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MIDWEEK CONNECTION AT MCN

October 11, 2017

Worship with Us this Sunday, October 15

The sermon title is *Observations of Prayer* and the Scripture is Psalm 22:1-24. Pastor Tim Schrag comments, "The title is intentional. In the Psalms we observe someone who is praying. Thus, "Observations of Prayer". Do your prayers ever resemble this text in intensity and honesty? If 'no', why not? It's also suggested you browse Psalms 73-77, noting the interplay between questioning, hope, and despair."

Prayers

Please pray for

*Those incarcerated in Lincoln, IL as well as nationwide.

*Leo and Bess Desch, Lotus and Judy Hershberger and Gerry Schrock as they serve next week (Oct 15-21) in Greenbrier, WV.

We give thanks for

*Henry and Sophie had a baby girl on Tuesday, October 3 at home and all are doing awesome!. Baby was 7 lbs., 1 oz. and 12 days early. Her name is Miriam Elisabeth Charles-Dick.

This Week At 805 S Cottage

Thur Oct 12

Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am
Jobs Partnership Meeting 5:30 pm



Sun Oct 15

MDS Trip Leaving for Greenbrier, WV
Pre-Service Prayer 9:00 am
Worship 9:30 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

Thur Oct 19

Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am

Serving This Sunday

Greeters	South: Ben & Caroline Roeschley West: Joe Warfel
Welcome Table	Stephanie Nester
Ushers	Adam Augspurger, Pascal Ngongo, Lauren & Kristen Satchwell
Sermon	Pastor Tim Schrag
Worship Leader	David Warfel
Song Leader	Glenn Wilson
Scripture	Erin Ponnou-Delaffon
Children's Time	Joe Culpepper
Accompanist	Dorothy Loepp
Technology	Adam Augspurger
Toddler Nursery	Kristen Satchwell
Preschool Nursery	Nancy Fisher



Birthdays and Anniversaries



Danielle Kettering 10/15
Rachel Ropp 10/15
Mary Ann Watkins 10/16
Matt Culbertson 10/17
Katie Ropp 10/17
Wesley Hershberger 10/18
Stephanie Company 10/19
Garrett Reeser 10/20
Elsa Raab 10/21

Happy 37th Anniversary to George & Diane Wiman on October 18



Thanks to Julie Musselman, Sue Schrag and Lee Hertzler for the worship visual arts enhancing our sanctuary this autumn.



Join us in our mission to support adult literacy in Bloomington-Normal!

STAR Adult Literacy students work with their tutors here at our church and in 14 other public locations in Bloomington-Normal. The STAR Adult Literacy Program needs more volunteers tutors to help adults improve their reading and math skills or to learn English as a second language. For as little as 2 hours a week, you can make a big difference in someone's life. STAR Literacy tutor training is on Saturday, October 14th from 9 to 4 pm. For more information about becoming a STAR Adult Literacy tutor or to sign up for the training call 309-834-9222 or visit the website www.starliteracy.org.

Another Opportunity!

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.



MC USA Executive Director Search Committee Launches Survey

The search committee for Mennonite Church USA's next executive director invites denomination-wide participation in a [Survey Monkey questionnaire](#) to discern essential qualities and top priorities for the job description, and to nominate potential candidates for the role. The survey is available at mennoniteusa.org in [English](#) and [Spanish](#) and will be available for completion through Oct. 16, 2017.



Greetings, all: We have been made aware of door-to-door sales in the neighborhood of the church, by a company called Star Energy. While legal, we have been advised that it would be very unwise to make any utility decisions based on door-to-door sales.



Thank you for your patience as Lauren Satchwell, Interim Administrative Assistant and Lynn Reha, Office Manager have worked to figure out communication processes!

If you receive an email from Mennonite Church of Normal, that is coming from Lauren's email:

church@normalmennonite.org.

If you receive an email from Office Manager, that is coming from Lynn's email:

officemanager@normalmennonite.org

To reach either Lynn or Lauren, please use those emails respectively.

Here is the general outline of the duties of each:

Lynn—building concerns, finances, committee minutes, Church Board and Financial Stewardship Committee

Lauren—Midweek, electric sign, calendar, Sunday School materials ordering, and everything to do with Sunday



The Department of Psychology at Illinois State University is hosting Brittany Maynard's Story of Living Life: *End of Life Options and Care*. A Conversation with Dan Diaz. Wednesday Oct. 11 at the ISU Alumni Center Room 121, 1101 N. Main St., Normal, from 5:30-6:30pm.

These meetings are intended for professionals and trainees who are more directly involved with end of life decisions and care. Dan will give a brief presentation and Q & A followed by discussion and the opportunity for interaction among different professionals who are involved in end of life care.



Jobs Partnership Gathering for Prison Ministry

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Phil Dick, Chair of Outreach Committee



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.

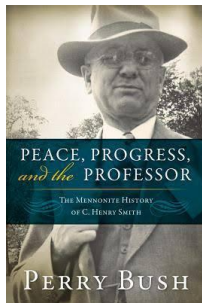
Register [here](#).



**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.



Illinois Mennonite Historical and Genealogical Society Presents: Perry Bush

Join us on October 21, 2017 IMHGS Fall Business Meeting at 10:00am, followed by a discussion of Peace, Progress, and the Professor: The Mennonite History of C. Henry Smith. Lunch will be at noon.

“Bush’s biography of C. Henry Smith is a critical, accessible and nuanced examination of the first ‘dean of Mennonite history in North America.’ An astute biographer, Bush makes Smith’s legacy relevant for his day and ours. The advice C. Henry Smith gave his students eighty years ago is as fresh and needed today in the Mennonite Church: ‘Read widely. Don’t believe it all. Make up your own mind. Be willing to cooperate. Keep your head.’” - Susan Schultz Huxman, president and professor, Conrad Grebel University College



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.

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Home Builders

Home Builders will be at 7:00 pm on Sunday, October 22nd at the MRC Community Building.

Elizabeth Hagemann will be speaking from the Alzheimer's Association. She will speak on Alzheimer's, *Know the 10 Signs: Early Detection Matters*.



Soup and Pie Potluck

Come for great fellowship and excellent food on October 29 following the Sunday school hour. Plan to relax and enjoy time to visit, since there is no meeting to follow. Bring soup or a pie. Everything else will be provided.

Your help with set up and clean up will also be welcome. Sign up with the Signup Genius link: [Soup and Pie Potluck](#) or call the church office.

If you need additional information, you can contact Leanne at schertz2@mtco.com or 309-696-5399.



Meadows Mennonite Retirement Gospel & BBQ Fest Fundraiser

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.

Cakes Needed for Bake Sale and Cake Walk

If you are able to make a baked good for the bake sale and/or buy or make a cake for the cake walk, please sign up on the service bulletin board in the atrium. Items to be delivered can be brought to church by noon on Friday, November 3rd.



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 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

“God’s aim in human history is the creation of an all-inclusive community of loving persons with God himself as its primary sustainer and most glorious inhabitant. He is even now at work to bring this about. You have been invited, at great cost to God himself, to be part of this radiant community. You, right there in your life.”

Dallas Willard, Living In Christ's Presence: Final Words on Heaven



Building Use

HAAQG Sewing Mentoring

October 19, 6:00 pm

Today's Chuckle



One morning a call came in to the school office.

"Hello, please mark William absent today. He's sick," said the caller.

"Okay," said the receptionist. "May I ask who is speaking?"

"My uncle," said William.