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MIDWEEK CONNECTION AT MCN

September 20, 2017

## Worship with Us this Sunday, September 24

The sermon title is *[Christian] Unity, a Preview* and the Scripture is Romans 15:1-7. Pastor Tim Schrag comments, "In January I will preach a series of sermons on Christians unity. This Sunday is a preview for you to ponder, as we think about how we understand the unity that God imagines."

### Prayers

#### Please pray for

\*Joe Jantze as he is hospitalized in Springfield after a throat infection.

\*Lena Driscoll's friend's boyfriend as he recovers from emergency surgery due to a baseball accident causing bleeding in the brain.

\*Mannie Oyer's brother Laverne Oyer who has been transferred to St. Francis Hospital from St. James. He has had a stint put in the bile duct and infection in the duct. He has a mass on the pancreas which they can't test because of infection.

\*Conflict and warfare in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

#### We give thanks for

\*Midwest Food Bank as they continue to provide resources locally and also have the ability to send 19 semis to Houston so far.

### This Week At 805 S Cottage

Thur Sept 21	Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am
Sun Sept 24	Pre-Service Prayer 9:00 am Worship 9:30 am Christian Education for Children 10:45 am



Christian Education for Adults 11:00 am  
Junior Choir Park Pizza Party 5:00 pm  
Home Builders 7:00 pm

Tues Sept 26      Outreach Committee Meeting 4:45 pm  
Leadership Selection Committee 5:30 pm

Thur Sept 28      Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am

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## Serving This Sunday

Greeters	South: Barry & Marge Weaver West: Marianne Israel
Welcome Table	Caeli Haab
Ushers	Eric & Chellie Miller, Nathan Miller, Andreas Unzicker
Sermon	Pastor Tim Schrag
Worship Leader	Wayne Hochstetler
Song Leader	Barry Weaver
Scripture	John Reimer
Children's Time	Holly Zehr
Accompanist	Lydia Hedberg
Technology	Caleb Augspurger
Toddler Nursery	Makyla & Laneigh Hickman
Preschool Nursery	The King Family



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## Birthdays and Anniversaries



Beth Reeser 9/25  
Russell Oyer 9/27  
Shannon Neely 9/30  
Cole Waggoner 9/30



### Hurricane Relief

Please pray for those impacted by the recent hurricanes.

MDS is accepting financial donations for recovery efforts, which can be given [online](#) or by check and made payable to:

Mennonite Disaster Service, 583 Airport Rd, Lititz, PA 17543.



Our congregation, in an action on Aug 27, decided on the following resolution: The Church Board of Mennonite Church of Normal affirms Jane Roeschley's call to continue in pastoral ministry. We recommend unanimously and enthusiastically that Jane Roeschley be called to another five (5) year term as Associate Pastor of Worship and Lay Ministry at Mennonite Church of Normal, beginning September 1, 2017.

The results of this vote are as follows:

I support this recommendation: 115; 39 with supporting comments.

I do not support this recommendation: 8; no comments

I abstain from voting: 4; 1 comment

Absentee ballots are included in these results. Of the 123 votes cast, the resolution passed with a 93.5% majority.

Jane has accepted the recall with joy and anticipation.

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A big Thank You to those who helped prepare apple pie filling at the church! Almost 90 bags were frozen for apple pies in preparation for the Illinois Mennonite Relief Sale.

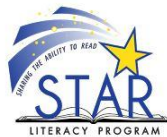
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Our **Bridge of Hope Neighbor Group** is awaiting a match with another local family moving from homelessness to housing stability and is looking for 2-3 more persons (men and women, all ages) able to give about an evening a month for 2 years to help be "neighbors" to a single parent and kids as they strengthen their lives. Might you (spouses and families welcome, too) be interested in this as a way to minister Christ's peace in our community and putting our faith in Jesus into action? See [this link](#) for an introduction of Bridge of Hope Neighboring.

Contact Pastor Jane for more info.

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Do you like to hold and cuddle babies? Would you have a couple mornings a month to enjoy infants? Our church will be hosting an English class for Head Start parents who are learning their new language (via STAR Literacy).

We at MCN have the opportunity to **provide child care for the younger siblings (age 0-2)** while Moms are in class. 2-hour shifts. There will be need 1-2 mornings per week. Let Pastor Jane know if you want to learn more or might be able to volunteer - once a month - or even more often.

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**Offering My Gifts and Affirming the Gifts of Others** forms were handed out Sunday, September 10 during the worship service. If you were absent, there are copies in your mailbox or on the entryway table and they are also [linked](#) on the website.

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### Home Builders

Home builders will be at 7:00 pm on Sept 24 at the MRC Community Building.

Topic: Hospice program & services. Speaker: Joanna Oyer, MSW, LCSW who works for OSF Hospice. She will share about hospice services and benefits.

