



MIDWEEK CONNECTION AT MCN

April 27, 2016

## Worship with us this Sunday, May 1

The sermon title is *Above My Pay Grade* and the scripture is Acts 6:1-6; 11-14; 8:25-40. Pastor Tim Schrag asks, "What exactly was the commission of Philip and Stephen, and what did they end up doing?"

**True Story of the Whole World** *The Churches of the New Testament* (Lesson 16) is this week's Adult and Teen Christian Education lesson. The link to *The Churches of the New Testament* (Lesson 16) Study Guide is available on the Mennonite Church of Normal website at <http://www.normalmennonite.org/true-story-of-the-whole-world/>. Also available there (under the Education and Nurture tab) are links to all the lessons, lectures and sermons that have been given so far.

**Scripture Focus** We begin our worship service with a Scripture Focus each week that comes from the congregational study of the Bible in which we are currently engaged. Each worship service is based on the lesson from the previous week's Sunday School study.

**A Word about our Worship Visuals** Quilters have named blocks after Bible stories for generations. The Bible was the primary literary resource in many early American homes, providing inspiration for nineteenth century quilters, who mostly used scraps and outgrown clothing beyond repair to sew covers to keep their loved ones warm. Throughout our True Story study series, a variety of quilt blocks representing Bible stories or themes will be presented. Here is a description of the visual display for May 1.

*Acts 9:3*

*Being struck blind, conviction came to Saul as he proceeded to Syria. Do we need a dramatic intervention before we learn to follow Jesus? This powerful and unusual, rarely found, block design is known only by this name--Road to Damascus.*

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## This Week At 805 S Cottage

Wed Apr 27 True Story Leaders 7:00 pm  
Thur Apr 28 Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am  
Outreach Committee 5:00 pm  
  
Sun May 1 Pre-Service Prayer 9:00 am  
Worship 9:30 am  
Children's CE 10:45 am  
Adult CE 10:55 am  
Bible Trivia Night 5:30 pm  
  
Tue May 3 Pastoral Council 6:00 pm  
Wed May 4 True Story Leaders 7:00 pm  
Thur May 5 Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am



## Serving This Sunday

Greeters South: Barry & Marge Weaver  
West- Mary Jantze  
Welcome Table Hazel Yoder  
Ushers Ross and Wesley Hershberger  
Paul and Mary Ann Watkins  
Worship Leader Marge Weaver  
Song Leader Cindy Ropp  
Accompanist Elsa Raab  
Scripture Lynn Reha  
Children's Time Matt Hickman  
Sermon Pastor Tim Schrag  
Technology Randy Zehr  
Toddler Nursery Abby Warfel  
Preschool Nursery Darvis King



## Birthdays and Anniversaries

Judy Hershberger April 30  
Kristen Satchwell April 30  
Glenn Wilson April 30  
Tina Hubbs May 1  
Charlotte Hedberg May 2  
Joshua Friesen May 3  
Anna Roth May 3  
Seth Valverde May 3  
Kevin Lee May 4

Evan King May 5  
Jaron Zehr May 5  
Paul Chang May 7  
Mary Jantze May 7  
Larry Reeser May 7

Congratulations to Spenser and Barbara Gillespie on their 13th anniversary, May 4

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### Prayer Requests

*Aldine Combs will have surgery on May 26.*

### Opportunity to Serve

The Hickmans are hoping that in the near future Deb will travel to West Africa to bring their adoptive daughter Blessing home. Deb is able to take along much-needed supplies for the foster children where Blessing lives. Donations of non-gummy children's multivitamins, cloth diapers, new or gently-used children's flip-flops or crocs, and compact, smooth, washable toys (no stuffed animals) can be dropped off at Pastor Matt's office at church. Deb would love to take a suitcase full of supplies! *Matthew D. Hickman*

### Mennonite Central Committee Hygiene Kits

Multiple situations around the world such as Syria, Iraq and Ukraine have depleted MCC's warehouse inventory. Please help; MCC replenish its supply to continue responding to needs around the world. There are bags in the back of the sanctuary for you to take home and fill with supplies

