



Mennonite Church of Normal

A congregation of Mennonite Church USA

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

March 9, 2016

MIDWEEK CONNECTION AT MCN

Today's Chuckle

(Thanks to Rich Willmarth for the jokes.)

Haunted French pancakes give me the crêpes.

England has no kidney bank, but it does have a Liverpool.

They told me I had type-A blood, but it was a Typo.

Happy Birthday!

Darrel Miller 3/13

Alan Dick 3/13

Ellen Culpepper 3/15

AJ Kettering 3/16

Erma Stutzman 3/17

Happy Anniversary!

Larry Schrader & Elfriede Massier (35) March 14

Prayer Requests

Prayer is requested for:

*Health concerns for:

*Joyce Schmucker

*Darin Driscoll's father

*Pam Dick following the death of her stepmother

*College decision for Christian Engel

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.

Conference Newsletters
[Click the link](#) to read the current *IMC Weekly*: IMC Conference Ministers Michael Danner & Kim Litwiller's weekly message to IMC churches. Also, the latest copy of *Missional Crossroads* is available.

Worship with us this Sunday, March 13

True Story of the Whole World Immanuel! Jesus of Nazareth (Lesson 10) is this week's Adult and Teen Christian Education lesson. The link to *Immanuel! Jesus of Nazareth* (Lesson 10) is available on the Mennonite Church of Normal website at <http://www.normalmennonite.org/true-story-of-the-whole-world/> Also available there (under the Education and Nurture tab) are links to all the lessons, lectures and sermons that have been given so far.

Scripture Focus We begin our worship service with a Scripture Focus each week that comes from the congregational study of the Bible in which we are currently engaged. Each worship service is based on the lesson from the previous week's Sunday School study.

A Word about our Worship Visuals Quilters have named blocks after Bible stories for generations. The Bible was the primary literary resource in many early American homes, providing inspiration for nineteenth century quilters, who mostly used scraps and outgrown clothing beyond repair to sew covers to keep their loved ones warm. Throughout our True Story study series, a variety of quilt blocks representing Bible stories or themes will be presented. Here is a description of this Sunday's visual:

Fragmented Heart - Jeremiah 31:3

Today's block is a contemporary design, with an ageless message. Imagine how God's heart breaks as God's people make bad choices. Yet God's love is constant and God's mercies never fail.

A Note to Parents about the Closing Time of Christian Education Classes Children go directly to their classes after worship and their classes last one hour. Please be mindful of the time that your children are going to be ready for you to pick them up from their classes. If the Adult class is running a little long and you need to leave your Adult Christian Education class a few minutes early, please do so; our practice is to keep young children in their classrooms until parents pick them up.

Serving this Sunday

Greeters

South—Doris & Ken Shoemaker

West—Ardys Serpette

Welcome Table

Mary Dyck

Ushers

Mike and Stephany Company

Lauren Satchwell; Kristen Satchwell

Worship Leader

Darrel Miller

Accompanist

Chris Culbertson

Song Leader

Wayne Hochstetler

Children's Time

Louise Reeser

Scripture

Joe Jantze

Sermon

Pastor Tim Schrag

Technology

Caleb Augspurger

Toddler Nursery

Mary Jantze

Preschool Nursery

Caeli Haab

MCN Events This Week at 805 S Cottage

Wed Mar 9

True Story Leaders 7:00 pm

Thur Mar 10

Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am

The CDC Focus is available [here](#) and the CDC Reporter [here](#).

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 Progressive 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.

Voice of the Day

Touch, taste, smell your way to the holy and hidden heart of it because in the last analysis all moments are key moments, and life itself is grace. *Frederick Buechner*

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Building Use

Illinois Prairie Chapter of Wild Ones, Monday, March 14, 5:30 pm

Illinois Mennonite Conference Pastor-Peer Meeting 9:00 am
Outreach Committee 5:00 pm
Youth Ministry 6:00 pm
Pre-Service Prayer 9:00 am
Worship 9:30 am
Christian Education for Children 10:45 am
Christian Education for Adults 10:55 am
Senior High Youth Group 5:00 pm
Junior High Youth Group 5:00 pm
Junior Choir 6:00 pm
Youth Choir 6:45 pm
Adult Choir 7:30 pm
Mennonite Women 9:30 am
Staff Meeting 9:30 am
Undoing Racism Conversation 7:00 pm
True Story Leaders 7:00 pm

Sun Mar 13

Mon Mar 14

Tues Mar 15

Wed Mar 16

Upcoming Events.

58th Mennonite Relief Sale, Interstate Center, Bloomington, March 18 & 19.
Sunday, March 13: Display table. Bring your arts & craft items. They will be put in boxes that day. Here is where help is most needed:

- * Serving chicken/fish dinners: Friday, 4:00-6:00 p.m. Need 4 people.
- * Need 20 unbaked pie crusts for the shoofly pies.
- * Dutch Market: Friday, checkout, 4:00-6:30 p.m., need 2 people
checkout, 6:30-9:00 p.m. need 6 people
stocking, 6:30-9:00 p.m., need 3 people
- * Dutch Market: Saturday, stocking, 11:30-2:00 p.m. need 3 people
- * Meet the Mennonites and Peace & Justice booths need a few people.
- * Thursday: help Henry Dick set up signs & Saturday, taking them down.
- * Set up at the Interstate Center, Thursday, 8:00 a.m.-noon, need 9 people
- * Meat processing at Bittner in Eureka, Thursday at 7:30 a.m.
- * Only a few yard signs left.
- * Help distribute posters and booklets.

Questions? Ask *Roelie Homan* or *Marcia Rossi*

Easter Sunday Breakfast

Although you are being bombarded right now with requests for volunteering and contributing to the up-coming Mennonite Relief Sale, there is another date looming that also needs your attention. The weekend right after the Relief Sale is Easter—as early this year as it can possibly be, March 27.

There will be a congregational breakfast before the Easter worship service. All are invited. The planning committee is asking for help with food, set-up and clean up. If you can bring a breakfast casserole or coffeecake, cinnamon rolls, or muffins, please let the planners know now. Also additional help is needed with set up and clean up, so volunteers would be appreciated. Volunteer now to bring food and/or to help by sending e-mail to Leanne Schertz, schertz2@mtco.com, or Gerry Schrock, gschrock@mtco.com.

Here's a suggestion. You can buy a coffee cake or pan of rolls at the Dutch Market and keep it in your freezer in preparation for bringing it along to the Easter breakfast! Plan now to attend with the whole family. *Leanne Schertz, Fellowship Committee Chair*

Red Cross Blood Drive April 2 8:00 am until noon. Please go to <http://www.redcrossblood.org/rcbmobile/drive/chooseDonationTime.jsp> to sign up. A current paper schedule will be available in the Library each Sunday, so you can also sign up in there. On April 2, prior to your appointment, you can sign up for [Rapidpass](#) and save yourself a little time. Access to Rapidpass will also be available at MCN on April 2.

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