cloths.

Prayers of Thanks

A baby is God's opinion that the world should go on. - Carl Sandburg

Elsa Raab's daughter Katara's baby was born last week.

Baby Boy BERTRAND JAMES WIMAN was born Sunday 12 March 2017. 6 pounds, 9 ounces. APGAR Score 8 then 9. The name Bertrand is in honor of Nobel Prize winner Bertrand Russell, and James is his grandpa's name on his mother's side. Proud parents are Lucas Wiman and Emily Coogan of Millbrae, California near San Francisco. Local grandparents are George and Diane Wiman who have no plans to travel yet, since the in-laws are helping, plus Lucas has 6 weeks of Dad time off from his job.

This Week At 805 S Cottage

Thur Mar 23 Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am

Fri Mar 24 Bethel College Choir Concert 7:00 pm

Sun Mar 26 Pre-Service Prayer 9:00 am
 Worship 9:30 am (Communion)
 Christian Education for Children 10:45 am
 Christian Education for Adults 11:00 am
 Junior High Youth 5:00 pm
 Senior High Youth 5:00 pm
 Junior Choir 6:00 pm
 Youth Choir 6:45 pm
 Homebuilders 7:00 pm
 Adult Choir 7:30 pm

Tue Mar 28 Staff Meeting 10:30 am
 Lenten Drama Group Rehearsal 6:30 pm

Thur Mar 30 Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am

Mar 31-April 1 Illinois Mennonite Conference

April 1 Red Cross Blood Drive 8:00 am



Serving This Sunday



Greeters	South: Cal & Vivian Hubbard West: Mark Alsene
Welcome Table	Barry Weaver
Ushers	Adam Augspurger; Pascal Ngongo Lauren & Kristen Satchwell
Sermon	Pastor Tim Schrag
Worship Leader	Marge Weaver
Song Leader	Cindy Ropp
Scripture	Scripture Drama Team
Children's Time	Pastor Jane Roeschley
Accompanist	Dorothy Loepp
Technology	Caleb Augspurger
Toddler Nursery	Melika Hershberger
Preschool Nursery	Alena Culbertson

Birthdays and Anniversaries



Meghan Reha March 27

Gail Fisher March 28

Sophie Hubbs March 28

Aaron Petri March 29

Steve Stenger March 29

Ruby Brandon April 1

Happy 45th anniversary to Joe and Mary Jantze on March 26

Homebuilders

Homebuilders Sunday, March 26, 2017 at 7:00 PM at the MRC Community Building. The speaker is Steve Stenger; Steve will talk about the Agriculture Exhibit recently completed at the McLean County Historical Museum. All are invited.

Relief Sale Report



Quilts The Relief Sale Board would like to thank everyone here at our church for their participation in this year's sale. Many hands worked to make the sale a success, and everyone's help is appreciated. Here are some unofficial totals of our contributions to the Quilt Auction.

1. The monetary donations given by the church to buy quilts, were almost doubled to an amount close to \$10,000.00
2. Other purchases of quilts and donations of quilts to the auction by our members total over \$3,000.00.
3. Donations from the Quilt Guild who meet in our building. (18 items) totaled over \$3,500.00
4. The Quilt Challenge which had 17 participants, totaled \$1,500.00

The estimated total would be close to \$18,000.00. Thank you to everyone for helping make the quilt auction a success. -- *Louise Reeser*

Report on the Mennonite Relief Sale. Thank you so much to all of you who helped to make this year's Relief Sale again a huge success, even a little better than last year. Last year we made about 90 pies, this year 137 pies! Besides the pies we made 9 tea rings, many loaves of bread and rolls, candy and 70 dozen cookies. We donated eleven items to the auction. Unfortunately I don't know what they sold for. If somebody knows, please give me a call. Practically all the sign-up sheets were filled up. The initial count of the chicken/fish dinners was 2056 meals. Many thanks to Esther Brown who for decades, she doesn't know how many, was in charge of

making the shoofly pies until this year. New people helped out. Twenty percent of the proceeds of the Sale stays in Central Illinois going locally to the Home Sweet Home Ministries and the Midwest Food Bank. Don't forget to bring the yard signs back to church and put them in the library. I do want to thank Gerry Schrock and Marcia Rossi for helping me. -- *Roelie Homan*

