



**Mennonite
Church
of Normal**

A congregation of
Mennonite Church USA

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

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MIDWEEK CONNECTION AT MCN

Today's Chuckle

An araprosdokisan is a figure of speech in which the latter part of a sentence or phrase is surprising or unexpected. Thanks to Spencer Gillespie for finding these araprosdokisans:

Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit.
Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.

To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism. To steal from many is research.

Happy Birthday!

John Bertsche—May 28
Lynn Chang--May 28
Roger Clemmons-May 28
Roy Jiles—May 28
Mark Alsene—May 29
Stephanie Nester—May 29
Olivia Engel—May 30
Deb Hickman—May 30
Robert Reeser—May 31

Prayer Requests

Prayer is requested for:
*Earthquake victims in Nepal
*Hickman family in the adoption process
*Jerry Musselman

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.

Worship with us this Sunday, May 31

The sermon is titled, "The Good Days, Old and New" and is based on John 16: 12-16. Pastor Tim Schrag asks: Do you ever find yourself longing for "the good old days"? The message will track the twists and turns of the early church of Acts, and draw a comparison to the twists and turns of our lives.

Serving this Sunday

Greeters	South— Roger & Linda Clemmons West— Mark Alsene Mary Kauffman Paul & Mary Ann Watkins Connie Reeser-Hall; Larry Reeser
Welcome Table	Darvis King
Ushers	Spencer Gillespie Wayne Hochstetler
Worship Leader	Pastor Matt Hickman
Accompanist	John Reimer
Song Leader	Pastor Tim Schrag
Children's Time	Rick Harnish
Scripture	Stephanie Nester
Sermon	Jeremy Haab
Technology	
Toddler Nursery	
Preschool Nursery	

MCN Events This Week at 805 S Cottage, Normal

Sat May 30	Mulching Party 8:30 am Outreach Committee 5:00 pm Pre-Service Prayer 9:00 am Worship 9:30 am Christian Education 11:00 am
Sun May 31	

Sunday, June 7

Communion will be served on Sunday, June 7. The Bible teaches that we are to "examine ourselves" in preparation (1 Cor 11:27-29). Our Mennonite forebears took seriously the idea of being fully at peace with God and one's Christian brothers and sisters in order to partake. Let us prepare with similar prayerful reflection and personal examination.

Special Guest: Pastor Amos Shakya Sunday June 7 Outreach Committee is hosting Pastor Amos Shakya, a Nepalese pastor from the Living Water Community Church, a multi-ethnic Mennonite Church in Rogers Park, IL to be with us in worship on Sunday, June 7. Pastor Amos will be giving a brief explanation of their Chicago ministry as a Ministry Moment in worship. He will also share more in-depth during Education hour at 11 a.m. Peace and Justice Committee and Outreach Committee have visited Living Water and have helped support Pastor Amos' ministry at Living Water.

Upcoming Church Events

It's a Mulching Party! This is a perfect opportunity for families to care for the church building together. Please come on May 30 at 8:30 am and help our Volunteer for Outside Work, Paul Watkins, mulch the landscape and flower beds. We will work until noon. Refreshments will be

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 Cardiopulmonary Rehabilitation area at Advocate BroMenn.

Voice of the Day
The Christian shoemaker does his duty not by putting little crosses on the shoes, but by making good shoes, because God is interested in good craftsmanship.
Martin Luther

Illinois Mennonite Conference
[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.

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.

Bake Sale and Cake Walk
Baked goods are requested for the Meadows Bake Sale and Cake Walk on June 13th. Please have them at Church by 9:00 am or take them to Hazel Yoder's home. A sing-up sheet is available on the Atrium Bulletin Board.

served! Please bring gardening gloves. This is an activity that could count for Service Passports. Please let Lynn in the Church Office (lynn@normalmennonite.org or 309-452-6622) know that you are coming.

Tshiseleka/Molina Family Habitat House Dedication Pastor Tim Schrag and singers from MCN will participate in the Dedication on Saturday, May 30 at 11 am. MCN has been asked to bring light snacks. Please come and support the Tshiseleka/Molina Family.

Fine Arts Celebration (originally scheduled for May 31) is postponed due to low numbers of participants. Later date to be announced.

MAP Fundraiser The annual Student Mutual Aid Program [SMAP] fundraiser will be held Sunday June 7 at 5pm, at Eric and Chellie Miller's. Everyone is invited; food and childcare is provided. Pledges will be taken to cover tuition costs for our young people pursuing degrees at Mennonite colleges and universities.

CE 2nd Annual Sugar Grove All-Ages Outing Sunday, June 14th, DURING Sunday School, all-ages (preschool-high school Sunday school classes, and adults) are welcome to join the fun at Sugar Grove Nature Center. Kids, bring a change of clothes for creek play. BRING A SACK LUNCH; water will be provided. We can transport kids who do not need car seats. Parents will need to deliver those kids in car seats. All children should be picked up at Sugar Grove at 1:00p. You may stay as long as you like. Others who would like to come and picnic and explore are invited to come at any time. The pavilion is reserved for us. We will go rain or shine. Come to see all the wonderful nature God had given us!

Opportunities to Serve

Relief Kits for Nepal The Outreach Committee is sponsoring a Relief Kit supplies collection as part of the Mennonite Central Committee response to the earthquakes in Nepal. Bring items to the red bin in the church Atrium. Thank you and please limit your generosity to the items listed.

Contents (NEW items only, in original packaging)

- 4 large bars bath soap
- 1 plastic bottle shampoo (13-24 oz; place in resealable plastic bag)
- 4 large bars laundry soap (Some stores carry Fels Naptha®, Sunlight® or Zote® brands)
- 4 adult-size toothbrushes
- 4 new bath towels (medium weight, dark or bright colors)
- 2 wide-tooth combs (6-8 in)
- 1 fingernail clipper(good quality)
- 1 box adhesive bandages(minimum 40 count, assorted)
- 1 package sanitary pads (18-24 count thin maxi)

Helping the Tshiseleka Family with Child Care on Saturday Mornings Because the Tshiseleka family's Habitat home is fully sponsored by State Farm, their employees have priority as volunteers. However, our congregation CAN help by assisting with child care for the four children on Saturday mornings while Tshitshi and Ginette put in their "sweat equity" hours. There are two ways to help:

1) Sign up to care for the children on a Saturday of your choosing. Location is flexible: at their home, in your home, at the church. Or take the children on an outing. Perhaps you would like to invite a friend to join you.

2) Sponsor the cost of a paid babysitter for a Saturday morning. The fee would be 10.50/hour and the work morning would be four hours. This support on Saturday mornings to make it possible for both Tshitshi and Ginette to work is much appreciated. Please contact the church office to sign up.

Beyond MCN

Founder's Day Celebration Meadows Home will be hosting their first Founders' Day Celebration on Saturday, June 13 from 11:00 am-3:00 pm. A free lunch will be served. There will be a bake sale, cake walk, games and other activities. We are invited to share this celebration of the 92 years Meadows have been serving people. Reservations are needed by July 5 for the lunch. Call Tracy at 309-747-3628 or email her at tracy@meadowshome.org.

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