



*Offering Christ's peace to hearts, homes, community and world*

MIDWEEK CONNECTION AT MCN

January 31, 2018

## Worship with Us this Sunday, February 4

The sermon title is "Food for the Journey" and the Scripture is James 1:3-4; 12. Pastor Tim Schrag comments, "How might the 'Last Supper' be nourishment for us through life, even in times of difficulty?" Communion will be served.

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## Prayers

Please pray for

\*Shannon, Spring, Lexi, and Nicholas Neely, as their son Nicholas returns to Mayo Clinic for a second round of testing.

\*Gail and Nancy Fisher, as Gail recovers from a full knee replacement surgery done on February 1.

\*Deborah Spacek and her family, as Deborah suffered an aortic aneurysm while at Camp Friedenswald last weekend. She is recovering in South Bend. Wednesday AM update: Deborah is off the ventilator and is stable. She can talk a little bit but continues to need oxygen which makes talking more difficult. She continues to make slow progress and was up for a little while in the chair today.

## Condolences

\*We offer sincere condolences to Doug and Jenell Ulrich and family. Jenell's mother Dorothy Miller passed away Monday morning. The services will be Saturday at Orrville Mennonite Church in Ohio.

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## This Week At 805 S Cottage

Thur Feb 1	Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am
Sun Feb 4	Pre-Service Prayer 9:00 am Worship with Communion 9:30 am Christian Education for Children 10:45 am Blood Pressures Taken 10:45 am Christian Education for Adults 11:00 am JMYF and MYF Youth Groups 5:00 pm Junior Choir 6:00 pm



Youth Choir 6:45 pm

Tue Feb 6      Worship Committee 5:00 pm

Thur Feb 8      Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am  
Christian Education Committee 7:00 pm

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## Serving This Sunday

Greeters	South: Emmanuel & Tanya Kasongo West: Connie Reeser-Hall
Welcome Table	Stephanie Nester
Ushers	Mike & Stephanie Company Shannon Neely & Terry Wiebenga
Sermon	Pastor Tim Schrag
Worship Leader	Melika Hershberger
Song Leader	Barry Weaver
Scripture	Caleb Augspurger
Children's Time	Holly Zehr
Accompanist	Dorothy Loepp
Technology	Rick Harnish
Toddler Nursery	Melika Hershberger
Preschool Nursery	Alena Culbertson



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## Birthdays and Anniversaries



Gabriella Harnish 2/5  
John Stutzman 2/5  
Adam Reiman 2/6  
Shelly King 2/9  
Teresa Novy 2/9  
Kenayah Tshiseleka 2/10



Thank you to all who made the MYF SWAP Fundraiser a huge success on Sunday, Jan. 21!  
A special thanks to Connie and Rick Satchwell for helping to coordinate the meal!



Joanna Oyer and her family would like to thank everyone for the wonderful thoughts, prayers, cards and meals following the passing of Romeyn Oyer. The help and support from the church and pastors was very much appreciated.

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### **Game Night for Families with Young Children**

Friday, February 16 from 5:00 to 7:00 in the Fellowship Area of MCN, North Main Cluster will hold a game night for families with children 5th grade and younger. North Main Cluster is sponsoring the event and all families with young children are invited. Please RSVP to Lynn Reha or Chris Culbertson.

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### **Surprise Luncheons! Feb 25, 2018**

The goal is to get us into each others' homes to get to know each other in a way that is different from what happens at church and in our more formal programming. If you have some experience in hosting church families, perhaps you should be guests this year. If you are nervous about having people in your home, we will make it as easy as possible. Try it, you might like it!

This year we are having pizza! The host will provide the crust and sauce. Each guest/guest family will be asked to bring toppings of their choice. The host family will also provide drinks, and a game that will be suitable for the ages of the guests in your group. Information about sign up will be in your mailboxes on Feb 11.

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### **60th Anniversary Illinois Mennonite Relief Sale**

March 16-17, 2018

Theme "60 Years of Christian Relief Ministry "

Interstate Center, Bloomington; Illinois

\* More information to come

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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](#) or contact the church office.



## Celtic Pilgrimage June 2019

Pastor Jane will be co-leading (with Marlene Kropf) a 16-day Celtic Pilgrimage to Scotland, England and Ireland in June of 2019. If interested in possibly participating, be in touch with her for details.

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**Jobs Partnership**  
Offering a helping hand



### 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 duffle 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.



## Moro Moro Scholarship Fund

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!



## 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

"Sociologists have a theory of the looking-glass self: you become what the most important person in your life (wife, father, boss, etc.) thinks you are. How would my life change if I truly believed the Bible's astounding words about God's love for me, if I looked in the mirror and saw what God sees?" **Philip Yancey**

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## Building Use

### Hands All Around Quilt Guild

February 1, 5:30 pm Board Meeting. 6:30 pm General Meeting  
February 2 & 3, 8:00-4:00 pm Workshop

### Cantus Novus Choir Rehearsal

February 4, 2:00 pm (Please note start time change.)

### Pastor Peer Meeting

February 8, 9:00 am

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## Today's Chuckle



A nursery school teacher was delivering a minivan full of kids home one day when a fire truck zoomed past. Sitting in the front seat of the fire truck was a Dalmatian dog. The children fell to discussing the dog's duties.

"They use him to keep crowds back," said one youngster.

"No," said another, "he's just for good luck."

A third child brought the argument to a close. "They use the dogs," she said firmly, "to find the fire hydrant."