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MIDWEEK CONNECTION AT MCN

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June 14, 2017

## Worship with Us this Sunday, June 18

The sermon title is *Honoring Our Parents* and the Scripture is Exodus 20:12 and Ephesians 6:1-4. Pastor Tim Schrag comments, "The message this morning is prompted by two secular 'Hallmark Holidays,' Mother's Day and Father's Day. It is grounded in ancient Scripture. The challenge is to understand those instructions in the world of today."

Many Names for Jesus Banner Based on their study of the Gospel of John, the high school youth Sunday School class created the banner from the many names for Jesus in John. We thank them for sharing it with us this summer in worship.

# **Prayers**

### Please pray for

\*Pastor Matt Hickman's recovery from pericarditis

\*Joe Dick's continued recovery

\*Cindy Ropp's recovery from surgery

\*Kara Dietsch traveling to the Philippines

\*Bennie Brown's recovery from a heart attack

\*Kay Reimer's brother Willis Sommer.

### We give thanks for

\*Deborah Spacek's improved health
\*Blessing Hickman is walking

#### Condolences

We offer condolences to Marcia Rossi. Marcia's mother, Marilyn Kreiling Graff, passed away Saturday, June 10.

### This Week At 805 S Cottage

Thurs June 15 Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am

Sun June 18 Pre-Service Prayer 9:00 am

Worship 9:30 am

Christian Education for Children 10:45 am Christian Education for Adults 11:00 am Child Protection Meeting 12:00 pm

Wed June 21 Peace and Justice Committee 5:00 pm

Thurs June 22 Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am



# **Serving This Sunday**

Greeters South: The Randy Zehr Family

West: Helen Brandon

Welcome Table Mary Jantze

Ushers Eric Miller, Andreas Unzicker, Chellie Miller, Nathan Miller

Sermon Pastor Tim Schrag

Worship Leader Darrel Miller
Song Leader Wayne Hochstetler
Scripture Tania Kimbembe

Children's Time Shelly King
Accompanist Dorothy Loepp
Technology Adam Augspurger
Toddler Nursery Courtney Yoder
Preschool Nursery Claire Dyck

# **Birthdays and Anniversaries**



Odie Evans 6/18
Lois Jett 6/18
Melika Hershberger 6/19
Ryan Miller 6/19
Heath Brandon 6/20
Spring Neely 6/20

Helen Brandon 6/21 Doug Ulrich 6/23 Holly Zehr 6/23

Happy 19<sup>th</sup> anniversary to Ross & Melika Hershberger on June 20 Happy 37<sup>th</sup> anniversary to Al and Pam Dick on June 21 Happy 33<sup>rd</sup> anniversary to Phil and Shari Stalter on June 21



Thanks to the Trustees and several others who helped with a number of projects to improve the Cemetery.

Trees on the East side were trimmed and one dying tree was cut on the North side. They were burned along with the many tree trunks that were cut down by Ameren. The twelve large stumps left on the West were ground in preparation for new plantings this fall. The old woven wire on the North and West side was removed and new cable was strung in its place.



If anyone will be traveling to Menno Haven on July 9 and July 14 to transport children to camp, Nathan Tataki is in need of transportation. Please contact John Bertsche if you can help! 309-452-8133



Here are **Fun in the Sun** park dates for Summer 2017! Come for any/all times you can! Click this link for more information and to sign up. <a href="http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e094faaa87-funinthe1">http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e094faaa87-funinthe1</a>



**Sugar Grove** 

Save the Date: Children's Christian Education Time at Sugar Grove Nature Center on June 25



### **Habitat House**

We are still in need of 1-2 persons to bring snacks and drinks at 10 am for the crew of 12 for the Habitat Work Day for Kasongo New Home, Saturday Morning July 8, 8 am at 711 W Mulberry. If you'll be able to do that, talk to Pastor Jane.



### Summer Worship Special Music, Fresh Flowers and Favorite Hymns

You are invited to sign up for one or more Sundays this summer to: provide special worship music, vocal or instrumental, to bring fresh flowers for in front of the pulpit, or to request a favorite hymn. Use this link to sign up <a href="https://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/8050A4BA4A92BA57-special">www.SignUpGenius.com/go/8050A4BA4A92BA57-special</a>



## **Hygiene Kits**

During May and June, Mennonite Women will be collecting Hygiene Kits. The bags are in the back of the Sanctuary for you to take home to fill with the necessary supplies. The contents to include in each:

- 1 adult size toothbrush New Toothbrushes also have to be in separate, original packaging.
- 1 large bar bath soap
- 1 fingernail clipper (good quality, NOT TOENAIL CLIPPER)
- 1 hand towel (dark color)

These should be NEW items only, in original packaging.

Thank you for limiting your generosity to the items listed. Due to strict regulations some countries have on the expiration date of toothpaste, MCC no longer asks for toothpaste to be donated with the kits. Instead, MCC will provide the toothpaste with the kits when they ship.

Return the filled bags to the church and place them in the red bucket. Or, if you would prefer, you can just purchase the supplies and Mennonite Women will fill the bags.



Welcome to Lauren Satchwell; she will be the interim administrative assistant. Office hours will be 9:00-3:30 Monday through Thursday. Deadlines for Midweek Connection and Bulletin entries remain noon on Wednesday.



### **Conference Newsletters**

<u>Central District Conference (CDC) Focus</u> 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 <u>current IMC Weekly</u>: Illinois Mennonite Conference (IMC) Conference Minister Michael Danner's weekly message to IMC churches.

### Voice of the Day

"The first service one owes to others in a community involves listening to them. Just as our love for God begins with listening to God's Word, the beginning of love for others is learning to listen to them. God's love for us is shown by the fact that God not only gives God's Word, but also lends us God's ear. . . . We do God's work for our brothers and sisters when we learn to listen to them." Dietrich Bonhoeffer



### **Building Use**

Hands All Around Quilt Guild Retreat June 16 7:00 am-9:00 pm June 17 8:00am-4:00 pm

# Today's Chuckle



Pee Wee: What do you call your dad when he falls through the ice?

Westy: Beats me.
Pee Wee: A POPsicle!

A little child in church for the first time watched as the ushers passed the offering plates. When they neared the pew where he sat, the youngster piped up so that everyone could hear: "Don't pay for me Daddy, I'm under five."

Dad: Son, if you keep pulling my hair, you will have to get off my shoulders.

Son: But, Dad, I'm just trying to get my gum back!