



**Mennonite
Church
of Normal**

A congregation of
Mennonite Church USA

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

July 1, 2015

MIDWEEK CONNECTION AT MCN

Today's Chuckle

Two cats are swimming across a river. One's name is "One two three" and the other's name is "Un deux trios." Who makes it across?

One two three, because
Un deux trios cat sank.

Happy Birthday!

Jordan King--7/01
Janet Wilson--7/01
Courtney Yoder--7/01
Ardys Serpette--7/05
Emma King--7/08
Sue Schrag--7/08
Gail Wilbur--7/08

Happy Anniversary!

Glenn & Janet Wilson--
June 2 (38)

Barry & Marge Weaver -
July 4 (35)

David & Gabriella
Harnish--July 5 (1)

Christopher & Tina
Hubbs--July 7 (19)

Peter & Carolyn Roth--
July 7 (36)

Prayer Requests

Prayer is requested for:

*Hickman family in the
adoption process

*Elly Brown, Elfriede
Massier's sister who has
serious health issues.

*Diane Wiman's brother
and nephew who are
moving to the area

*If you have a prayer
concern for which you would
appreciate the prayers of*

Worship with us this Sunday, July 5

The sermon is titled *Into Which Future?* and is based on Ephesians 3:13-21. Pastor Tim Schrag asks us to consider this question: Whether optimist or pessimist, is your 'imagined future' primarily secular, or is it "The Kingdom of God?" The hymns are *Come Let Us All Unite to Sing* (HWB 12), *Be Thou My Vision* (HWB 545), *You Are the Salt* (HWB 226) and *My Hope is Built* (HWB 343).

Serving this Sunday

Greeters

South-- Ken & Doris Shoemaker

West-- Nancy Fisher

Welcome Table

Marcia Rossi

Ushers

Mike & Stephanie Company

Larry Schrader & Elfriede Massier

Worship Leader

Kay Reimer

Accompanist

Dorothy Loepp

Song Leader

Glenn Wilson

Children's Time

To Be Announced

Scripture

Mary Ann Watkins

Sermon

Pastor Tim Schrag

Technology

Adam Augspurger

Toddler Nursery

Nathan Miller

Preschool Nursery

Lena Driscoll

Summer Sunday School

Younger Class

Rick & Annette Harnish

Older Class

Amy & Jeff Reiman

MCN Events This Week

Thus July 2

Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am

Fun in the Sun 10:00 am

Pastoral Council 6:00 pm

4th of July Picnic 5:30 pm

Sat July 4

Pre-Service Prayer 9:00 am

Sun July 5

Worship 9:30 am

Christian Education 11:00 am

Tues July 7

Worship Committee 5:00 pm

Christian Education Committee 6:30 pm

Wed July 8

Peace & Justice Committee 5:15 pm

Leadership Selection Committee 6:30 pm

Upcoming Events

Fun in the Sun 2015 Fun in the Sun (informal gatherings for play and fellowship) is this Thursday at Rollingbrook Park, 10:00 pm Click this [link](#) for more information and to sign up.

July 4 Church-wide event: Everyone is invited to the 9th annual 4th of July picnic this Saturday, July 4, 5:30 PM, at Maxwell Park Pavilion on Parkside Street in west Normal (north of Parkside Junior High School). Bring your own picnic and drink. We will have the grill hot and ready if you want to bring something to throw on there! Ice cream and bowls/spoons will be provided for dessert. Bring your favorite ice cream topping to add to the sundae bar. Other things you may

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 Critical Care Unit at Advocate BroMenn

Voice of the Day

Nobody made a greater mistake than the person who did nothing because he could do only a little.
Edmund Burke

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 [Missional 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.

Directory

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New email address for Gail and Nancy Fisher
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Mystery Flower A number of people have asked the

want to bring: lawn chairs, lawn games, etc. Enjoy food, fellowship, frisbee, basketball, lawn games, sparklers, and more! Anyone interested can travel to watch fireworks together later in the evening. No RSVP necessary. Any questions: contact Shelly King at snking2002@yahoo.com

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.

