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MIDWEEK CONNECTION AT MCN

November 1, 2017

## Worship with Us this Sunday, November 5

The sermon title is *Faith and Works, Both* and the Scripture is James 2:14-26. Pastor Tim Schrag comments, "Faith without works is dead." That's our morning soundbyte from James. And I might add, 'works without faith is dead'. The two need each other to come to life."

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## Prayers

### We give thanks for

\*Keith and Kayla Belzer welcomed baby Vincent Von Belzer, on Tuesday. 8lb 15oz and 21 in long. Mom and baby are doing well.

### Please pray for

\*Gerlof and Roelie Homan and their family.

\*Helen Brandon's coworker Tina Thomas and her family, after the loss of her husband John Thomas.

\*Ron and Jo Ropp for continued strength.

\*Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) as they discern how to best respond to natural disasters.

\*Mennonite Service Trip Nov. 5-12. A group of volunteers from our church is joining forces with a group from First Mennonite in Champaign to go to Macon, MS to do a week of voluntary service at the [Mennonite Service Center there](#). The primary project is to re-roof the New Prospect Baptist Church. There are other smaller, local projects to assist with, as time permits. The MCN'ers involved are, Larry and Louise Reeser, Glen and Lorene Busenitz, Roger Clemmons, John Reimer, Steve Stenger, Gerry Schrock and Dave Voegtlin. They are traveling down to Macon this Sunday all day, returning the following Sunday. The group appreciates prayers for safety on the drive and at the work site, and for decent weather for getting the roofing work done.

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## This Week At 805 S Cottage

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

Sun Oct 8            Pre-Service Prayer 9:00 am  
Worship 9:30 am  
Christian Education for Children 10:45 am  
Blood Pressures Taken 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  
Adult Choir 7:30 pm

Tues Nov 7            Worship Committee 5:00 pm  
Wellness Committee 5:30 pm

Wed Nov 8            Peace and Justice Committee 5:00 pm  
Pastoral Council 6:30 pm

Thur Nov 9            Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am



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## Serving This Sunday

Greeters	South: Tshitshi Tshiseleka & Ginette Molino West: Esther Brown
Welcome Table	Julie Musselman
Ushers	Mike & Stephanie Company Shannon Neely & Terry Wiebenga
Sermon	Pastor Tim Schrag
Worship Leader	Darvis King
Song Leader	Barry Weaver
Scripture	Wilma Dyck
Children's Time	Joe Culpepper
Accompanist	Denise Hedberg
Technology	Wesley Hershberger
Toddler Nursery	Nancy Fisher
Preschool Nursery	Matt Culbertson



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## Birthdays and Anniversaries



Jeff Company 11/5  
Noah Engel 11/5  
Tim Schrag 11/5  
Ethan Wright 11/5  
Jan Gundy 11/6  
Cory Culbertson 11/8  
Jason Waggoner 11/10  
Henry Dick 11/11

Happy 14<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to Andy & Beth Reeser on November 8

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#### Can you name all 30 High Schoolers?

Stop by the youth and family bulletin board in the atrium and check out what some of them have to say!

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The proposed 2018 Spending Plan will be available for your review on Sunday, November 5. Paper copies will be available on the Entrance Table. An electronic copy will be available on the website under Education and Nurture/Helpful documents or by [clicking here.](#)

The 2018 Spending Plan will be formally presented at the Congregational Meeting on November 19, and voted on at the Congregational Meeting on January 21.

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#### Child Care Needed

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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**Cantus Novus 2017 Fall Concert**

Friday, November 3, 7:00 p.m.

Wesley United Methodist Church

502 E. Front St., Bloomington, Illinois

Cantus Novus, a semi-professional vocal chamber ensemble based in Bloomington, Illinois, was founded in 2001 to provide outstanding performance opportunities for distinguished community vocalists in Central Illinois. Three MCN congregation members are in this choir!

