

Friday Prayer Walk Change. People should meet at 4:45 pm at Crosswinds Church. Cars can be left there and we'll take only the vehicles we need over to White Oak Park for 5 pm Prayer Walk there.

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MIDWEEK CONNECTION AT MCN

April 12, 2016

Worship with us this Sunday, April 16

EASTER SUNDAY

The sermon title is *Fear Not: A Sign for our Times* and the scripture is Matthew 28-1-10.

The hymns are *Christ the Lord is Risen Today* (HWB 280), *Lift Your Glad Voices* (HWB 275), *Sing with All the Saints in Glory* (STS 92) and *Praise God From Whom* (HWB 118).

There is no Christian Education on Sunday.

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.

Scripture Drama participants include: Joe Culpepper, Bess Desch, Claire Dyck, Wilma Dyck, Lois Hochstetler, Wayne Hochstetler, Deborah Spacek, Jordan Spacek, Abby Warfel and Joe Warfel.

The Easter lilies in the church Sunday are provided by the Worship Committee to enhance the beauty of the day (and they have been de-scented). Please take one home to enjoy or share it with a neighbor or friend. If you would like to make a donation (\$5.00) for the one that you take home, a basket is provided on the Entrance Table.

Prayers

We pray for Israel Scott, who has recently left Joe and Mary Jantze's home to live with her father.

We ask for prayers for Wayne and Lois Hochstetler who are traveling to Alberta to say good bye to Lois' sister Priscilla, who is in the final stages of her life.

We offer our condolences to Cheryl and George Peterson-Karlan and family.
Cheryl's sister died last week in Texas.

This Week At 805 S Cottage

Wed Apr 12	Peace & Justice Committee 5:00 pm Pastoral Council 6:30 pm
Thurs Apr 13	Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am IMC Pastor-Peer IMC Meeting Outreach Committee 5:00 pm Maundy Thursday Worship (Communion) 7:00 pm
Fri Apr 14	Good Friday Prayer Walk 4:45 pm
Sun Apr 16	Easter Breakfast 8:00 am Pre-Service Prayer 9:00 am Worship (Communion) 9:30 am
Tue Apr 18	Staff Meeting 10:30 am
Thurs Apr 20	Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am

Serving This Sunday



Greeters	South: Mike & Stephanie Company West: Marianne Israel
Welcome Table	Wilma Dyck
Ushers	Nancy Fisher; Bryan Oyer Phil & Alexa Hoffman, Clair Dyck
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	Adam Augspurger
Toddler Nursery	Spring Neely
Preschool Nursery	Lucy Unzicker

Birthdays



Noah Company April 16
Blair Hall April 16
Wayne Hochstetler April 18
Roelie Homan April 19
Phil Hoffmann April 20
Gaby Hubbs April 20
Deacon Kauffman April 22

Good Friday Prayer Walk

Join us for Our Good Friday Prayer Walk - 4:45 pm, meet at Crosswinds Community Church, corner of Union and Roosevelt

There is a change in meeting place and time. We will meet at 4:45 pm at Crosswinds Church so that cars can be left there. We'll shuttle back over to White Oak Park to begin the Prayer Walk there. Then, when the Prayer Walk concludes at CCC, people will have vehicles. The Walk begins at the humpback bridge near the Cottage Ave parking lot of White Oak Park at 5 pm.

This Good Friday Prayer Walk is new this year, in partnership with one of our church "neighbors", Crosswinds Community Church (<http://crosswinds.cc/home>). The Walk will take about 1 hour and be about 1 mile in length. We will stop at various places along the journey to reflect on the life of Christ and offer prayer for our community.

Crosswinds Community Church is also hosting an Interactive Stations of the Cross from 6-8pm at their building. This is an opportunity to pray and reflect more personally on the meaning of the Crucifixion for you. Anyone from the Prayer walk is invited to participate.

The Prayer Walk is being co-led by Sarah Tunall, Crosswinds Community Center Director, and Pastor Jane. We will walk rain or shine, so if it threatens rain, bring an umbrella. Hope you can join us!

Easter Breakfast



Easter Breakfast, April 16. Everyone is invited to come early to church on Easter Sunday for our traditional Easter Breakfast. This is always a joyous time of greeting church friends and visiting family. Serving is scheduled from 8:00 to 8:45 a.m. Sign up to bring a breakfast casserole or breakfast bread (coffee cake, muffins, cinnamon rolls, etc.) Everything else will be provided. Also sign up if you can help with set up or clean up. Go to www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E094FAAA87-mcneaster to sign up to attend and bring food. Or contact Leanne Schertz or Gerry Schrock to volunteer food and help.



April's Home Builders Meeting - Sunday April 23 7:00 PM at MRC Community Building. Deanna and Loren Moshier will be making a presentation entitled: Our Eight Days in KwaZulu-Natal: A Most Fascinating Province in South Africa.

Grabill-Homan Community Peace Prize. This year's annual award will go to community activist Mike Matejka. The ceremony will be on April 24, 5:30 p.m. in room 118 of the ISU Alumni Center , 1101 North Main.Normal.



Persons interested in exploring church membership at MCN should contact Pastor Schrag. Orientation classes will be scheduled in May or June, depending on interest and schedules.

Women's Retreat



The 2017 Women's Retreat, "Made in the Image of God", is less than a month away. Scheduled to speak is Asia Frye, an AMBS ministry candidate who will be coming to us from Hillsboro, KS. In addition, Kim Litwiller from East Peoria MC will be leading worship and Janice Yoder from First Mennonite in Morton will be our song leader. Participants can choose to attend either one, two, or all three days of this retreat.

Last year's retreat, with over 100 women in attendance, was a wonderful time of worship and reflection, and the planning committee is excited for the biblical insight and encouragement that Asia is preparing for us. Forms can be found on the table in the narthex. The early registration deadline has been extended to April 21st, and we encourage all interested women to sign up as soon as possible. Thank you. --Shannon Unzicker, for the Women's Retreat Planning Committee

Volunteer Day at Camp Friedenswald

We need your help to get ready for summer! Join us Saturday, May 13 from 9 am - 4 pm, for a special Volunteer Day at Camp Friedenswald. Help us move back into the renewed facilities and to make final preparations for summer. A variety of tasks will require a range of skills, including yours!

[Register online](#) or by calling 269-476-9744. Overnight accommodation available.

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.

Voice of the Day



Until we find ourselves with new hearts, more penetrating insights, fewer compulsions, less need for the transient, greater awareness of the spiritual pulse of life, Resurrection has not really happened for us. Resurrection is about transfiguration. *In Search of Belief by Joan Chittister*



Building Use

Hands All Around Quilt Guild

Sewing Mentoring 6:00 pm Thursday April 20

Today's Chuckle



Have you ever wondered, since eggs become so much more appealing to kids when you color them and hide them, if that would also work for broccoli?

Pastors work extra hard on their Easter sermons. After all, on Easter, nobody wants to lay an egg.

Sunday is Easter, a time to celebrate new life with maybe a new outfit, an Easter egg hunt, or just a prayer of thanksgiving and a warm feeling. And I know somehow, somewhere, before the day is over, I'm gonna consume an entire chocolate bunny.
