

Jewish and Palestinian Voices for Peace  
program at MCN at 7:00 PM Sunday, May 14.

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

MIDWEEK CONNECTION AT MCN

May 10, 2017

### Worship with Us this Sunday, May 14

The sermon title is *You are Never Done* and the scripture is I Peter 2:2-10. Pastor Tim Schrag asks, "How would you assess your 'spiritual age', your spiritual level of maturity? Like an infant? A young adult? A wise senior citizen? Do you think you are done growing?"

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### Prayers

Please pray

- \*For John Stutzman as he adjusts to a new treatment protocol for his chronic leukemia.
- \*For Jordan Spacek, that his needs will be met.
- \*For just the right person or persons to carry forward Church Office services.
- \*For Caitlin Haab, as she experiences China during Bluffton Service Adventure.

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### This Week At 805 S Cottage

Wed May 10	Peace & Justice Committee 5:00 pm Pastoral Council 6:30 pm
Thur May 11	Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am Pastor-Peer IMC Meeting 9:00 am Youth Ministry Committee 6:00 pm
Sun May 14	Pre-Service Prayer 9:00 am Worship 9:30 am Christian Education for Children 10:45 am Christian Education for Adults 11:00 am Jewish and Palestinian Voices for Peace 7:00 pm



Tues May 16      Staff Meeting 10:30 am  
Wellness Committee 5:30 pm  
Financial Stewardship 6:00 pm

Thur May 18      Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am  
Christian Education Committee 7:00 pm

Sat May 20      Cemetery Work Day 8:45 am

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### Serving This Sunday



Greeters	South: Barry & Marge Weaver West: Shannon Neely
Welcome Table	David Voegtlin
Ushers	Frank & Lisa Jablonski Andrew & Ben Jablonski
Sermon	Pastor Tim Schrag
Worship Leader	Wayne Hochstetler
Song Leader	Cindy Ropp
Scripture	Roger Clemmons
Children's Time	Pastor Jane Roeschley
Accompanist	Chris Culbertson; Emma King
Technology	Nathan Miller
Toddler Nursery	Mary Jantze
Preschool Nursery	Duane/Stephanie Nester

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### Birthdays



Kay Reimer 5/16  
Emily Kettering 5/17  
Lucy Unzicker 5/18  
Rick Harnish 5/19  
Sam Warfel 5/19  
Malphonsia Kimbembe 5/20

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### Please Complete Survey for Adult Sunday School Class

CE Class on Trauma and Healing The Wellness Committee is developing an Adult Christian Education Class on Trauma and Healing. Please take a 2 minute survey to help them plan a class that best meets the congregation's needs. Thank you! <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MXVMWDL>

For the convenience of those who are more comfortable completing a paper survey, there are copies of the survey on the Entrance Table.

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## Summer Sunday School Volunteers Needed

The Christian Education committee is looking for help with the children's Sunday School experience this summer in order to give our fabulous year-round teachers a much-deserved break! Volunteers can use the curriculum plan and activities provided for their day or choose to follow their own plan and "theme" with stories, songs, games, crafts, etc. of their own choosing (possibly centered around another culture, another area of interest, music, nature, etc.). We will be happy to find an assistant to assist with crowd control and back up for anyone that would like to have that on their teaching day. Please visit the link for available slots...we would welcome you signing up for any amount of days you are willing to do! Thank you for your help! <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e094faaa87-summer>

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## Summer Worship Special Music, Fresh Flowers and Favorite Hymns

You are invited to sign up for one or more Sundays this summer to: provide special worship music, vocal or instrumental, to bring fresh flowers for in front of the pulpit, or to request a favorite hymn. Use this link to sign up [www.SignUpGenius.com/go/8050A4BA4A92BA57-special](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/8050A4BA4A92BA57-special)

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## Hygiene Kits

During May and June, Mennonite Women will be collecting Hygiene Kits. The bags are in the back of the Sanctuary for you to take home to fill with the necessary supplies. The contents to include in each:

- 1 adult size toothbrush
- 1 large bar bath soap
- 1 fingernail clipper (good quality, NOT TOENAIL CLIPPER)
- 1 hand towel (dark color)

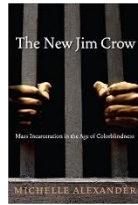
These should be NEW items only, in original packaging.

