



**Mennonite
Church
of Normal**

A congregation of
Mennonite Church USA

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

July 8, 2015

MIDWEEK CONNECTION AT MCN

Today's Punniest

He had a photographic memory which was never developed.

Those who get too big for their britches will be exposed in the end.

A grenade fell onto a kitchen floor in France, resulted in linoleum blown apart.

Happy Birthday!

Laineigh Hickman--7/09
Adam Augspurger--7/10
Lotus Hershberger--7/12
Cindy Ropp--7/12
Spencer Gillespie--7/14
Jerry Musselman--7/15

Happy Anniversary!

Denise & Andy Hedberg--
7/10 (16)

Jon & Janelle Friesen -
7/11 (23)

Dave & Chrissy Zehr--
7/13 (2)

Heath & Helen Brandon--
7/14 (8)

Prayer Requests

Prayer is requested for:

*Health concerns for:

*Louise Reeser

*Spencer Gillespie

*Gerlof Homan

*Juergen & Meredith Schroeer as they travel to Germany.

If you have a prayer concern for which you would appreciate the prayers of your church family, please call the

Worship with us this Sunday, July 12

Pastor Tim Schrag will be delivering the message, titled *It's Always Been This Way* which draws from Acts 15 (The Message version). Pastor Tim provides this comment about the sermon: In tumultuous times for our denomination, we are reminded that tumult was 'from the beginning' in the church and God's Spirit has been in evidence from then, until today.

Serving this Sunday

Greeters

South--Wilma Dyck; Hazel Yoder

West--Meredith Satchwell

Welcome Table

Dorothy Loepp

Ushers

Mark Roeschley; Meredith Satchwell

Ryan Miller; Chellie Miller

Worship Leader

Mike Company

Accompanist

Jenell Ulrich

Song Leader

Cindy Ropp

Children's Time

Chris Culbertson

Scripture

Deborah Spacek

Sermon

Pastor Tim Schrag

Technology

Adam Augspurger

Toddler Nursery

Aaron Petri

Preschool Nursery

Abby Warfel

Summer Sunday School

Younger Class

Marianne Israel

Older Class

Abby & David Warfel

Assistant

Stephanie Nester

MCN Events This Week

Wed July 8

Leadership Selection 6:30

Thurs July 9

Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am

Outreach Committee 5:00 pm

Sun July 12

Pre-Service Prayer 9:00 am

Worship 9:30 am

Christian Education 11:00 am

Tue July 14

Church Board 7:00 pm

Wed July 15

Fun in the Sun 10:00 am

Upcoming Events

End of Life Preparation workshop on Sunday. Several weeks ago, the Wellness committee explained and provided copies of the Preparation for Death Manual which they had recently revised and published. This Sunday, during the Christian Education Time, adults are invited to attend a workshop in which the Manual will be explained further. The workshop will be interactive, with participants completing sections of the manual with their own information. Don't miss this chance to care for your loved ones by planning now. **PLEASE BRING YOUR COPY OF THE MANUAL.**

Fun in the Sun 2015 Fun in the Sun (informal gatherings for play and fellowship) is next Wednesday at Miller Park, 10:00 pm Click this [link](#) for more information and to sign up.

church office at 452-6622
or email [Lynn](#).

Partners in Healing
Mennonite Church of
Normal join with other
churches in the area to
pray for various sections
of Advocate Bro Menn
Medical Center and
Advocate Eureka
Hospital. This month
MCN is asked to pray for
the Critical Care Unit at
Advocate BroMenn

Voice of the Day
Pride makes us artificial
and humility makes us
real.
Thomas Merton

**Conference
Newsletters**
[Click the link](#) to read the
current *Heart, Soul,
Mind & Strength*, IMC
Conference Minister
Chuck Neufeld's weekly
message to IMC
churches. Also, the
latest copy of [Missional
Crossroads](#) is available.
The CDC Reporter is
available [here](#).

Please call the church
office if you or someone
in your family is
hospitalized. Due to
HIPAA regulations,
persons may be
hospitalized for several
days before your pastors
are aware of a need for
pastoral care.

Blueberries! A trip is being organized to Tammen Treeberry Farm near Dwight to pick blueberries on Tuesday, July 14. You are welcome to join the group that will meet early to caravan up or you might want to travel separately and meet at the farm. For more details on where we will be meeting and what to bring with you, contact Shelly King at snking2002@yahoo.com or by phone 309-212-2537. Tammen Treeberry Farm <http://www.tammentreeberryfarm.net/btammen/>

SAVE THE DATE! MCN worship will be at Camp Menno Haven on Sunday, August 9. Worship will be at 10 am, meal at noon, variety of outdoor activities and free time in the afternoon.

Beyond MCN

Head Start Heartland Heart Start is celebrating 50 years of educating children and empowering families with a variety of activities. Please see the post card on the Atrium Bulletin Board for a full list. Mennonite Church of Normal is especially invited to the All Head Start Reunion on August 8, 1:00-4:00 pm at Trinity Lutheran Church. Please see Marge Weaver for further details.

Opportunities to Serve

Hickman Adoption Matt and Deb Hickman continue to anticipate the adoption and arrival of Blessing. The current estimate for her arrival is 5-6 months from now. They are very grateful for generous donations toward adoption expenses received thus far, including a recent \$1000 challenge donation. Contact Matt and Deb directly for information about becoming involved.

elping the Tshiseleka Family with Child Care as they do "sweat equity" for their Habitat House We can help Tishitshi and Ginette with child care while they put in "sweat equity" on Saturday mornings throughout the summer. 1) Pick a Saturday to provide babysitting in their home, in your home, at the church, 7:30-12:30. OR 2) Sponsor part or all of the cost of a paid babysitter, about \$60 per morning. Contact Lynn in the Church Office.

Of Note

Cluster Events or News Please send pictures and reports of Cluster events to Lynn and she will post them in the NewsRoom section of the website. Click [here](#) for a sample from North Main and Northeast Clusters. (My apologies for omitting the Northeast Cluster and Lydia Hedberg from this announcement last week—Lynn)

Out and about Pastor Jane Roeschley will be out of the office on July 14 & 16. Lynn Reha will be out of the office on July 15 & 17. Pastor Matt Hickman will be out of the office for professional development on July 15.

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