



**Mennonite  
Church  
of Normal**

A congregation of  
Mennonite Church USA

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

July 22, 2015

## MIDWEEK CONNECTION AT MCN

### Today's Chuckle

Exercise your noticing skills. Read this sentence:

*FINISHED FILES ARE THE RESULT OF YEARS OF SCIENTIFIC STUDY COMBINED WITH THE EXPERIENCE OF YEARS.*

Now count aloud the F's in that sentence. Count them **ONLY ONCE**: do not go back and count them again. Answer below.

### Happy Birthday!

Emma Lovellette--7/23  
Claire Dyck--7/24  
Leanne Schertz--7/25  
Evelyn Bertsche--7/26  
Joyce Schmucker--7/26  
Miriam Brown--7/27  
Nathan Miller--7/28  
Marjorie Weaver--7/28  
Candace Company--7/29  
Mike Company--7/29  
Mark Roeschley--7/29  
Connie Yoder--7/30

### Happy Anniversary!

Rick & Annette Harnish--  
7/24 (33)

Bennie & Esther Brown -  
7/27 (57)

### Prayer Requests

Prayer is requested for:

\*Health concerns for:

- \*Louise Reeser
- \*Gerlof Homan
- \*Pam Dick

*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](mailto:Lynn).*

### Worship with us this Sunday, July 26

The title of the sermon: *Is It Worth It?* Pastor Tim Schrag will reflect on Paul's testimony of hope, even as we have experienced 'heavy times' as a congregation. The scripture focus will be II Corinthians 4:1, 7-18.

### Serving this Sunday

Greeters

South--Eric & Chellie Miller  
West--Terry Wiebenga

Welcome Table  
Ushers

Marge Nester  
Cal & Vivian Hubbard  
Larry Reeser

Worship Leader

Marge Nester

Accompanist

Dorothy Loepp

Song Leader

Hannah Wright

Children's Time

Chris Culbertson

Scripture

Pastor Matt Hickman

Technology

Caleb Augspurger

Toddler Nursery

Nathan Miller

Preschool Nursery

Jonah King

Summer Sunday School

Younger Class

Marianne Israel

Older Class

Amy & Jeff Reiman

Assistant

Erin Ripley Gataric

### MCN Events This Week

Thus July 23

Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am

Sun July 26

Pre-Service Prayer 9:00 am

Worship 9:30 am

Christian Education 11:00 am

Staff Meeting 9:30 pm

Tue July 28

### Upcoming Events

**Fun in the Sun 2015** Next *Fun in the Sun* event is Thursday, July 30, 10:00 Ewing Park I. *Fun in the Sun* is an informal gathering for play and fellowship. All are welcome; families with young children love this time.

**Menno Haven Sunday** If you are planning on joining our church gathering on Sunday, August 9th, please RSVP to Shannon or Keith at [unzickers@gmail.com](mailto:unzickers@gmail.com) by July 31st so that Menno Haven staff and the worship planners can adequately prepare (there will not be a Sunday morning service here in Normal). This year, Menno Haven worship is being organized and led by the Northwest Cluster Group.

As in past years, each family will be responsible for their own meal costs, which are as follows: ages 11-adult, \$9.75, ages 4-10, \$4.88, and ages 3 and under eat free. (If these costs are prohibitive, please notify the church office, as funds are available.) The pool will be open for swimming in the afternoon, as well as open gym at Eagle Wing Activity Center. There are canoes and kayaks for use on the lake, which is also available for fishing. If you are interested in camping the night before, please indicate that when you RSVP as well. We look forward to seeing many of

**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

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.

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Answer from “noticing exercise” in Today’s Chuckle

6 F’s Many people only notice 3 or 4.

**Pastor Tim Schrag**  
Senior Pastor  
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**Pastor Jane Roeschley**  
Worship and Lay Ministries  
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**Lynn Reha**  
Administrative Assistant  
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you there! --Shannon and Keith Unzicker

### **Of Note**

**Chance to visit** Yovanna Cavero, the MCC--IVEP guest who lived with Hochstetlers for six months a number of years ago, is in the US with her husband, for Mennonite World Conference. They will be returning with Hochstetlers after the Conference, to visit for several days. Lois and Wayne would like to get Yovanna’s friends together for a meal. If you were friends with Yovanna, please contact Lois at [loishoch@icloud.com](mailto:loishoch@icloud.com) so they can plan and Lois can share information. Many thanks!

**Congratulations!** Ben Roeschley (son of Jane and Mark Roeschley) and Caroline Loudon are now Mr. & Mrs. Roeschley. They were married on July 19; congratulations to them.

### **Voice of the Day**

What we once enjoyed and deeply loved we can never lose, for all that we love deeply becomes a part of us.—*Helen Keller*

### **Directory Update**

**Now available** Pictorial Directories are in. Please pick up your copy on Sunday.

**Correction** Russell & Lora Oyer have moved to a different apartment at the same address. They are now in Apartment 3203.

### **Thank you**

Thank you to those who came to Heritage Health and sang for me on my birthday, and to Barry Weaver for leading the group. It was very much appreciated--Jerry Musselman

### **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](#).