



MIDWEEK CONNECTION AT MCN

January 24, 2018

## Worship with Us this Sunday, January 28

The sermon title is "The Prayer of Faith and Healing" and the scripture is James 5:13-16. Pastor Tim Schrag comments, "This text interweaves faith, prayer, healing, confession, and forgiveness. That's quite a powerful mix, is it not?"

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### Prayers

Please pray for

Spring, Shannon, Lexi and Nicholas Neely. While they were scheduled to go to Mayo Clinic to seek diagnosis for mysterious symptoms that Nicholas is having, Lexi came down with the flu. Please pray for them in this tough situation.

Laura Dick reminded us on Sunday that it is so important that we try to see as God does, and look into the heart, not the appearance of a person.

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### This Week At 805 S Cottage

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| Sat Jan 27 | Visitation 9:00-10:30 am<br>Memorial Service for Romeyn Oyer 11:00 am  |
| Jan 26-28  | Camp Friedenswald Retreat  |
| Sun Jan 28 | Pre-Service Prayer 9:00 am<br>Worship 9:30 am<br>Christian Education for Children 10:45 am<br>Christian Education for Adults 11:00 am<br>NW Cluster Potluck (MRC) 12:00 pm |
| Tue Jan 30 | Staff Meeting 9:30 am<br>Church Board 6:30 pm  |
| Thur Feb 1 | Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am   |



## Serving This Sunday

Greeters	South: Cal & Vivian Hubbard West: Mary Jantze
Welcome Table	Mary Ann King
Ushers	Lotus Hershberger, Tshitshi and Jeremie Tshiseleka, Ross & Wesley Hershberger
Sermon	Pastor Tim Schrag
Worship Leader	Larry Schrader
Song Leader	Cindy Ropp
Scripture	Joe Jantze
Children's Time	To Be Announced
Accompanist	Elsa Raab
Technology	Randy Zehr
Toddler Nursery	Carrie Stalter
Preschool Nursery	To be Announced



## Birthdays and Anniversaries

Ross Hershberger 1/29  
Justine Lee 1/31  
Nevaeh Nester 1/31  
Craig Ohmart 2/01  
Rochelle Augspurger 2/04

## Assistance Requested for Romeyn Oyer Memorial Service Meal

Dinner will be served following the Memorial Service for Romeyn Oyer. Salads and desserts are needed. Also more help is needed in the kitchen with preparation and serving. If you are willing to help in any way let Gerry Schrock know. Thank you for your help.

## Youth Groups and Choirs Cancelled for this Sunday, January 28

Because many youth are attending Camp Friedenswald this weekend, Junior High Youth Group, Senior High Youth Group, Junior Choir and Youth Choir will not meet on January 28th.

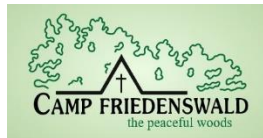


## Sunday, February 25 Surprise Luncheons

**Save the Date:** Surprise Luncheons will be Feb. 25 after church. You will have an opportunity to sign up as guests or hosts before that date. If you are guests, you will find out that morning at church where you will be going for lunch. If you are a host, you will have already stated how many guests you can accommodate (It is up to you) and you will find out who will be coming to your home. Watch here for more information about menus and activities.

Be surprised! The format will be different this year.

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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. Get more information and sign up at

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e094faaa87-allchurch>

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The Regional Central District Conference (CDC) that was scheduled for the Mennonite Church of Normal has been cancelled due to low registration. You are invited to attend one of these two regional CDC Conferences.

Feb 10 @ Grace Mennonite Church (502 E Main St, Pandora, Ohio)

Mar 17 @ Silverwood Mennonite Church (1745 W Lincoln Ave, Goshen, Indiana)

Call the Central District Conference Office at 574-534-8654 if you would like to attend.

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### MYF Meals

Want to help by preparing a meal for the youth meetings on Sunday evenings? Go to <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0448acab2aa1fd0-youth>

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Would you like to be of service to your church community? We are beginning to work on our schedule for Ushers, Greeters and the Welcome Table.

