



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

MIDWEEK CONNECTION AT MCN

February 7, 2018

Worship with Us this Sunday, February 11

The sermon title is "Echoes from Valentine's Day" and the Scripture is Mark 10:35-45. Pastor Tim Schrag comments, "In our close relationships, we are sometimes at our best, and sometimes at our worst. Valentine's Day can be illustrative of this for all relationships, not necessarily just romantic ones."

Prayers

Please pray for

*Deborah Spacek is continuing to recover in South Bend.

*Dick and Marjie Baum's granddaughter Rachel is still in the hospital after a car accident. Progress in healing is still being made.

We give thanks for

*Nicholas Neely's testing at Mayo Clinic went well.

Condolences

*Our condolences go out to Hazel Yoder and family. Hazel's brother Dr. John Zehr passed away Monday night in Urbana. Services will be held at a later time.

This Week At 805 S Cottage

Thur Feb 8	Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am Christian Education Committee 7:00 pm
Fri Feb 9	Fellowship Committee 10:00 am
Sun Feb 11	Pre-Service Prayer 9:00 am Worship 9:30 am Christian Education for Children 10:45 am Christian Education for Adults 11:00 am



JMYF and MYF Youth Groups 5:00 pm

Mon Feb 12 Mennonite Women 9:30 am

Tues Feb 13 Wellness Committee 5:30 pm
Youth Ministry Committee 6:30 pm
Church Board 6:30 pm

Wed Feb 14 Peace and Justice Committee 5:00 pm
Pastoral Council 6:30 pm

Thur Feb 15 Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am

Serving This Sunday

Greeters	South: Adam & Caleb Augspurger West: Mary Ann King
Welcome Table	Elfriede Massier
Ushers	Nancy Fisher & Bryan Oyer Phil & Alexa Hoffman, Claire Dyck
Sermon	Pastor Tim Schrag
Worship Leader	Josh Friesen
Song Leader	Glenn Wilson
Scripture	Chellie Miller
Children's Time	Pastor Jane Roeschley
Accompanist	Chris Culbertson
Technology	Rick Harnish
Toddler Nursery	Lucy Unzicker
Preschool Nursery	Matt Culbertson



Birthdays and Anniversaries



Leroy Loepf 2/13
Rick Satchwell 2/14

Happy 9th Anniversary to Tshitshi Tshiseleka and Ginette Molino on February 14



A member of our congregation will be heading to South Bend next week and will stop to see Deborah Spacek. If you would like to send a card with that member for Deborah, please bring it to the church office by this Sunday, February 11th. Thanks!



Lenten Sunday School Study

Beginning Sunday, February 18th, a Lenten study using the book “Embracing the Uncertain: A Lenten Study for Unsteady Times” by Magrey R. deVegas will be offered during the CE hour. This six-week study will use characters from scripture to focus on the uncertainties of life such as worry, mortality, forgiveness, faith, etc. This class will meet during the six weeks of Lent. If you are not currently attending a class, you are welcome to participate in this study. Although the book is not required, it is an excellent read. The book is available through [Amazon](https://www.amazon.com) and [Christianbooks.com](https://www.christianbooks.com). The class will be taught by Lynette Miller.



Annual Distress Supper and Meeting

Tuesday, February 13

Trinity Mennonite Church

901 S Fourth Ave, Morton, IL

6:00 pm

Open to all, if planning to attend contact Deb Stenger at ststeng@gmail.com by February 11.



40 Activities for Lent

Looking for Lent activities for the whole family? Try our Lent activity calendar!

Lent is a time of remembering Jesus' 40 days in the wilderness that prepared him for ministry. Starting Ash Wednesday, Feb. 14, join others across the United States in activities that encourage and prepare us to work for peace in our communities and world. You can find the calendar here: <http://www.mennonitemission.net/lent>.



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.



Homebuilders

Matt Harms will be the presenter at the Homebuilders program on Sunday, February 18 at 7:00pm. Matt is the grandson of Hazel Yoder and he will supplement his story with photos/videos of his projects in the Middle East and Israel including his walking trail building projects.



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 was placed in your mailboxes on Feb 4.



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



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.



SAVE THE DATE!

The Peace and Justice Committee is sponsoring the folk music and social commentary of Tom Neilson on Friday, April 20th at 7 p.m. Come enjoy the music that others have called "creative and compelling" and "thoughtful." Donations will be accepted at the door; all are welcome!



Meals for Northwest Neighborhood Community Center

Northwest Neighborhood Community Center (NNCC) serves meals to approximately 40 families on Tuesdays and 65 families on Thursdays. They are in need of volunteers to prepare and serve the food. The prep time begins between 3:30 and 4 pm, depending on the meal. Midwest Food Bank provides the food; it just needs to be prepared in the NNCC kitchen. Please consider if you might be available for a one-time commitment to prepare and serve a meal on any of the open dates listed on [this link](#). Other options for providing food include donating money for the cost of a meal, or providing a meal from a local restaurant or caterer and delivering it on a selected date. Please continue to keep NNCC in your prayers as its work takes root in this community. Contact Sarah Tunall at Sarah.Tunall@ncc.org or Amy Reiman at a.reiman98@gmail.com for more information.



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 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. Contributing partial kits, or just some of the items, is more than OK.

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.



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

"Believe God's love and power more than you believe your own feelings and experiences. Your rock is Christ, and it is not the rock that ebbs and flows but the sea." **Samuel Rutherford**



Building Use

Pastor Peer Meeting

February 8, 9:00 am

Cantus Novus Choir Rehearsal

February 11, 2:00 pm

Head Start Parent Meeting

February 12, 12:00 pm

Wild Ones Meeting

February 12, 5:30 pm

Head Start Parent Event

February 14, 1:00 pm

Today's Chuckle



Last night I was relaxing on the sofa watching TV when I heard my wife's voice from the kitchen: "Oh sweetheart, what would you like for dinner, my love? Chicken, beef or lamb?"

I said, "Thank you, darling. I think I'll have chicken."

She replied, "You're havin' a peanut butter sandwich. I was talkin' to the dog!"