



**Menonite  
Church  
of Normal**

A congregation of  
Menonite Church USA

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

August 12, 2015

## MIDWEEK CONNECTION AT MCN

### Today's Punniest

Why was the baby strawberry crying? 'Cause his mom and dad were in a jam.

What do you call a retired cowboy? De-ranged

Why did Beethoven get rid of his chickens? They kept saying, "Bach-Bach-Bach!"

### Happy Birthday!

Marge Nester 8/19  
Ron Ropp 8/19

### Happy Anniversary!

Doug & Joanna Oyer—8/14 (22)  
David & Abby Warfel—8/16 (18)

### Prayer Requests

Prayer is requested for:

\*Health concerns for:

\*Louise Reeser

\*Gerlof Homan

\*Russ & Lora Oyer as they transition to a new apartment at Westminster Village

*If you have a prayer concern for which you would appreciate the prayers of your church family, please call the church office at 452-6622 or email [Lynn](mailto:Lynn).*

### Partners in Healing

Menonite 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

### Worship with us this Sunday, August 16

The title of the sermon: *It's Not Just Us*. The scripture is Acts 28: 18-20 and will be read by Emmanuel Kasongo. Pastor Schrag asks: "What happens when 'they'(believers in other countries) read this text?"

### Serving this Sunday

Greeters	South—Mike & Stephanie Company West—Adam Augspurger Marge Nester
Welcome Table	Lotus Hershberger; Nancy Fisher
Ushers	Ardys Serpette; Mark Roeschley
Worship Leader	Melika Hershberger
Accompanist	Chris Culbertson
Song Leader	Wayne Hochstetler
Children's Time	Alena Culbertson
Scripture	Emmanuel Kasongo
Sermon	Pastor Tim Schrag
Technology	Randy Zehr
Toddler Nursery	Miriam Kennell
Preschool Nursery	TBA
Summer Sunday School	
Younger Class	Kristy or Phil Hoffman
Older Class	Lisa and Frank Jablonski
Assistant	Deb Hickman

### MCN Events This Week

Wed Aug 12	Peace & Justice Committee 5:15 pm
Thur Aug 13	Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am Youth Ministry Committee 6:00 pm
Sun Aug 16	Pre-Service Prayer 9:00 am Worship 9:30 am Christian Education 11:00 am
Tue Aug 18	Staff Meeting 9:30 pm

### Of Note

Your Leadership Selection Committee values your input on [Affirming the Gifts of Others](#) and [Offering My Gifts](#). Having those forms turned into the church office no later than August 23 will greatly assist the LSC when it meets next on 8/26. The forms are available in a [pdf format](#) AND an [interactive format](#) on the [MCN website](#). Thank you!

**Bunkhouse Renovation 2015 for Camp Menno Haven** Thanks to the financial support and volunteer labor from Menonite Church of Normal, Hickory House renovation was completed in 2014 and the results are AMAZING! Now it is time to renovate Oak Lodge. Benefits of this important project to Menno Haven include: improved moisture control, lighting, flooring; a/c installation; increased couple's housing; improved efficiency of space to better accommodate small youth groups and large families; increased number of rooms available to groups; increased informal meeting and gathering areas—especially convenient for families with small children, comfortable updated, private bathrooms in

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.

### Voice of the Day

You are the only Bible some unbelievers will ever read.  
*John MacArthur*

### 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](#) and is in your mailboxes.

### Building Use

\*August 14 7:30 am-4:30 pm  
Head Start Staff Training

\*August 15 8:00 am-4:00 pm  
Quilters Sewing Day

\*August 18 11:30 am  
Piano Tuning

each dorm room; and updated handicapped-accessible bathroom available to each dorm room. In the words of Doc Johnson, Executive Director, "We do these renovations not to just do another project or to try to have the best facilities but in order to best steward our resources to fulfill Menno Haven's mission and vision...ultimately to best serve our constituents and our Lord Jesus Christ!"

The Menno Haven Board is seeking financial commitments before work begins on Oak Lodge. Will you contribute labor or help MCN reach its \$15,000 goal for this project? The work days will be announced soon; you can contribute financially now by providing making a designated donation to the Mennonite Church of Normal, clearly marked, Menno Haven *Bunkhouse Renovation*. Thanks for your ongoing support of Camp Menno Haven.

**Wings & Prayers** - This differently-abled worship service will be held this Sunday, August 16th from 3-3:45pm at Crossroads Chapel in Bloomington. Refreshments will follow the service.

**Immanuel Health Center Field Trip** There will be a "field trip" to visit Immanuel Health Center and explore the possibilities of volunteering there. Jane Roeschley writes: "It looks like there will be at least 7-8 of us journeying down to 502 S. Morris to visit the Immanuel Health Center field trip during Sunday School hour on August 23. We will meet outside my office door following worship that day and can carpool together. Let's get as prompt a start as we can. I would like to have us back to church by 12 noon. Let me know if you have any questions!" If you would like to participate but have not already signed up, please contact Pastor Jane Roeschley.

**Dismantling Racism** The Outreach Committee is organizing a conversation of all persons who are interested in dismantling racism and white privilege. If you want to be included in this conversation, please notify the church office or Phil Dick and suggest several times of the week that you are generally available. We will then arrange the conversation.

**School Kits** During the Fall, Mennonite Women Organization puts together school kits for Mennonite Central Committee to distribute. These kits help needy students from around the world to have needed supplies. This year, the kits will be assembled on September 14. Would you like to help supply the items that go into the bags? Each bag needs: -- 4 spiral or perforated notebooks (8 ½ x10 ½ in and 70 sheets), -- 8 unsharpened pencils, --1 flat, flexible plastic ruler (available at Dollar Stores in Normal) --12 colored pencils (in packaging) --1 large pencil eraser.

If you only purchase certain items for the kits, those are useful also. Please put completed kits or items for the kits in the red tub in the Atrium.

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