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### No Second Apple Harvest Day

It was previously announced an additional apple harvest day at the Millers' might be needed as not all the apples were picked last Saturday. After walking through the orchard, it has been determined there are not enough remaining apples to justify a community harvest day. The Millers will pick the remaining apples (mostly Red Delicious) over the next couple of weeks for donation to Home Sweet Home. If you're interested in apples or cider, please contact Eric or Chellie.

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### Hymns & Hers

October 2017 Tour



Metamora Mennonite Church will be hosting the Hymns and Hers tour, with Page CXVI and Aaron Strumpel, on Saturday evening, **September 30** at 6:30 pm.

About the Band: After forming The Autumn Film, band members Reid and Latifah Phillips and Dann Stockton were leading worship at churches and could not deny the strong beckoning of the hymns.

They decided to develop a parallel band; the same people with a new purpose of making hymns accessible again under the new name, Page CXVI. It's drawn from the page number in a particular copy of The Magician's Nephew by C.S. Lewis, the brilliant passage where Aslan begins to sing Narnia into creation out of a black void.

This will be another great night of music and we hope you can join us! Adult tickets are \$15 [online](#) and \$20 at the door. Children under 12 are \$5 at the door, infants are free.

Grab a friend or two and take in a night of music that will move your soul!

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Illinois State University Volleyball would like to invite you to attend the game on Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at Redbird Arena. The Redbirds play Missouri Valley Conference opponent, Valparaiso University for the annual "Pack the Arena" game.

There are free admission tickets on the entry table.

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## MDS Trip, Greenbrier, West Virginia, October 15-21

Join in housing rehab following serious flooding in the Greenbrier, WV community with a group of volunteers from Joliet that Gerry Schrock worked with when she was in Greenbrier this summer. She says they are “a lot of fun”. We will be a joint Joliet-Normal group (15 is group max) for the week of October 15-21. See more info about Greenbrier at <https://mds.mennonite.net/volunteer-opportunity/greenbrier-county-wv/> To sign up or ask further questions: see Pastor Jane.

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### **Restorative Practices Seminar: One Day Overview, Thursday, October 19, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm Regional Office of Education, 200 W Front St, Bloomington.**

Kevin Jones, presenter. This seminar explores the fundamental principles, philosophy, theories, practices, models and skills of restorative practices. Participants will assess the role of human emotion, especially shame, in social relationships. Special emphasis will be placed on proactive and responsive circles, restorative conferencing and the informal application of these processes. Issues critical to the development of restorative practices, such as models of human interaction, theories of behavior and current research will be considered.

Fee covered by the MCN Lay Ministries Fund.

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### **Do you like to play volleyball?**

Saturday, October 21 you are invited to bring a team to play in Menno Haven's 4on4 volleyball tournament for a day full of fun, games, food, and prizes. See the flyer and registration form on the camp bulletin board. You can also go to [www.mennohaven.com](http://www.mennohaven.com) for more information. Register by October 11. We hope to see you there!

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### **Calling All Quilters!**

Gather with a community of other quilters who share your passion and interest at the MCC Quilting Retreat at Camp Friedenswald in Cassopolis, Michigan, on November 3-5. Come alone or with a group, with skills to share or interest in learning, with a project for an MCC auction or a project of your own.

More information at [mcc.org/get-involved/events/quilting-retreat](http://mcc.org/get-involved/events/quilting-retreat).

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MCN will have a **Work Day at Emmanuel and Tanya's home** on Saturday, November 4, from 8:00-noon. Volunteers (16 or older) to work and to provide snacks may sign up by clicking here: [SignUpGenius Link](#)

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## Thanksgiving Meals Food Drive

For the month of September, we will be collecting the following items in our Widow's Cruse basket for the Home Sweet Home Ministries Thanksgiving Dinners. HSHM and Midwest Food Bank supply over 2000 families with food items for Thanksgiving through this food drive.

### Requested Items

Canned Green Beans	Canned Cream of Mushroom Soup	Canned Cranberry Sauce
Canned Pie filling	Boxed pie crust mix	Canned French Fried Onions
Sugar	Canned fruit	Coffee
Turkey gravy packets (no jars)	Flour	



## 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 Minister Michael Danner's weekly message to IMC churches.

## Voice of the Day

“I must take care above all that I cultivate communion with Christ, for though that can never be the basis of my peace - mark that - yet it will be the channel of it.”

**Charles H. Spurgeon**



## Building Use

HAAQG Sewing Featherweight Training  
September 23, 9:00 am

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## Today's Chuckle



A truck driver is driving along on the freeway.

A sign comes up that reads "Low Bridge Ahead." Before he knows it, the bridge is right ahead of him and he gets stuck under it. Cars are backed up for miles. Finally, a police car comes up.

The cop gets out of his car and walks around to the truck driver, puts his hands on his hips and says, "Got stuck, huh?"

The truck driver says, "No, I was delivering this bridge and ran out of gas."