If you have done it in the past year and want to continue, you do not need to contact me, unless you want to have your name removed.

If you have not participated before but would like to be a part of this ministry, please email or call Louise Reeser. [reeserfarms@gmail.com](mailto:reeserfarms@gmail.com), or 826-3423.

Thank you to all those who have served this past year. You are making a valuable contribution to our Sunday morning service.

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### Midwest Food Bank Volunteer Opportunities

March 22 or May 11 or August 20  
6pm - 8pm each day

Come join us in a fun evening of service to others at Midwest Food Bank! Anyone 10 yrs or older is welcome. We are limited to 20 individuals for each date. Sign up at [Signup Genius](http://www.signupgenius.com) or contact the church office.

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### Communion on February 4

In a little over a week we will celebrate Communion in worship here at MCN. In preparation, we are all encouraged to engage in self-examination - of both our relationship with God, and with others. We also receive specially designated gifts for our Mutual Aid Fund on Communion Sundays, as a means of assisting others in need through being the Body of Christ.

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**Jobs Partnership**  
Offering a helping hand



**labyrinthoutreach**  
Services to Women

**Returning Citizens Care Kits, Co-Sponsored by Peace & Justice and Outreach Committees.**

We are collecting Returning Citizens Care Kits for persons returning to our community from prison. Kits for men and/or women are needed to be shared with Jobs Partnership and Labyrinth Outreach Services, two organizations in our community offering reintegration services to persons formerly incarcerated. Gently used backpacks or small duffel bags are also needed in which to pack the kits. Bring to the red tub in the atrium, or a donation may be made to MCN, for use by the Outreach Committee, to purchase the items on your behalf.

**Returning Citizen Care Kit - Men (New Items Only)**

- 1 bottle of lotion (maximum 13-24 oz.)
- 1 bottle of shampoo (minimum 12 oz.)
- 1 large bar of soap (minimum 4 oz.)
- 1 tube of toothpaste (minimum 6 oz.)
- 1 toothbrush
- 1 disposable razor
- 1 small package of Q-tips
- 1 deodorant (minimum 2.25 oz.)
- 1 pair of underwear (briefs)\*
- 1 pair of crew socks\*
- 1 crewneck t-shirt\*

\*Note: Clothing items must be new and are accepted in two sizes: men's large and extra large. Please choose one of these sizes and purchase underwear, socks and t-shirts in the same size.

**Returning Citizen Care Kit - Women (New items only)**

- 1 bottle of lotion (maximum 13-24 oz.)
- 1 bottle of shampoo (minimum 12 oz.)
- 1 large bar of soap (minimum 4 oz.)
- 1 tube of toothpaste (minimum 6 oz.)
- 1 toothbrush
- 1 package of sanitary pads (18-24 count thin maxi)
- 1 package of hair ties
- 1 disposable razor
- 1 small package of Q-tips
- 1 deodorant (minimum 2.25 oz.)
- 1 pair of crew socks\*
- 1 pair of underwear (briefs)\*
- 1 crewneck t-shirt\*

\*Note: Clothing items must be new and are accepted in two sizes: women's large and extra large. Please choose one of these sizes and purchase underwear, socks and t-shirts in the same size.



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](#)



## 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

"Everywhere I looked, hope existed - but only as some kind of green shoot in the midst of struggle. It was a theological concept, not a spiritual practice. Hope, I began to realize, was not a state of life. It was at best a gift of life."— [Joan D. Chittister](#)

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## Building Use

### Carpet Cleaning

January 25, Beginning 1:00 pm in Entrance, Atrium and Hall

### Cantus Novus Choir Rehearsal

January 28, 2:00 pm (Please note start time change.)

### Hands All Around Quilt Guild

February 1, 5:30 pm Board Meeting

February 1, 6:30 pm General Meeting

February 2-4 8:00-4:00 pm Workshop

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## Today's Chuckle



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Have you noticed? All those instruments that are seeking intelligent life in the universe -- telescopes, radio antennas, cameras, detectors -- they're all pointed away from Earth