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MIDWEEK CONNECTION AT MCN

October 4, 2017

Worship with Us this Sunday, October 8

The sermon title is Inspiration and Perspiration and the Scripture is Acts 2:42-47; 6:1-5a. Pastor Tim Schrag comments, "In Acts, the church moves from a communal model to move toward specialization. What might we learn from pondering that in our context?"

Prayers

Please pray for

*Tshishi's friend's mom, Sonya who is sick and in pain, staying with her son. Pray for health and healing.

*Those impacted by the shooting in Las Vegas.

This Week At 805 S Cottage

Thur Oct 5	Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am
Sun Oct 8	Pre-Service Prayer 9:00 am Worship 9:30 am Cluster Groups Mini Gathering 10:30 am Christian Education for Children 10:45 am Christian Education for Adults 11:00 am Youth Groups 5:00 pm Jr. Choir 6:00 pm Youth Choir 6:45 pm



Mon Oct 9	Mennonite Women 9:30 am Financial Stewardship Committee 6:30 pm
Tues Oct 10	Wellness Committee 5:30 pm Church Board 6:30 pm
Wed Oct 11	Peace and Justice Committee 5:00 pm Pastoral Council 6:30 pm
Thur Oct 12	Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am Jobs Partnership Meeting 5:30 pm Youth Ministry Committee 6:00 pm

Serving This Sunday

Greeters	South: Mike & Stephanie Company West: David Voegtlin
Welcome Table	Kay Reimer
Ushers	Mary Ann & Paul Watkins, Emmanuel Kasongo & Tanya Kimbembe
Sermon	Pastor Tim Schrag
Worship Leader	Josh Friesen
Song Leader	Cindy Ropp
Scripture	David Voegtlin
Children's Time	
Accompanist	Dorothy Loepp
Technology	Adam Augspurger
Toddler Nursery	Jeff & Amy Reiman
Preschool Nursery	Claire Dyck



Birthdays and Anniversaries



Clarence "Mannie" Oyer 10/09
 Alex Shiffman 10/10
 Mary Ann King 10/11
 Kayla Belzer 10/13
 Frankie Driscoll 10/14

Happy 18th Anniversary to Todd & Danielle Kettering on October 9
 Happy 11th Anniversary to Shannon & Spring Neely on October 14



The Financial Stewardship Committee approved the 3rd quarter payment for Non-local First Fruits to be paid on September 30.

Did you know that MCN has contributed \$34,357 to Mennonite Mission Network so far this year?



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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.



Goshen College Service Club Fall SWAP Trip Fundraiser. Meredith Satchwell is president of the Goshen College Service Club. They are sending 5 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.

Contact Meredith if you plan to donate. 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.



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.

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 full, 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!



You're Invited!

Northeast Cluster is hosting a **Baby Shower for Gabriella and David Harnish**

Sunday, October 22, 1:30 pm at the MRC Community Room.

Baby Harnish is registered at BabiesRUs <http://babyregistry.toysrus.com/view?registryNumber=59825312>.

Please RSVP if coming by emailing Caroline Roeschley ceroeschley@gmail.com OR calling the church office.



Meadows Mennonite Retirement Gospel & BBQ Fest

Saturday, November 4 from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm

At Christ Community Church, 406 W. 7th St., Gridley

\$10.00 for meal and music

Call 309-747-2702 for more information.



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](#)



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

"True evangelical faith, cannot lie dormant, it clothes the naked, it feeds the hungry, it comforts the sorrowful, it shelters the destitute, it serves those that harm it, it binds up that which is wounded, it has become all things to all creatures."

Menno Simmons



Building Use

HAAQG Meeting

October 5, 5:30 pm

HAAQG Workshop

October 6 & 7 8:00 am

Wild Ones Meeting

October 9, 5:30 pm

Today's Chuckle



A distraught senior citizen phoned her doctor's office.

"Is it true," she wanted to know, "that the medication you prescribed has to be taken for the rest of my life?"

"Yes, I'm afraid so," the doctor told her.

There was a moment of silence before the senior lady replied, "I'm wondering, then, just how serious is my condition, because this prescription is marked 'NO REFILLS.'"