Dutch Market Thanks to the volunteers who made this year's Dutch Market a success! This includes those who prepared and transported food, set up tables and signs, and the more than 50 volunteers who stocked tables, took inventory, and staffed the checkout lanes. -- *Ross Hershberger*

Lost

Lost Crib Blanket Did anyone see a Relief Sale Bag containing a crib blanket? It was left in the Fellowship Area on last Sunday after the meal. Please contact Deborah Spacek at dspacek2@yahoo.com or (309) 310-9792.

The New Jim Crow Sunday School Class Website

Additional readings and good resources are available at the New Jim Crow Sunday School Class website, located at <https://mcnsundayschool.wordpress.com/> The link is also available on the MCN website <http://www.normalmennonite.org/link-to-the-new-jim-crow-sunday-school-class-website/>

Women's Retreat



Join us for a weekend retreat May 5th-7th at Menno Haven Camp & Retreat Center where we will seek to understand God and ourselves better. Our speaker, Asia Frye, will help us explore how we as women are made in God's own image, and how we can model ourselves after God. We will embrace what it means for us to be women, and encourage each other on our journeys. Our program and input will conclude on Saturday afternoon. However, participants who desire additional time to rest and recharge are welcome to stay through Sunday morning.

Asia Frye is a retreat speaker and former youth pastor from Hillsboro, Kansas, where she teaches at Tabor College. She will graduate with a MDiv from AMBS this spring, and is the coordinator for

Junior Youth Convention in Orlando next summer. She is fascinated by how the Bible empowers women, and how, as women, knowing ourselves helps us to better know God. Asia is a mother and wife who likes gardening, rock climbing, and nerdy board games

Kim Litwiller from East Peoria will be the worship leader, and Janice Yoder from First Mennonite in Morton will be leading music. Information and a registration flyer are available on the Entrance bulletin board and table. Any questions? Contact Shannon Unzicker.

Directory Update

Please change Dick and Marjorie Baum's contact information to

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Bloomington, IL 61701

Family Fun Night



Everyone is invited to join us for Family Fun Night on Wednesday, April 5 from 5:15-7:30! We'll eat as people arrive from about 5:15-6. This evening will be a chance for your family to connect and be together. Think food, family, faith and FUN! ALL ages are welcome! Rumor has it there will be a bounce house! We also need help to make this night possible. Volunteer sign up is linked here: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e094faaa87-mcnfamily>

From Mennonite Central Committee: Humanitarian Crisis

According to the United Nations, the world is facing the largest humanitarian crisis since the second world war. More than 20 million people across Yemen, Somalia, South Sudan and northeast Nigeria are facing or are at risk of famine. Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) is working in the area to provide emergency food assistance and increase its response to the crisis.

Because of serious conflicts and concerns for safe, unimpeded access for humanitarian assistance, this process is slow and challenging. To donate to MCC's relief fund, which supports MCC's response to this disaster and others, visit mcc.org/learn/what/relief, call 1-888-563-4676 or send a check to MCC, PO Box 500, Akron, PA 17501-0500.



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.

Voice of the Day



I have no doubt that Jesus would actually practice the neighborliness he preached rather than following our example of religious supremacy, hostility, fear, isolation, misinformation, exclusion, or demonization. *Brian McLaren*



Building Use

Music Recording 11:00 am-2:00 pm Saturday, March 25

Today's Chuckle



Interviewer: "Tell me Miss Cromwell, if you could have dinner with any person, living or dead, who would it be?" Miss Cromwell: "The living one."

Accidentally went grocery shopping on an empty stomach and now am the proud owner of Aisle 4.