Field Trip to Immanuel Health Center Pastor Jane Roeschley is sponsoring a "field trip" to Immanuel Health Center during CE Hour on Sunday, August 23 and she invites you to join her. We'll take the Sunday School hour to drive down, get a tour, and see what their facility is like. April Brucker, their Practice Manager, will also share with us some of the ways volunteers can be involved. Please contact Pastor Jane for additional information.

Beyond MCN

Finding a Way Together: Using the resources of our faith to foster healthy relationships. The Mission-Peacemaking group of the First Presbyterian Church, 2000 East College Avenue, is sponsoring a Keynote and Workshops on Healthy Relationships on Saturday, July 11. See the flyer on the Community and Entrance bulletin boards for more information.

Peace and Justice committee invites you to sign a petition to our representatives in the Illinois House and Senate, urging them to pass the Clean Jobs Bill, HC2607/SB1485. This bill would create 32,000 new jobs per year for several years in Illinois, all in renewable energy and energy efficiency. Meredith Schroerer and other Peace and Justice Committee members can provide you with more information about signing the petition.

Head Start Heartland Heart Start is celebrating 50 years of educating children and empowering families with a variety of activities. Please see the post card on the Atrium Bulletin Board for a full list. Mennonite Church of Normal is especially invited to the All Head Start Reunion on August 8, 1:00-4:00 pm at Trinity Lutheran Church. Please see Marge Weaver for further details.

Opportunities to Serve

School kits Thanks from the Mennonite Women for help in sewing the school kits. They now have a good supply. Thanks to everyone who helped. And just where does [MCC](#) send [the school kits](#)? 125,513 kits were shipped last year to Jordan, Iraq, Syria, Ethiopia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Lebanon, Burundi, Ukraine, Haiti, Russia, Democratic People's Republic of Korea (North Korea), U.S., Serbia and El Salvador. Just so you are aware, the Mennonite Women will be asking for you to help supply the contents in August: spiral notebooks, pencils, flexible ruler, colored pencils, and eraser.

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.

Thank You

Thank you from the Oyers Lora and Russ Oyer wish to express the deepest thanks to all who sent email, cards and phone calls expressing concern and Best Wishes to Lora who suffered the acute onset of severe back pain a few days ago. She was hospitalized for diagnosis and treatment. Test results have not been helpful in establishing a definite diagnosis. The origin of the problem remains unclear but it is assumed at this time that the pain is muscular. She is back home and seems to be slowly improving. We hope for resolution of the problem. Also, thanks to those who sent wedding anniversary Best Wishes on June 24!

Thanks to Youth Musicians A heartfelt thank you to the youth musicians, along with Chris Culbertson and Melika Hershberger, who came last week to sing for Jerry at Heritage Health in Bloomington. Your gift of music ministered not only to us but to the other residents who were listening (and singing and moving) to the music you shared. Thank you.

Of Note

MCUSA Conference The Senior High Youth, Pastor Matt Hickman, Pastor Jane Roeschley will be traveling to and attending the Mennonite Church USA Conference, Kansas City June 29-July 4. Pastor Jane, Jenell Ulrich, Marge Weaver and Joelle Friesen are our delegates.

name of a particular flower in the south flower beds; the blossoms look like purple bottle brushes. The name is stachys hannelo or betony.

Electric Sign Would you be willing to give some feedback about the messages of the electric sign? There are copies of the yellow Electronic Sign Feedback form on the Entrance table. Please take one or more, and complete it and put it in Lynn's mailbox or the Church Office. Your input will help shape messages in the future. Thanks!

Cluster Events or News Please send pictures and reports of Cluster events to Lynn and she will post them in the NewsRoom section of the website. Click [here](#) for a sample from North Main and Northeast.

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