### Voice of the Day

People say, "What is the sense of our small effort?" They cannot see that we must lay one brick at a time, take one step at a time. *Dorothy Day*



### Bible Trivia Night

Come celebrate the Story! Join the church for an evening of Bible fun on Sunday, May 1st from 5:30 - 7:00. Activities and games hosted by the junior high youth group, with a meal provided by the high school youth group. In keeping with Bible Trivia theme, there will be small trivial prizes as well! This event is for everyone - child care provided for our youngest children, and special activities for preK-5th graders. Questions? Contact the church office or talk with Cory or Chris Culbertson.



### MYF FUNDRAISER MEAL AND

**DONATIONS:** This Sunday night, May 1st, the high school youth will provide and serve a meal for the congregational Bible trivia night being hosted by the junior high youth group. This is a FUNDRAISER for our attendance at the 2017 summer youth convention.

If you are able to donate some items, such as buns, chips, and desserts we can keep our meal cost

for the hygiene kits. Please leave items in their original packaging. MCC no longer requests toothpaste. Supplies to include:

- 1 adult tooth brush
- 1 large bar bath soap
- 1 fingernail clipper (good quality)
- 1 hand towel (dark color)

### Can you help?

Michele Franks (and daughter Isabel) are looking for rental property after their lease ends July 1. They are looking to change from their 3rd floor apartment to a first floor apartment since Michele has had a past knee injury. Michele's phone is (309) 205-0111 and her email is [michele.franks@gmail.com](mailto:michele.franks@gmail.com)

## Conference Newsletters



[Central District \(CDC\) 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).

[Click the link](#) to read the current IMC Weekly: Illinois Mennonite Conference (IMC) Conference Ministers Michael Danner & Kim Litwiller's weekly message to IMC churches. Also, the latest copy of [Missional Crossroads](#) is available.

low to maximize our fundraising. Please follow this link to sign up: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040c44ada92ea64-trivia>



## Partners in Healing

Mennonite Church of Normal joins 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 Same Day Services at Advocate BroMenn.**

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.



## Today's Chuckle

Don't let your worries get the best of you; Remember, Moses started out as a basket case.

Some people are kind, polite, and sweet-spirited...Until you try to sit in their pews.

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## Camp Menno Haven



For those interested in attending Family Camp or one of our Youth Summer Camps, the deadline for FREE T-shirts with full registration is approaching!

For Family Camp: Send registration and FULL PAYMENT postmarked by **May 2** to receive a FREE T-Shirt.

For All Youth Summer Camps: Send registration and FULL PAYMENT postmarked by **May 2** to receive a FREE T-Shirt.

*Yes, they both say May 2nd!*

This is also a reminder that Rally Day is May 30th! Come for an "open house" day of worship, exploring and enjoying the grounds, riding the zip-line, boating, fishing, and more!!

We are also still in need of some summer staff! In particular Kitchen Assistants, Cabin Counselors, and Lifeguards.

For more information about any of the above, visit our website [www.mennohaven.com](http://www.mennohaven.com) or email me [program@mennohaven.com](mailto:program@mennohaven.com)

Blessings as you prepare for the summer!

Jacob Landis  
Program Director

While driving in Pennsylvania , a family caught up to an Amish carriage. The owner of the carriage obviously had a sense of humor, because attached to the back of the carriage was a hand printed sign... "Energy efficient vehicle: Runs on oats and grass. Caution: Do not step in exhaust.

*Today's Chuckle contributed by Rich Willmarth*

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## Summer Camps at Goshen College

Know a young person who enjoys sports, theater, writing or coding? Goshen College is offering day-time summer camps for pre-K through high school ages! Learn more and sign up at [goshen.edu/summercamp](http://goshen.edu/summercamp).

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## Building Use

**April 28, 2016** Carpet Cleaning

**April 29, 2016 4:30 pm** Head Start

Staff Professional Development

**May 5 6:30 pm** Hands All Around Quilt

Guild Salad Supper

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