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MIDWEEK CONNECTION AT MCN

December 27, 2017

## Worship with Us this Sunday, December 31

The sermon title is *Steady Hope* and the Scripture is Luke 2:22-40.

### Prayers

#### We give thanks for

\*The Oyer family (Mannie, Bryan, Joanna) would like to thank you for your thoughts, words, cards and prayers while we are dealing with the death of our brother and uncle.

\*The staff of MCN

#### Please pray for

\*Terry Wiebenga's family whom just put Terry's father on hospice care. He was diagnosed with Alzheimer's about 3 years ago and his health has steadily declined.

\*Dick & Marjie Baum's granddaughter Rachel Tolbert who had a bad car accident and is hospitalized at Bromenn. We pray for her continued healing and her husband David and daughter Hannah.

### This Week At 805 S Cottage

Thur Dec 28	Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am
Sun Dec 31	Pre-Service Prayer 9:00 am Worship 9:30 am
Mon Jan 1	Church Office is Closed
Tue Jan 2	Worship Committee 5:00 pm
Thur Jan 4	Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am



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## Serving This Sunday

Greeters	South: Adam & Caleb Augspurger
	West: Terry Wiebenga
Welcome Table	Mary Ann King
Ushers	The Unzicker Family
Sermon	Pastor Tim Schrag
Worship Leader	Henry Dick
Song Leader	Wayne Hochstetler
Scripture	Henry Dick
Children's Time	Steve Stenger
Accompanist	Elsa Raab
Technology	Caleb Augspurger
Toddler Nursery	Jeff & Amy Reiman
Preschool Nursery	Jeremy Haab



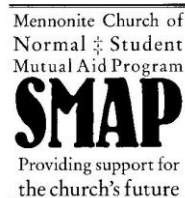
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## Birthdays and Anniversaries



John Gundy 12/31  
Eric Miller 1/01  
Albert Tshiseleka 1/01  
Rebecca Perry 1/03  
Grant Zehr 1/03

Happy 49<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to Larry & Louise Reeser on January 6



The SMAP (Student Mutual Aid Program) spring term college payments are due by early January. When we include spring/summer semesters, payments total \$33,000. The current balance of the SMAP fund is \$28,850 so we are still short \$4,150. Please consider making a contribution or if you have made a pledge please make that payment prior to the end of the year. This program has been supported by our church for almost 40 years and we would like to be able to continue to fully support students attending Mennonite colleges. If you have any questions please see Darvis King.

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### This is Flu Season!

If you are not feeling well, please stay home and take care of yourself. You can listen to the sermon [here](#) or request a copy of the service from the church office.

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

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### **New CE Class Starting Jan. 7: Extreme Grandparenting**

Lead By - Steve Stenger and Joe Culpepper

This class will discuss the joys and challenges that arise in the world of grandparenting. Topics include grandparenting step-grandchildren, good gifting to grandchildren, and long distance grandparenting. The class will also spend significant time focusing on spiritual issues and how grandparents can give a legacy of faith to their grandchildren. The class will use the book Extreme Grandparenting, written by Timothy and Darcy Kimmel, as a resource and guide for discussion.

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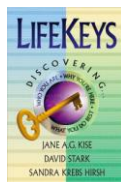


### **New CE Class Starting Jan. 7: Adult Uniform Series entitled "Faith In Action."**

Lead By - Darrel Miller.

This class explores the early churches proclamation of faith in Christ, living faith in God, and self-controlled, upright, and Godly faith.

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### **New CE Class Starting Jan. 7: Exploring Your Fit**

Lead By - Pastor Jane Roeschley.

A good "fit" between who we are and how we serve God and others offers the best chance for meaning, significance and joy to result. Exploring Your Gift class takes a look at how God made you - personality type, natural gifts, spiritual gifts, season of life, Enneagram, and more - in order to think about where you "best fit" in

serving in the church and community.

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### Snow Removal Service for Northwest Neighborhood Community Center

Is anyone aware of a dependable snow removal service that could clear the parking lot at NNCC for a reasonable fee or on a volunteer basis? Please call the office or Pastor Jane.

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Friends - I would like to share the 2017 Moro Moro Scholarship Fund newsletter with you. Copies are available on the table in the narthex or from the link below. For those of you who do not know, the MMSF is a scholarship for students from my father's hometown of Moro Moro, Bolivia. Without this scholarship these students have virtually no chance to attend college. I would be honored if you took a moment to find out about the good work happening there! Thanks for all your new and continuing support!

[The Moro Moro Scholarship Fund Newsletter](#)  
[The Moro Moro Scholarship Fund Facebook Page](#)

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Join the MYF at Pizza Ranch for a fundraiser  
Thursday, January 4 from 5-8pm.  
Dine-in, Carry-out, and Delivery all help the cause!

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Illinois State women's basketball would like to invite you to attend their game on January 14th at 2:00 pm at Redbird Arena free of charge. The Redbirds play Southern Illinois University for the annual "Pack the Arena" game.

Free admission tickets are available on the entry table.

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Someone you know could be affected by a mental health related crisis. You can help them. The Mental Health First Aid class teaches a 5-step action plan to offer initial help to people with the signs and symptoms of a mental illness or in a crisis, and connect them with the appropriate care. Mental Health First Aid is for anyone. Are you interested in learning to be part of the solution?

Join Advocate BroMenn Medical Center for the Mental Health First Aid Class.

Dates: Tuesday, January 16th 8:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Tuesday, January 23rd 8:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

(Must attend both classes to receive certificate)

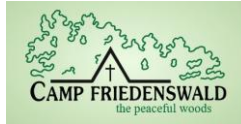
Location: Advocate BroMenn Medical Center Conference Center, Rooms 1&2

Fee: \$10.00 (includes book)

Grant money for books and course material given by Women to Women giving Circle of Illinois Prairie Community Foundation.

To register, please call Health Advisor at 1.800.3.ADVOCATE (1.800.323.8622) mention Code: 6M19 or click [here](#).

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EVERYONE is invited to a the All Church Winter Retreat at Camp Friedenswald: a weekend of fellowship and fun, January 26-28! Friedenswald is a beautiful retreat in southern Michigan with comfortable, warm lodges to accommodate us. Opportunities for social time or solitude abound! Activities for the weekend include relaxation, worship, sledding, tubing, hiking, eating, cross country skiing, reading, games, fellowship, and more! Questions can be directed to Shelly/Darvis King or Marge Nester.

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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

“Optimism and hope are radically different attitudes. Optimism is the expectation that things—the weather, human relationship, the economy, the political situation, and so on—will get better. Hope is trust that God will fulfill God’s promises to us in a way that leads us to true freedom.”

Henri Nouwen

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## Today's Chuckle



The Sunday School teacher looked at the little boy's drawing of a manger scene. A large dog was among the animals.

The teacher looked puzzled.

"Oh," said the child, "That's a German Shepherd."