



**Mennonite
Church
of Normal**

A congregation of
Mennonite Church USA

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

June 3, 2015

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:

Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine

I used to be indecisive. Now I'm not so sure.

You do not need a parachute to skydive. You only need a parachute to skydive twice.

Happy Birthday!

Jace Hoffman—June 4
John Reimer—June 9
Diane Wiman-June 10

Happy Anniversary!

Duane & Stephanie Nester—June 3 (9 yrs)
Ken & Doris Shoemaker—June 3 (65 yrs)
John & Janet Gundy--June 9 (53 years)
Mike & Stephanie Company—June 10 (43 years)
Julie & Jerry Musselman—June 10 (54 years)

Prayer Requests

Prayer is requested for: *Gerry Schrock, as Hurricane Sandy victims receive services from

Worship with us this Sunday, June 7

The sermon is titled, *Patience.....Fruits Need Roots* and is based on Galatians 5: 13-26. Pastor Tim Schrag asks: What attitudes and behaviors help produce the 'fruit' of patience in you? Any clues in the morning text?

Serving this Sunday

Greeters	South— Paul & Mary Ann Watkins West— Esther Brown
Welcome Table	Lynn Reha
Ushers	Roger & Linda Clemmons Darvis & Shelly King Meredith Satchwell
Worship Leader	Spencer Gillespie
Accompanist	Cindy Ropp
Song Leader	Melika Hershberger
Children's Time	Linda Clemmons
Scripture	Pastor Tim Schrag
Sermon	Caleb Augspurger
Technology	Emily Petri
Toddler Nursery	Annette Harnish
Preschool Nursery	
Summer Sunday School	
Younger Class	Beth & Andy Reeser
Older Class	Lydia Wilson
Assistant	Shelly or Darvis King

MCN Events This Week at 805 S Cottage, Normal

Thurs June 4	Pastoral Council 6:00 pm Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am Mulching Party 8:30 am Pre-Service Prayer 9:00 am Worship 9:30 am Christian Education 11:00 am
Sat June 6	
Sun June 7	

Upcoming Church Events

Fun in the Sun 2015 Fun in the Sun park dates (informal gatherings for play and fellowship) are here: come for any/all times you can! 6/4 Underwood Park; 6/17 Tipton Trails; 7/02 Rollingbrook Park; 7/04 Maxwell Park (5:30 pm); 7/15 Miller Park; 7/30 Ewing Park I. All times are 10:00 unless otherwise noted. Click this [link](#) for more information and to sign up.

Condolences to the family and friends of Royale Dively, who passed away Sunday, May 31, at age of 98. The visitation is Thursday evening, June 4 from 5-7 at Calvert & Metzler Memorial Homes, with services Friday morning, June 5, 11:30 am at Mennonite Church of Normal.

Funeral Meal Diane Wiman has generously volunteered to lead the meal, and she writes: We might expect 40 - 50 people for the funeral lunch for Royale Dively. Cold-cut sandwiches will be the main dish. **We need donations for salads of any type, and desserts of any type. Also helpers. We have 2 workers for prep and set-up, but still need servers, and persons to help with clean-up**

MDS. Gerry is head cook for the volunteers.

*Paul Miller, recovering from heart procedure.

*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.

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 Cardiovascular Care Unit at Advocate BroMenn.

Voice of the Day
We have what we seek; it is there all the time, and if we give it time, it will make itself known to us. *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 [Missionary 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.

and dishes. Reply to Diane Wiman (diane.wiman@gmail.com) or phone 309-452-6495. Your generosity with time and talents is greatly appreciated!

It's a Mulching Party! This is a perfect opportunity for families to care for the church building together. Please come on June 6 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 served! Please bring gardening gloves and, if younger members of your family are involved, buckets or wagons for them to haul mulch in. This is an activity that could count for Service Passports. Please notify Lynn in the Church Office (lynn@normalmennonite.org or 309-452-6622) that you are coming.

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.

Mutual Aid Communion will be celebrated June 7. Contributions for the Mutual Aid Fund are specifically sought on Communion Sundays. Resources from this benevolent fund are disbursed by the Pastoral Council in times of discerned need. Simply include your offering clearly marked "Mutual Aid" when the plate is passed June 7, or place in basket marked Mutual Aid. Your gift will be gratefully received, and carefully distributed.

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.

SMAP 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 (*Fels Naptha is available here at church or at the W. Market Walmart go to the area of the Pet Supplies, next to Photos. There will be the laundry detergents and the Fels Naptha is on a bottom shelf.*)
- 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

Changes for the Directory

Jordan Spacek's new phone # 309-433-5567 and his new email is autechre81@gmail.com

Sarah Nicholas address is 906 S Cottage, not 905.

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.

HAAQG Board Meeting
Under the Mezzanine
5:30-7:30 pm Thursday,
June 4.

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 has 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.

Emulate is a fresh and elite vocal ensemble from Eastern Mennonite University under the direction of Ryan Keebaugh. The group specializes in madrigals; jazz, modern, and contemporary concert literature, both secular and sacred. Eight members of the group are on tour this summer, singing at a location near you. On Saturday, June 27, 7 pm, they present at First Mennonite Church of Champaign-Urbana. More information is available [here](#).

MCUSA Conference Preparation Resource *On The Way ...a Six Week Spiritual Discernment Preparation* Written & Illustrated by Leo Hartshorn The church is encouraged to use this six week spiritual discernment resource in preparation for the Mennonite Church USA convention gathering in Kansas City, MO, June 30 to July 5, 2015. Significant dialogue and decision-making will be taking place that calls for God's people to seek God's will for the future of the church. It is available [here](#).

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