

Mennonite Church Blood Drive

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Saturday, November 11

8:00 am - 12:00 pm

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MIDWEEK CONNECTION AT MCN

November 8, 2017

Worship with Us this Sunday, November 12

The sermon title is *A Merciful Invitation* and the Scripture is James 2:12-13; Psalm 145:8-10. Pastor Tim Schrag comments, "Based on their performance so far, how might Jesus be feeling toward his rather dull-minded and even traitorous inner circle as he come to the last meal he is to eat with them? How would you feel?"

Prayers

Please pray for

*Bev Collins who is having a cyst biopsied.

*Gerlof and Roelie Homan and their family.

*Those serving this week on the Mennonite SOOP trip in Macon, MS.

*Andy Hedberg's father as he recovers from surgery for spinal cord constriction and is left with paralysis.

Continued prayers for his stage 4 colon cancer treatments.

Condolences

*We offer condolences to John and Evelyn Bertsche and their family. Evelyn's brother Gordon Dyck passed away November 1 in Estes Park, Colorado.

This Week At 805 S Cottage

Thur Nov 9 Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am

Sat Nov 11 Blood Drive 8:00 am

Sun Nov 12 Pre-Service Prayer 9:00 am
Worship with Communion 9:30 am



Alternative Gifts Fair 10:45 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
Adult Choir 7:30 pm

Mon Nov 13 Mennonite Women 9:30 am

Tues Nov 14 Church Board 6:30 pm

Thur Nov 16 Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am
Youth Ministry Committee 6:00 pm

Serving This Sunday

Greeters	South: Jeremy & Chris Haab West: Emma King
Welcome Table	Mary Ann Watkins
Ushers	Nancy Fisher, Bryan Oyer, Claire Dyck, Phil & Alexa Hoffman
Sermon	Pastor Tim Schrag
Worship Leader	Deborah Spacek
Song Leader	Cindy Ropp
Scripture	Gail Fisher
Children's Time	Alena Culbertson
Accompanist	Chris Culbertson
Technology	Wesley Hershberger
Toddler Nursery	Wilma Dyck
Preschool Nursery	Lucy Unzicker



Birthdays and Anniversaries



Tran Tu 11/12
Jane Roeschley 11/13
Alexandra Neely 11/14
Lloyd Combs 11/15
Jack Brandon 11/16



The proposed 2018 Spending Plan is available for your review.
Paper copies are available on the Entrance Table. An electronic copy is 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.



Thank you so much to all of you (28!) who came Sunday to sing Gerlof's favorite hymns in our apartment. Gerlof was singing along. We were deeply touched by our loving and caring church family.

Gerlof and Roelie Homan



Atrium Holiday Decorating

We are seeking volunteers interested in organizing simple Christmas decorating (i.e. wreaths, garlands, trees) for our Atrium and Entry Hallway. Please talk to Pastor Jane.

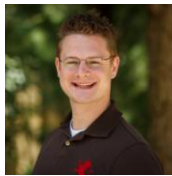


Community Players Presents: Sister Act

Performances: November 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!*



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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14th Annual Alternative Gifts Fair

We hope that you will come by, this Sunday and next, to shop and see the booths made with so much care and creativity by our youth and their families. If you need a shopping list, more are available at the checkout tables. Checks can be made out to the church, and all gifts are tax-deductible. Gifts may be made in any amount to any project.



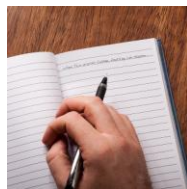
Bach Against Modernity: Revelation, Revolution, and Religion

A celebration of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation

Sunday, November 12th 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.



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 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.



Coffee & Canvas for Mennonite Disaster Service

November 14, 6:30-8:30pm
Roanoke Mennonite Church, 1195 County Rd 1600 E, Eureka
Donations Accepted, all money raised will go directly to MDS
Register by email by Nov. 10 to insure a canvas!
Contact Inez Edwards 309-467-6183 or Inez@MTCO.com



Illinois Mennonite Camp Association Annual Gathering

Saturday, November 18, 2017

8:30am Breakfast and Fellowship

9:00am Work Projects

12:00pm Lunch and Fellowship, Tour Recent Improvements

1:30pm Annual Business Meeting

Please register by contacting Menno Haven at (815)646-4344 or info@mennohaven.com.



Homebuilders

When: Nov 19 at 7:00 PM

Where: MRC Community Building

Speaker: Gabby Bontea, Director, Safe Harbor Shelter

Title: Homelessness in McLean Co, Is it a Problem?

Description: Come and hear Gabby Bontea, Director of Salvation Army's Safe Harbor Shelter talk about the Shelter. What it is. What they do. Why it is needed.



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.



Barns: An Illinois Story, produced by Oliver Peng, features MCN's Ron Ropp and has won two Emmy awards. **Barns: An Illinois Story** debuts at 7pm on Thursday, December 1, on WILL-TV, and will be repeated at 7pm on Monday, December 5.



Bells In Motion Presents: A Ringing Christmas

Saturday, December 2, 7pm

First Mennonite Church, 250 Baltimore, Morton

\$15 tickets at the door

For questions visit www.bellsinmotion.org or contact Kathy Frampton 309-263-4237 or kathlenaf@yahoo.com



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

"The Christian gospel is a two-way road. On the one hand, it seeks to change the souls of men, and thereby unite them with God; on the other hand, it seeks to change the environmental conditions of men so the soul will have a chance after it is changed."

Martin Luther King Jr.



Building Use

Head Start Parent Meeting

November 13, 3:30 pm

Wild Ones

November 13, 5:30 pm

Today's Chuckle



A lady lost her purse while shopping. It was found by an honest little boy and returned to her. Looking in her purse, she commented, "That's funny. When I lost my bag there was a \$100 bill in it. Now there are 100 \$1 bills."

The boy quickly replied, "That's right, lady. The last time I found a lady's purse and she didn't have any change for a reward."