Thank you for limiting your generosity to the items listed. Due to strict regulations some countries have on the expiration date of toothpaste, MCC no longer asks for toothpaste to be donated with the kits. Instead, MCC will provide the toothpaste with the kits when they ship.

Return the filled bags to the church and place them in the red bucket. Or, if you would prefer, you can just purchase the supplies and Mennonite Women will fill the bags.

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## Update for New Jim Crow Sunday School Class



1) Opportunity to serve: we are seeking participants from *The New Jim Crow* Sunday School class to help set up a letter-writing campaign. This will be coordinated with Peace and Justice Committee. As we near the end of our Sunday School, we would like to create an opportunity to send postcards and letters to relevant governing officials regarding multiple facets of mass incarceration. If you are interested, please e-mail Amy Reiman at [a.reiman98@gmail.com](mailto:a.reiman98@gmail.com)

2) In case you were absent, there is an additional reading for the last week of the Sunday School Class. May 14: Please read Drew Hart's chapter "Where do we go from here."

3) May 21st, Michelle Cook, of the Jobs Opportunity Program will be presenting to our group about the reentry program she facilitates here in our community. She will be sharing out some volunteer opportunities for us, as well. This will be our final Sunday School for this book study.

The website for the New Jim Crow Sunday School Class is <https://mcnsundayschool.wordpress.com/>  
The link is also available on the MCN website under the Education Tab.

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### Heart and Soul Choir Concert

Saturday, May 13 at 4:00 pm

Heart and Soul Choir is a Decatur-based choir for people with special needs, led by Don Martin (former Youth Pastor at Mennonite Church of Normal). They will present a concert at MCN.

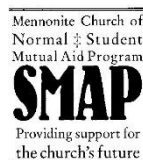


### Jewish and Palestinian Voices for Peace

At the invitation of the Outreach and Peace and Justice Committees, there will be a Jewish and Palestinian Voices for Peace program at MCN at 7:00 PM Sunday, May 14. This is being coordinated by Jonathan Brenneman, a Mennonite Church USA Voluntary Service Worker whose assignment it is to educate members of Mennonite Church members about peace opportunities in Israel/Palestine. The speakers will be Steve Sherman representing [Jewish Voices for Peace](#), and [Jonathan Kuttub](#), a Palestinian Mennonite Human Rights Lawyer. Please use the links to [Jewish Voices for Peace](#) and [Jonathan Kuttub](#) for more information.

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### Student Mutual Aid Program Fundraiser Picnic



Student Mutual Aid Program Fundraiser Picnic will be held on June 11<sup>th</sup> at the home of Eric and Chellie Miller, 821 E Raab Road, Normal. The event starts at 4:30 and supper will be served at 5:00 pm. All are invited.

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## Directory Update

*Please add this entry to your Directory*

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## Looking for a Ride

Doug Valverde would like to know if anyone is traveling to the Lancaster area of Pennsylvania this summer or anytime soon. If you are, would you have room one way for extra rider/driver (me)? Call or text 309-433-3957.

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Our congregation is gets to send 14 volunteers (16 years or older) to help build Emmanuel, Tania, Theresia, Evelyn and Marjorie's new home for the morning of July 8 (8:00-12:00 noon). Please sign up at [www.SignUpGenius.com/go/8050A4BA4A92BA57-habitat](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/8050A4BA4A92BA57-habitat)

The groundbreaking and dedication is on May 20. Please consider supporting the Kasongo family by attending this event at their new address, 711 W Mulberry, Bloomington.

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## Camp News



**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.

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## 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.

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## Voice of the Day

God comforts the disturbed and disturbs the comfortable. *Shane Claiborne*

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### Building Use

#### Heart and Soul Choir

May 13 4:00 pm

#### Head Start Graduation

May 17 5:00 pm

#### HAAQG Mentoring

May 18 5:00 pm

#### Music Recording

Sat May 20 11:00

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### A Progression in Thoughts about Moms

At 6 years old, "Mommy, I love you."

At 10 years old, "Mom, whatever"

At 16, "My mom is so annoying."

At 18, "I wanna leave this house."

At 25, "Mom, you were right."

At 30, "I wanna go to Mom's house"

At 50, "I don't wanna lose my Mom."

At 70, "I would give up anything for my mom to be here with me."