



**Mennonite
Church
of Normal**

A congregation of
Mennonite Church USA

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

September 30, 2015

MIDWEEK CONNECTION AT MCN

Today's Work Puns

I can't believe I got fired from the calendar factory. All I did was take a day off.

My first job was working in an orange juice factory but I got canned; couldn't concentrate.

Happy Birthday!

Pamela Dick 10/02
Juergen Schroer 10/02
Keith Unzicker 10/04
David Harnish 10/05
Xander Doblosky 10/06
Katie Driscoll 10/6
Theresia Kasongo 10/6

Happy Anniversary!

Phil & Laura Dick (40)
10/01
Lee & Mary Alice Hertzler
(62) 10/04
Gene & Linda Kettering (51)
10/04
Emmanuel Kasongo & Tanya
Kimbembe (3) 10/06

Prayer Requests

Prayer is requested for:

*Health concerns for:

*Cal Hubbard

*Doris Shoemaker

*Deborah Spacek

*Lydia Wilson as she waits for documentation to start her ministry project

*Hickman family as they mourn the loss of Deb's grandfather.

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, October 4

The title of the sermon is *Dear Church...* and it is based on Ephesians 6: 11-18. Pastor Jane Roeschley describes the sermon as an open "Dear Church...." letter to the congregation. This sermon offers some personal reflections on the "principalities and powers" of racism, and the biblical call to 'stand against' such wicked forces, so that we act to undo them."

This Sunday, October 4, is World Communion Sunday 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.

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. Your gift will be gratefully received, and carefully distributed.

Also, Children's Choirs begin on Sunday.

Serving this Sunday

Greeters	South—Doug & Jenell Ulrich West—Nancy Fisher
Welcome Table	Gerry Schrock
Ushers	John & Kay Reimer Eric Miller; Nathan Miller
Worship Leader	Melika Hershberger
Accompanist	Dorothy Loepp
Song Leader	Barry Weaver
Children's Time	Alena Culbertson
Scripture	John Reimer
Sermon	Pastor Jane Roeschley
Technology	Caleb Augspurger
Toddler Nursery	Clara Unzicker
Preschool Nursery	Shelly King

MCN Events This Week

Wed Sept 30	Church Board Retreat 6:30 pm
Thur Oct 1	Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am
	Pastoral Council 6:00 pm
	Victim Offender Reconciliation 7:00 pm
Fri Oct 2	Junior High Retreat begins at Menno Haven
Sun Oct 4	Pre-Service Prayer 9:00 am
	Worship 9:30 am
	Christian Education 11:00 am
	Senior High Youth Group 5:00 pm
	Children's Choirs begin
	Worship Committee 5:00 pm
Tue Oct 6	Wellness Committee 5:00 pm

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 Medical Oncology Specialty 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.

Voice of the Day

To gently push aside and silence the many voices that question my goodness and to trust that I will hear the voice of blessing-- that demands real effort *Henri Nouwen*

Conference Newsletters

[Click the link](#) to read the current *Heart, Soul, Mind & Strength*, IMC Conference Ministers Michael Danner & Kim Litwiller's weekly message to IMC churches. Also, the latest copy of [Missional Crossroads](#) is available. The CDC Focus is available [here](#) and the CDC Reporter [here](#).

To Give Away If you would like some walnuts, small walnut trees, or iris please see Ron Ropp.

Building Use

HAAQG Quilt Guild will meet from 5:30-9:00 pm on Thursday, October 1(Sanctuary), from 8:30 am until 4:00 pm on Friday, October 2 (Fellowship Area and Kitchen) and from 8:30 am until 4:00 pm on Saturday, October 3 (Fellowship Area and Kitchen).

Upcoming Events

Junior High Retreat this weekend at Camp Menno Haven. Please pray that God would use the time to bring the group members closer to each other and closer to God.

Jr. Choir Kick-Off Our worship committee is looking forward to another year of Jr. Choir. We are planning a kickoff for your 2nd through 5th grader on Friday, October 2 at the ISU Bowling and Billiard Center. We will plan to meet at 5:45 p.m. with bowling from 6 to 7 PM. Pizza and beverages will be provided. So that we know how much pizza to provide, please RSVP to Randy Zehr if your child will participate.

Calling all young adults for an evening of food, fellowship and fun! Come early to tour the IL Mennonite Museum and stay late to cook around the campfire, meet new friends and connect with old ones, play a variety of indoor/outdoor games, and have a great time. There will be plenty of room inside and outside, so come rain or shine!

For whom: Young adults, college-age and above **When:** Sunday, Oct. 11th at 3 PM
Where: Illinois Mennonite Historical Museum (675 State Route 116, Metamora, IL 61548-7732) **What to bring:** Please bring lawn chairs, a side dish, and roasting sticks. Hotdogs, buns, beverages, and smores will be provided. The museum will be open from 1:30 to 4:30 on Sunday, so come early if you'd like to take a look!

For more information on this and upcoming events, please join the Fellowship of Anabaptist Young Adults Facebook group. If you would prefer to receive notifications by email or would like to get involved with planning future events, please send an email to AYAFellowship@gmail.com

Alternative Gifts Fair Save the Dates! November 8 and 15: our Twelfth Annual Alternative Gifts Fair

Of Note

Menno Singers The Menno Singers group (formerly BroMenn Singers) will be on hiatus until January, 2016. At that time, there will be an orientation and rehearsal for all those intending to continue and those wishing to join. This has been a strong ministry and we look forward to it continuing in the new year.

A Poem Worth Considering Pastor Tim Schrag has [posted a poem](#) titled *no one leaves home unless*. Pastor Tim writes this about the poem: There are undoubtedly many reasons people become refugees. This poem describes the perspective of one Somali woman, and I think deserves to be heard. Kenyan-born Somali poet Warsan Shire is a Somali poet. The poem is available at <http://www.normalmennonite.org/poem-worth-considering/>

Healthcare Advance Planning and End-of-Life Decision-Making

As part of an effort to generate community-wide discussion, several organizations have banded together to host, "Beginning the Conversation: Learning to Talk about a Taboo Subject," the second in a series of events on healthcare advance planning and end-of-life decision-making.

This free workshop, which includes dinner, is to be held from 4:30-8:00 p.m. October 6 at the ISU Alumni Center, 1101 North Main Street in Normal. The event is co-sponsored by Advocate BroMenn Medical Center, the Community Cancer Center, Compassion and Choices, ISU's Department of Philosophy and Mennonite College of Nursing, and OSF St. Joseph Medical Center. This event is free to the public but registration is required. Call 1.800.323.8622 or go to healthadvisor.advocatehealth.com/class. Use class code 6S20 to register.

Searching for a college? Visit Eastern Mennonite University for free and check out our thriving campus located in the beautiful Shenandoah Valley! Attend the Oct. 15-17 visit planned especially for Mennonite students. Attend all or part of the events as your schedule suits. EMU will help with the travel costs. Questions? Contact David Yoder, david.yoder@emu.edu; see details at emu.edu/flytrip- *Mia Kivlighan*, Media Relations Manager at EMU.

Directory Update Please change Caroline Roeschley's email address.

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