

14th Annual Alternative Gifts Fair: Don't miss your chance to shop and admire booths on Sunday, the final day of this year's Alternative Gifts Fair. Stay after church for the Congregational Meal and Meeting!

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MIDWEEK CONNECTION AT MCN

November 15, 2017

Worship with Us this Sunday, November 19

The sermon title is *That Pesky Tongue* and the Scripture is James 3:1-2. Pastor Tim Schrag comments, "James says, 'The tongue is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body.' It is also a great instrument for good. This Sunday we will think about ways it tends to evil, and correctives for that."

Prayers

We give thanks for

- *Emily and Aaron Petri's new son, Ian George Petri who was born on 11/7; 6 pounds 12 oz, 21 inches. Olivia is loving being a big sister!
- *Bev Collins' prayers and positive test results.
- *Fellowship at Midwest Food Bank.
- *A successful SOOP trip to Mississippi.

Please pray for

- *Gerlof and Roelie Homan and their family.
- *Ricketlee Benecke after her son Keegan's death November 3.

Condolences

- *We offer condolences to John and Kay Reimer. Kay's sister-in-law Betty Sommer passed away in Bluffton, OH on November 7.
- *We offer condolences to Holly and Randy Zehr. Holly's mother passed way November 8 in San Antonio, TX. Prayers for Holly's Aunt who was her long time caretaker.

This Week At 805 S Cottage

Thur Nov 16

Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am
Youth Ministry Committee 6:00 pm
Financial Stewardship Committee 6:30 pm

Sun Nov 19

Pre-Service Prayer 9:00 am
Worship 9:30 am
Alternative Gifts Fair 10:45 am
Christian Education for Children 10:45 am
Christian Education for Adults 11:00 am
Child Protection Meeting 12:00 pm
MYF Fundraiser Congregational Meal 12:00 pm
Congregational Meeting 1:00 pm
Youth Groups 5:00 pm
Jr. Choir 6:00 pm
Youth Choir 6:45 pm
Homebuilders 7:00 pm
Adult Choir 7:30 pm



Thur Nov 23

Church Office Closed
Thanksgiving Potluck 12:00 pm

Fri Nov 24

Church Office Closed

Serving This Sunday

Greeters	South: Roger & Linda Clemmons West: John Bertsche
Welcome Table	Claire Dyck
Ushers	David Voegtlin & Connie Reeser-Hall Randy, Holly & Jaron Zehr
Sermon	Pastor Tim Schrag
Worship Leader	Marge Weaver
Song Leader	Glenn Wilson
Scripture	Rita Ngongo
Children's Time	Laura Dick
Accompanist	Dorothy Loepf
Technology	Wesley Hershberger
Toddler Nursery	Kristy Hoffman
Preschool Nursery	Jeremy Haab



Birthdays and Anniversaries



David Warfel 11/19
Jo Ropp 11/21
Barry Weaver 11/22
Rick Yoder 11/22

Happy 44th Anniversary to Joe & Ruth Haney on November 24



Thank you to all who assisted with our recent Blood Drive. Whether you gave blood, baked goodies, worked during the drive, or supported us with your prayers. We received 25 units of blood. This was less than our usual number, but it will benefit 75 persons! This is a worthy cause!

The Wellness Committee



The Church Board is pleased to announce their affirmation of two interim leaders in ministry. Chris Culbertson will be Christian's Ministry Leader and will focus on enhancing programming for children from birth through sixth grade. Lauren Satchwell has been affirmed as Youth Ministry Leader and will be serving youth from Junior High through High School. They will start immediately and serve in these interim staff positions for approximately 18 months. Please attend the Congregational Meeting this Sunday when more information about these positions will be made available.



David and Gabriella Harnish have a working washer and dryer that they would like to give to a family in need. Either someone in the church, or to someone the church knows needs one. They will have to arrange for pick up. It is available now. Call Gabriella at 309-423-2700 if you have questions.



Surprise Luncheons

Surprise Luncheons? Happens on the first Sunday in December? The first surprise is a change of date, so you can attend one of the great community performances that day. It will happen, but after the holidays. Stay tuned for more breaking developments.



Coats and Winter Gear for Returning Citizens

Jobs Partnership, a ministry that assists citizens returning to society from prison, is in need of winter coats, hats, gloves, and boots for men and women. Good used items may be collected in the red tub in the Atrium for the next month (until Dec 10). Questions - ask Mary Jantze.



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.



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.



A congregational meeting will take place on Sunday, November 19 at 1:00 pm. During this meeting the proposed 2018 Spending Plan will be presented. There are updated paper copies on the Entrance Table, and on the website under Education & Nurture/Helpful Documents.



A congregational meal, which is a fundraiser for the High School Youth Group, will precede the congregational meeting. Come enjoy salad, bread, and lasagna made by the youth!



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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.



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

If you have not signed up for the Thanksgiving Dinner at the church - it's not too late! You can sign up online through this link [Sign Up Genius](#) or sign up on the Community Events bulletin board in the atrium, or by calling Marge Nester. It will be fun! Meat is supplied. Just come at noon and bring a dish to share. It will be fun!



Heartland Head Start Annual Meeting and Celebration

Thursday, November 30, 2017 6pm-8pm

ISU Alumni Center, 1101 N. Main St., Normal

Come for a short presentation followed by open conversation with staff, families, community representatives, and Governance Board members.

Complimentary appetizers will be offered. Email w.chesher@heartlandheadstart.org for a full copy of the Annual Report.



The Peoria Area Community Festival of Nativities

December 1-3, Friday & Saturday 10am-9pm, Sunday 12pm-6pm

Free Admission

3700 W. Reservoir Blvd., Peoria IL

www.communityfestivalofnativities.com



Northwest Neighborhood Community Center Christmas Party!!

December 2nd, 2017. 5-7pm

If you are interested in volunteering for this event, here are some of our needs!

- Set up/clean up crew
- Meal prep and servers
- Activity leaders

Interested in helping with food? Contact Jordan at jwilie22@gmail.com.

Interested in meal prep on Tuesdays and/or Thursdays? Email Deb belle11.dd@gmail.com

There is also a need for Gift card donations and meal donations. If you can donate a gift card, please give to Amy Reiman.



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



Camp Friedenswald is Coming to Bloomington-Normal!

You are invited to join us on Monday, December 4th at 6:30pm at MCN for an update from Camp.

As a Builder or friend of Camp Friedenswald, we want to thank you for your continued support, and to share all that has happened in 2017 to Renew Friedenswald. We hope to see you there! If possible, RSVP by November 27 to 269-476-9744 or jenna@friedenswald.org.



Mennonite Disaster Service trip, Feb 11-17, 2018 - Coastal Bend Area, Texas.

This is still in the early planning stages, but MCN is booked for a few volunteer slots (4-10) with MDS for hurricane relief work in Texas. Please inform Pastor Jane if you'd like to be on the list of interested persons.



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

"In the act of worship itself, the experience of liberation becomes a constituent of the community's being . . . It is the power of God's Spirit invading the lives of the people, 'building them up where they are torn down and propping them up on every leaning side.'"

James H. Cone



Building Use

HAAQG Sewing Mentoring
November 16 6:00 pm

Today's Chuckle



Johnny: "Would you punish me for something I didn't do?"

Teacher: "Why, of course not."

Johnny: "Good, 'cause I didn't do my homework."