

The Illinois Unit of MDS invites all Region 2 unit participants to come together for the 2017 Annual Regional Meeting, October 27 and October 28. If you plan to attend, please fill out the registration form by [clicking here](#) and emailing the form to House@mtco.com.

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MIDWEEK CONNECTION AT MCN

October 25, 2017

Worship with Us this Sunday, October 29

The sermon title is *The Book of James: Soundbytes with Substance* and the Scripture is James 1:1; 3:13-17. Pastor Tim Schrag comments, "Which mottos, saying, mantras from your past or present guide your life? We will begin on Sunday a series of sermons considering such 'soundbytes' from James."

Prayers

Please pray for

*People affected by natural disasters and the volunteers of Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS).

We give thanks for

*The prayers and encouragement for Paul and Mary Ann Watkins after Paul completed 44 treatments for prostate cancer and was able to ring the bell!

This Week At 805 S Cottage

Thur Oct 26	Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am Youth Ministry Committee 6:00 pm
Sun Oct 29	Pre-Service Prayer 9:00 am Worship 9:30 am Christian Education for Children 10:45 am Christian Education for Adults 11:00 am Soup & Pie Potluck 12:00 pm Youth Groups 5:00 pm Jr. Choir 6:00 pm



Youth Choir 6:45 pm

Tues Oct 31 Central Cluster Gathering 6:30 pm

Thur Nov 2 Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am
Cluster Leader Meeting 6:30 pm

Serving This Sunday

Greeters	South: Gail & Nancy Fisher West: Shannon Neely
Welcome Table	Elfriede Massier
Ushers	Lotus Hershberger, Tshitshi & Jeremie Tshiseleka, Ross & Wesley Hershberger
Sermon	Pastor Tim Schrag
Worship Leader	Lynn Reha
Song Leader	Cindy Ropp
Scripture	Nancy Fisher
Children's Time	Helen Brandon
Accompanist	Elsa Raab
Technology	Adam Augspurger
Toddler Nursery	Lucy Unzicker
Preschool Nursery	The King Family



Birthdays and Anniversaries



J'ne Augspurger 10/29
Ramona Augspurger 10/31
Andrea Fataki 10/31
Gene Kettering 10/31
Lynn Reha 11/1
Evelyn Kasango 11/2
Caleb Augspurger 11/3

Happy 21st Anniversary to Darvis & Shelly King on November 2

**PLEASE
NOTE:**

Both pastors will be out of town on October 27 and 28. In the event of a pastoral emergency, contact Pastoral Council chair Steve Stenger at 309-378-4462.



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.



Directory Updates

Deborah Spacek can be reached at 309-585-5894.

Carroll and Roberta Miller have switched email addresses to carmill107@gmail.com.



MENNONITE DISASTER SERVICE 2017 REGION 2 MEETING October 27-28, 2017

First Mennonite Church of Morton,
250 S. Baltimore Ave., Morton, IL 61550

The Illinois Unit of MDS invites all Region 2 unit participants to come together for our 2017 Annual Regional Meeting, October 27th and 28th.

Highlights will include:

- Introduction of our new Regional Organizing Coordinator (ROC)
- Training for unit officers and directors by our binational staff
- Reports from each unit
- Tour of Midwest Food Bank, assisting with disaster support,
- Election of Region 2 officers,
- Wonderful meals by experienced MDS cooks
- And wonderful hospitality by the First Mennonite Church of Morton.



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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. RSVP and 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.



Menno Haven Fall Work Day is Saturday, November 4!

That is TWO WEEKS AWAY! We would love to have your help cleaning up camp and preparing for winter. The day will start with breakfast at 8:00am and finish up around 4:00pm. Feel free to come for all or part of the day.

This year we do not have a group using any lodging or meeting space during the Fall Work Day so we are able to have several indoor deep cleaning projects going in addition to the typical outdoor projects!

Come work hard, meet others that love the camp, and enjoy a meal. For more information, see the flyer posted on the entry bulletin board, or call Menno Haven at 815.646.4344.



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.



Mennonite Church Blood Drive

Saturday, November 11

8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Walk-In's Welcome

For appointments, please call the church office.

Bring photo ID or your blood donor card, or two other forms of ID.



Alternative Gifts Fair, Sundays, November 12 & 19:

Christmas shopping?! Consider giving to some of the projects at this year's Alternative Gifts Fair Project descriptions and Shopping Lists for MCC, AGI, and children are now in mailboxes. Fuller descriptions of individual projects are readily found online (<https://donate.mcc.org> and <https://www.alternativegifts.org/projects/>) or in catalogs found on the library table. Thanks to all who signed up to do a booth!



Thanksgiving Day Meal

Are you interested in the Thanksgiving Potluck at 12:00 on November 23? For details and to sign up, visit [Sign Up Genius](#) or sign up on the Community Events bulletin board in the atrium.



MCC is in urgent need of comforters to fill requests from our partners around the world. While handmade comforters are wonderful and welcomed, we recognize the time that goes into making them. Quality store-bought comforters allow for quick donations to meet the current needs around the world. Twin and full-size comforters are both needed, but please ensure the comforters are made of thick, high-quality material. Comforters can be dropped off at either the Kidron or Goshen Material Resource Centers, or consider ordering online and having them shipped directly there. For more information, visit mcc.org/kits/comforters or call the Great Lakes office at 574-534-4133.



Save the Date: 2018 Women's Retreat

"Live your Call"

The dates are April 6-8, 2018 at Menno Haven. MCN's very own Jane Roeschey will be the speaker!



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

"We who were formerly no people at all, and who knew of no peace, are now called to be...a church...of peace. True Christians do not know vengeance. They are the children of peace. Their hearts overflow with peace. Their mouths speak peace, and they walk in the way of peace."

Menno Simons

Today's Chuckle



A man went to visit his 90-year-old grandfather in a secluded, rural area of the state.

After spending the night, his grandfather prepared breakfast for him consisting of eggs and bacon. He noticed a film-like substance on his plate and he questioned his grandfather, "Are these plates clean?"

His grandfather replied, "Those plates are as clean as cold water can get them so go on and finish your meal."

That afternoon, while eating the hamburger his grandfather made for lunch, he noticed tiny specks around the edge of this plate, and a substance that looked like dried egg yolks. So he asked again, "Are you sure these plates are clean?"

Without looking up from his hamburger, the grandfather says, "I told you before, those dishes are as clean as cold water can get them, now don't ask me about it anymore!"

Later that afternoon, he was on his way out to get dinner in a nearby town. As he was leaving, Grandfather's dog started to growl and would not let him pass.

"Grandfather, your dog won't let me out."

Without diverting his attention from the football game he was watching, Grandfather shouted, "COLDWATER, GET OUT OF THE WAY!!"