



**Mennonite
Church
of Normal**

A congregation of
Mennonite Church USA

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

June 17, 2015

MIDWEEK CONNECTION AT MCN

Today's Punniest

The professor discovered that her theory of earthquakes was on shaky ground.

The dead batteries were given out free of charge.

Happy Birthday!

Lois Jett--June 18
Melika Hershberger--
June 19
Ryan Miller--June 19
Heath Brandon--June 20
Helen Brandon--June 21
Ruth Zimmerman--
June 22
Doug Ulrich--June 23
Holly Zehr--June 23

Happy Anniversary!

Ross & Melika
Hershberger--June 20
(17)
Pam & Al Dick--June 21
(35)
Phil & Shari Stalter--
June 21(31)
Russ & Laura Oyer--June
24 (71)

Prayer Requests

Prayer is requested for:
*See *Of Note* concerning
Homans.
*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

Worship with us this Sunday, June 21

The sermon is titled *Reading the Bible with Faith*. Meredith Schroeer, who will deliver the sermon, asks us to ponder these questions: Is the Bible a static book? Are all its verses set in stone? Or are the Scriptures dynamic, even sometimes revisiting and reconsidering earlier texts? And how can we read and understand the Biblical texts which, honestly, confound us? Sunday's sermon, which looks first at Peter's watershed experience in Acts 10, will reflect on these questions. The hymns are *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty* (HWB 19), *God of the Bible* (STJ 27), *This is a Story Full of Love* (HWB 315) and *God is Working His Purpose Out* (HWB 638).

Serving this Sunday

Greeters	South-- Amy & Jeff Reiman West-- Larry Schrader
Welcome Table	Elfriede Massier
Ushers	Lotus Hershberger; Nancy Fisher Ardys Serpette; Mark Roeschley
Worship Leader	Marge Weaver
Accompanist	Dorothy Loepp (Youth Musicians Prelude)
Song Leader	Glenn Wilson
Children's Time	Gail Fisher
Scripture	North Main Cluster
Sermon	Meredith Schroeer
Technology	Caleb Augspurger
Toddler Nursery	Wilma Dyck
Preschool Nursery	Duane Nester
Summer Sunday School	
Younger Class	Rick & Annette Harnish
Older Class	Lydia Wilson
Assistant	Shelly or Darvis King

MCN Events This Week

Thus June 18	Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am
Sun June 21	Pre-Service Prayer 9:00 am
	Worship 9:30 am
	Christian Education 11:00 am
	Child Protection Committee 12:00 pm

Upcoming Events

Baby Shower There will be a baby shower to celebrate the upcoming birth of a baby to Sophie Charles and Henry Dick. The shower will be on Saturday, June 20th from 9:30-11:30am. If you would like to attend, please email brandonh@district87.org or call Helen at 309-826-4359. Thank you! Helen, Katie, and Laura

Blood Pressures will be taken this Sunday, June 21.

Midwest Food Bank Junior High Youth helping at Midwest Food Bank Wednesday, June 24, 2015 from 2:00-4:00

Come Celebrate the Graduation of Hannah Brown Saturday, June 27th 1pm-5pm at 2215

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

Prayer is sitting in the silence until it silences us, choosing gratitude until we are grateful, praising God until we ourselves are a constant act of praise.
Fr. Richard Rohr, OFM

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.

Young Adults to Mennonite World Conference Fund

Thank you for your donations. \$5330 has been donated to this fund. Thank you for sharing this vision of sending six young adult to World Conference.

Thanks to Rick & Connie Yoder and family for planting the lovely petunias in the canopy flower beds.

Clearwater Avenue, Bloomington, Please RSVP 309-530-2908

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! 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.

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.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU

Prepare to be pleasantly surprised the next time you are in the Church on a gloomy day or at night. The Atrium has new light fixtures which have increased the amount the light greatly. Thanks go first of all to David Warfel who donated world-class expertise and copious hours of time to make the enlightened look possible. Helping him to install the lights this past week, and sweating at the top of the scaffolding with him, were Cory Culbertson and Bryan Oyer. Providing excellent assistance from the ground were Matt Culbertson and Sam Warfel. The donated hours of labor saved the Church SIGNIFICANT dollars. We can't thank you enough.

Of Note

Homans Gerlof is home and doing well. He is getting his energy back. Roelie will be getting a 3rd injection for her back and hopes that will help her a little more.

Concluding our Worship Services. *Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.~ Psalm 100:2* This congregation is so richly blessed to be surrounded by wondrous music - both vocal and instrumental!

The Worship Committee is presenting a summer trial in which there will be a change at the conclusion of worship. Following the sermon, the congregation will sing a final hymn and the worship leader will offer the benediction, as usual. Then, there will be a brief postlude played as the congregation stands listening. Finally, the worship leader will dismiss us by saying, "Go in peace." This will signal the end of the service when you can visit with each other or move on to Fellowship/Sunday School.

This summer trial is taking place because lately there has been some confusion on the part of some congregational members, and also visitors, as to what they are to do if there is a postlude. We hope this way of concluding the worship service will reduce confusion and help send us forth from worship with a final moment of music. If you have small children, please remind them to wait for dismissal.

Volunteer of the Year Alice Swift was selected as Volunteer of the Year for Recycling for Families. More information about this well-deserved award is on the Community Bulletin Board.

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*)
- 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 as they do "sweat equity" for their Habitat House We can help Tishitshi and Ginette with child care while they put in "sweat equity" on Saturday mornings throughout the summer.

1) Pick a Saturday to provide babysitting in their home, in your home, at the church, 7:30-12:30. OR 2) Sponsor part or all of the cost of a paid babysitter, about \$60 per morning. Contact Lynn in the Church Office.

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