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**Community Players Presents: Sister Act**

Preview: Thursday, November 2

Performances: November 3-5, 10-12, & 17-19

Show times: Friday & Saturday @ 7:30pm • Sunday @ 2:30pm

The Divine Musical Comedy, *Sister Act* tells the hilarious story of Deloris Van Cartier, a wannabe diva whose life takes a surprising turn when she witnesses a crime and the cops hide her in the last place anyone would think to look—a convent! Under the suspicious watch of Mother Superior, Deloris helps her fellow sisters find their voices as she unexpectedly rediscovers her own. A sparkling tribute to the universal power of friendship, *Sister Act* is reason to rejoice! Featuring MCN's Joe Culpepper as *Pablo*!

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**Menno Haven Fall Work Day is Saturday, November 4!**

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, call Menno Haven at 815.646.4344.

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**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.

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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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### Come hear author/speaker Putty Putman

Friday, November 10 at 6:30 pm  
Christian Union Church  
925 W. Walnut St., Metamora

Putty is the founding director and main speaker at the School of Kingdom Ministry and is in ministry at the Vineyard Church of Central Illinois. He will be speaking about his book *Live Like Jesus: Discovering the Power & Impact of Your True Identity*.

Unlocking the Supernatural Kingdom Promises of Romans 6-8. Many believers live with a gnawing sense that there must be more to the Christian life than what they're living. They stumble around with a deep sense of discontent or resignation, struggling to see how their faith is applicable, exciting, or even visible in their lives.

What if the answer is that there is more to the gospel than we imagined?

With bold honesty and fresh biblical insight, pastor and speaker Putty Putman reveals that the secret to a vibrant life of *more* is found not in what you do, but in who you are.

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### Mennonite Church Blood Drive

Saturday, November 11  
8:00 am - 12:00 pm  
Walk-In's Welcome

For appointments, please call the church office or sign up [here](#), after entering sponsor code 0402803.

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

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### Alternative Gifts Fair, Sundays, November 12 & 19

Don't miss the annual singing of the 12 Days of Christmas (Alternative Gifts style) and the first Sunday of the

fair next Sunday, November 12th! Project lists were put in mailboxes last Sunday and catalogs are on the library table, or online at <https://donate.mcc.org> and <https://www.alternativegifts.org/projects> to help with your wish list. Extra project lists will be available at the fair on both November 12 & 19. See you there!

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### **Bach Against Modernity: Revelation, Revolution, and Religion**

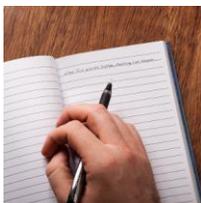
A celebration of the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation

Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm

Evelyn Chapel, Illinois Wesleyan University

Free and open to the public as part of Evelyn Chapel's Religion, Music, and the Humanities Series.

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### **A Journal Workshop**

November 14, 2017 at noon and 6:30pm at the MRC.

The one-hour workshop will be offered at noon (brown bag if you like - optional) or the evening of the same day at 6:30 pm. Registration appreciated. RSVP to Rev. Jim Bortell at [jimbortell@gmail.com](mailto:jimbortell@gmail.com) with name and workshop you plan to attend. Participants are asked to bring a notebook with a spiral binding, pencil, and pen to the workshop. Leader: Rev. Jim Bortell, retired Methodist minister and Master Naturalist, living at the MRC, will explain how journaling has enriched his life and will share new as well as tried and true ways of journaling.

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### **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.

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### **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.

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## Voice of the Day

“Everyone will be forgotten, nothing we do will make any difference, and all good endeavors, even the best, will come to naught. Unless there is God. If the God of the Bible exists, and there is a True Reality beneath and behind this one, and this life is not the only life, then every good endeavor, even the simplest ones, pursued in response to God’s calling, can matter forever.”

Tim Keller, "Why Calling Matters"

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## Building Use

**HAAQG Meetings**

November 2, 5:30 pm

**HAAQG Workshop**

November 3 & 4, 8:00 am

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## Today's Chuckle



There was this lady who was visiting a church one Sunday.

The sermon seemed to go on forever, and many in the congregation fell asleep. After the service, she walked up to a very sleepy-looking gentleman, extended her hand in greeting, and said, "Hello, I'm Gladys Dunn."

And the gentleman replied, "You're not the only one, ma'am, I'm glad it's done too!!"