

Friday, May 19 "Thirteenth" 7:00 pm

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Saturday, May 20, 11:00 am Kasongo Habitat House
Groundbreaking



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

MIDWEEK CONNECTION AT MCN

May 17, 2017

Worship with Us this Sunday, May 21

The sermon title is *Welcome to Baccalaureate* and the scripture is I Timothy 4:11-15. Pastor Tim Schrag asks, "This text has interesting instructions for a young adult, no doubt. But is there really a cutoff age for applying them?"

Prayers

*Please pray for Joe Dick, who is in OSF Hospital with a lung infection. No calls or visitors right now, but cards and prayers would be appreciated.

*Ruth Marquis has moved from Advocate Bro Menn Hospital, where she was being treated for pneumonia, to Heritage Health, 509 N Adelaide Street in Normal.

*Please continue to pray for God's direction for personnel transition in the church office.

*For Jordan Spacek, that his needs will be met.

This Week At 805 S Cottage

Thur May 18	Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am Christian Education Committee 7:00 pm
Fri May 19	Film "Thirteenth" 7:00 pm
Sat May 20	Cemetery Workday 9:30 am Groundbreaking for Kasongo Habitat House 11:00 am
Sun May 21	Pre-Service Prayer 9:00 am Worship 9:30 am Christian Education for Children 10:45 am Graduation Reception 10:45 am



Christian Education for Adults 11:00 am
Junior and Senior High Youth 4:30 pm

Thurs May 25

Bridge of Hope 6:00 pm

Serving This Sunday



Greeters	South: Duane & Stephanie Nester West: Lotus Hershberger
Welcome Table	Caeli Haab
Ushers	Mark Roeschley & Ardys Serpette Stephanie Nester & Manny Oyer
Sermon	Pastor Tim Schrag
Worship Leader	Lynette Miller
Song Leader	Barry Weaver
Scripture	Marlphonsia (Tawyna) Kimbembe
Children's Time	Holly Zehr
Accompanist	Dorothy Loepp
Technology	Nathan Miller
Toddler Nursery	Caeli Haab
Preschool Nursery	Holly Zehr

Birthdays and Anniversaries



Bev Collins 5/21
Chris Culbertson 5/22
Andrew Jablonski 5/22
Sam Ponnou-Delaffon 5/25
Jonah King 5/27

Happy 42nd anniversary to Doug and Jenell Ulrich on May 24th
Happy 59th anniversary to John & Evelyn Bertsche on May 26th
Happy 22nd anniversary to Cory & Chris Culbertson on May 27th

Thirteenth



Friday, May 19, at 7 pm, you are invited to attend a viewing of Thirteenth, Ava DuVernay's documentary on mass incarceration in the United States. This film parallels many topics we have explored in the Sunday

School class on The New Jim Crow, specifically how race and racism have shaped the criminal justice system. Named for the amendment that prohibits slavery except as a form of criminal punishment, the film provides voices from across the political spectrum, including Newt Gingrich, Bryan Stevenson, and Henry Louis Gates, Jr. The documentary is 100 minutes in length and will be shown in the sanctuary. All are welcome to attend. For those who were not able to participate in the Sunday School class, this is excellent summation of the history we studied.



Emmanuel and Tania are getting a Habitat house! 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.

Our congregation 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

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> (This link was broken in last week's Midweek and is now fixed.)

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



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>



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

Quartet of Week-long Bike Rides



Joe Culpepper starts his first week of riding next week. Bloomington to Jeff City, Mo & then back to St. Louis, ending with a Cardinals game with Ellen & my daughter & family. www.crazyguyonabike.com/joeculpepper



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:

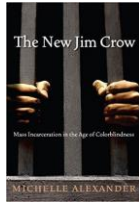
- 1 adult size toothbrush **New Toothbrushes also have to be in separate, original packaging.**
- 1 large bar bath soap
- 1 fingernail clipper (good quality, NOT TOENAIL CLIPPER)
- 1 hand towel (dark color)

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.

Update for New Jim Crow Sunday School Class



The New Jim Crow Class will meet in Classroom 4 (beside the kitchen) this Sunday to hear 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. Even if you have not participated in the class, feel free to attend and hear this excellent speaker.

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.

Of Note

- *Keith, Kayla and Victor Belzer are expecting a new addition to their household at the beginning of November. We are excited with them at the prospect of a new baby for the Belzers.
 - *We are rejoicing with Rochelle Augspurger and her daughter Katie for Katie's new job at Normal West.
 - *Mara Weaver is the grateful recipient of a scholarship from the Warner Friesen Foundation.
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Library

For the next two weeks, the discarded books from the library will be available for the congregation to take. They will be located on tables in the back of Atrium. Help yourself. *Thanks to Lynette Miller and Sue Schrag for helping our library look better.*



Graduation

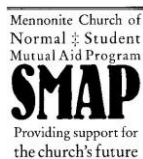
Congratulations to all our graduates. Taylor Matthews, Devon Reed and Clara Unzicker are graduating from their respective high schools. Kristen Satchwell has recently graduated from Illinois State University with a Master's Degree in Social Work. We are SO proud of you. A reception will be held at 10:45 this Sunday in the Atrium.



The Uniform series class will be taking a detour this summer and using two studies from MennoMedia's Upside Down Living series. Each are six week studies, one on Sabbath and one on Identity and Aging. Teachers for the summer session are Judy Hershberger and Lynette Miller. If you don't regularly attend this class, but think you might be interested because of these two topics, please contact Lynette Miller so we can order extra study guides.

There will also be a sermon response class.

Student Mutual Aid Program Fundraiser Picnic



Student Mutual Aid Program Fundraiser Picnic will be held on June 11th 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.



Goodbye Playground We are sadly going to say goodbye to our current playground because it doesn't meet safety codes. (Sigh) Its last day to exist in its present form will be June 7. That evening at 5 pm we will have an all church work time to take it down. If your family would like to have a section of the playground, please notify Linda Clemmons by June 1.

Directory Update

Please add this entry to your Directory--update to the update

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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.

Voice of the Day

Obey what makes your heart more human, not necessarily what make your position more secure. *Joan Chittister*



Building Use

Head Start Graduation

May 17 5:00 pm

HAAQG Mentoring

May 18 6:00 pm

Music Recording

Sat May 20 11:00

Today's Chuckle



Did you hear about the two silkworms who had a race? They ended up in a tie. Today I went into a bookstore and asked where the self-help section was. The clerk replied, "If I told you, wouldn't that defeat the purpose?"