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MIDWEEK CONNECTION AT MCN

September 27, 2017

Worship with Us this Sunday, October 1, World Communion Sunday

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The sermon title is *The Great Multitude* and the Scripture is Revelation 7:9-17. Pastor Tim Schrag comments, "If we know the 'end game', we know better how to 'play the game' today in our lives. Revelation 7:9 couldn't be clearer. "

Prayers

Please pray for

*Emmanuel and Tanya as their unfinished home was vandalized.

* Tina Haab's mother Barb, who has nodes on her throat and a mass in her brain. Pray for patience and positive test outcomes.

*Rochelle Augspurger's friend Ron as he helps his son Drew's mental health.

*Mary Jantze is bringing Joe Jantze home from the hospital this week. They ask for prayers and support.

We give thanks for

*Bennie Brown being supported all summer and is off of dialysis and getting his port removed!

This Week At 805 S Cottage

Thur Sept 28 Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am

Sun Oct 1 Pre-Service Prayer 9:00 am
Worship (World Communion Sunday) 9:30 am
Blood Pressures Taken 10:45 am
Christian Education for Children 10:45 am
Christian Education for Adults 11:00 am
MYF & JMYF Youth Groups 5:00 pm

Thur Oct 5 Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am



Serving This Sunday

Greeters	South: Wilma Dyck & Esther Brown West: Deborah Spacek
Welcome Table	Darvis King
Ushers	Andy & Beth Reeser, Ben & Caroline Roeschley
Sermon	Pastor Tim Schrag
Worship Leader	Jane Roeschley
Song Leader	Cindy Ropp
Scripture	Ginette Molino
Children's Time	Tanya Kimbembe
Accompanist	Dorothy Loepp
Technology	Adam Augspurger
Toddler Nursery	Courtney Yoder
Preschool Nursery	Andy & Beth Reeser



Birthdays and Anniversaries



Pam Dick 10/2
Juergen Schroeer 10/2
Phil Stalter 10/2
Keith Unzicker 10/4
David Harnish 10/5
Xander Doblosky 10/6
Katie Driscoll 10/6
Theresia Kasongo 10/6

Happy 42nd Anniversary to Phil and Laura Dick on October 1
Happy 7th Anniversary to Mike and Odie Evans on October 2

Happy 64th Anniversary to Lee and Mary Alice Hertzler on October 4
Happy 53rd Anniversary to Gene and Linda Kettering on October 4
Happy Anniversary to Emmanuel Kasongo and Marlphonsia Tanya Kimbembe on October 6



Sara Schrag and Josh Richer of Phoenix, AZ welcomed Simon Orville Richer Tuesday evening, September 26. Simon weighed 7# 11oz and measured 21". Congratulations to Sara and Josh, and to local grandparents Tim and Sue!



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.



Individuals or groups of 5 or less can volunteer during the Distribution Week each month.

The next distribution week is Monday, October 2 - Friday, October 6.

Volunteers for Distribution Week work from 8:15 a.m. until about 2:30 p.m. Monday thru Thursday and 8:15 a.m. until about noon on Friday. It is not necessary to volunteer every day or even for an entire day. Come and join us when you are available. For individuals there are no reservations necessary, just show up. If you plan to arrive after 9:00, please call as we sometimes have sufficient volunteers to complete the work for that day. We generally are in need of extra volunteers Monday thru Thursday of Distribution Week after noon to stay until cleanup is finished.

To donate money or items, click [here](#). The Director has said that financial donations are better than donated supplies because they can buy them at the wholesale price and get more for their dollars.

To read more about their disaster relief efforts and what items are needed, click [here](#).



Goshen College Service Club Fall SWAP Trip Fundraiser. Meredith Satchwell is president of the Goshen College Service Club. They are sending 10 students to volunteer with SWAP (Sharing with Appalachian People, a Mennonite Central Committee service program) in West Virginia over fall break, Oct 14-21.

This will be a great opportunity for students to serve God and a great cultural experience as well. The trip costs \$335 per student, which includes lodging, meals and other SWAP activities. Each student is asked to contribute \$50 toward the trip. The Service Club is fundraising for the rest. Therefore, Meredith is reaching out to the congregation to see if there might be anyone who would like to contribute to their fundraiser. Apart from the financial support, they also appreciate prayers for safety and that it is a great service experience.

Checks may be addressed to Goshen College Service Club and sent to the address:

Goshen College
Meredith Satchwell
1700 S Main Street
Goshen, IN 46526

Contact Meredith at masatchwell@goshen.edu or by phone (309)838-7615 with any questions.



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!



Illinois State University Volleyball would like to invite you to attend the game on Saturday, October 7th 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.



Just A Call Away PATH 5K

Location: Destihl Brewery
1200 Greenbriar Dr.

Registration Price: September 1-30 = \$25 October 1-13 = \$30 Day Of = \$35
When: October 14th, 2017 Check In @ 8am Race Starts @ 9am Awards @ 10:30am

The proceeds from this event will go to Adult Protective Services in aiding the investigation and prevention of abuse for adults aged 60+ and adults ages 18-59 with disabilities. Register [here](#).



**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.



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 for more information. Register by October 11. We hope to see you there!



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.



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](#)



Thanksgiving Meals Food Drive

This is the last Sunday 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 Pie filling
Sugar
Turkey gravy packets (no jars)

Canned Cream of Mushroom Soup
Boxed pie crust mix
Canned fruit
Flour

Canned Cranberry Sauce
Canned French Fried Onions
Coffee



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

"Because of the empty tomb, we have peace. Because of His resurrection, we can have peace during even the most troubling of times because we know He is in control of all that happens in the world." **Paul Chappell**



Building Use

HAAQG Meeting
October 5, 5:30 pm

Today's Chuckle



"Sally, can you spell 'water' for me?" The teacher asked.

"H I J K L M N O," answered Sally promptly.

Her teacher look puzzled. "That doesn't spell "water."

"Sure it does," said Sally. "My daddy's a scientist and he says water is H to O."