

This Sunday, July 10, Children's Christian Education will take place at Sugar Grove Nature Center.

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MIDWEEK CONNECTION AT MCN

July 6, 2016

### Worship with Us this Sunday, July 10

The sermon title is "Closing the Gap" and the scripture is Ephesians 2:11-18. Reverend Joe Culpepper, who will be delivering the sermon, asks, "How does God work in our lives to close the gap in our relationships with others & with God?"

Our Scripture Focus this week and throughout the summer will come from the Bible Memory Passages which our children are studying.

Summer Adult CE classes continue this Sunday. The three classes which are offered are 1) the Uniform Bible Series led by Darrel Miller; 2) Taking Time for Jesus, led by Melika Hershberger, Angela Liew and Elsa Raab; 3) Strolling Sunday School led by Meredith Schroeer.

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### Please Pray For

Hannah Brown who is moving to Texas with her job  
Paul Miller, healing after a bike accident, at Heritage Manor

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### This Week At 805 S Cottage

Thur July 7

Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am  
Outreach Committee 5:00 pm  
Pastoral Council 6:00 pm



Sun, July 10 Pre-Service Prayer 9:00 am  
 Worship 9:30 am  
 Children's CE Sugar Grove Nature Center  
 CE for Adults 11:00  
 Relief Sale Board 2:30 pm

Tues July 12 Worship Committee 5:00 pm  
 Wellness Committee 5:30 pm  
 Christian Education 6:30 pm

Thur July 14 Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am  
 Youth Ministry 6:00 pm

### Serving This Sunday

Greeters	South: Adam and Caleb Augspurger West: Nathan Miller
Welcome Table	Hazel Yoder
Ushers	Steve Stenger, Andy Reeser Kristen Sand, Vivian Hubbard
Worship Leader	Darvis King
Song Leader	Jenell Ulrich
Accompanist	Chris Culbertson
Scripture	Louise Reeser
Children's Time	Shelly King
Sermon	Reverend Joe Culpepper
Technology	Caleb Augspurger
Toddler Nursery	Annette Harnish
Preschool Nursery	Clara Unzicker
Summer CE for PreK-K	Sugar Grove Nature Center
Summer CE Grades 1-4	Sugar Grove Nature Center



### Birthdays and Anniversaries

Adam Augspurger 10-Jul  
 Lotus Hershberger 12-Jul  
 Cindy Ropp 12-Jul  
 Spencer Gillespie 14-Jul



Happy 17th Anniversary to Andy & Denise Hedberg on July 10.  
 Happy 24th Anniversary to John & Janelle Friesen on July 11.  
 Happy 3rd Anniversary to Dave & Chrissy Zehr on July 13.  
 Happy 9th Anniversary to Heath & Helen Brandon on July 14.

## Staff Vacation

Pastor Tim will be out of the office on vacation beginning July 9. He will be back in the office on July 19.

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## 3rd Annual Sugar Grove All-Ages Sunday School Outing

Sunday, July 10th, DURING Sunday School, all-ages (kids, youth, and adults) are welcome to join the fun at Sugar Grove Nature Center. No Primary through Youth CE classes will be held at church.

Kids, bring a change of clothes for creek play. BRING A SACK LUNCH; water will be provided. We can carpool with kids who do not need car seats. Parents will need to deliver those kids who need car seats. All children should be picked up at Sugar Grove at 1:00p. You may stay as long as you like. Others who would like to come and picnic and explore are invited to come at any time. The pavilion is reserved for us. We will go rain or shine. Come to see all the wonderful nature God had given us!

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## Camp Menno Haven Sunday

On August 7, starting at 10:00 am, we gather at Camp Menno Haven for **worship** and fun activities. We hope everyone can join us. There is no worship planned for 805 S Cottage that day.

**Activities** include the pool being open for swimming, open gym at the Eagle Wing Activity Center, and use of canoes and kayaks on the lake, which is also available for fishing. We ask everyone be responsible for their food costs, which are as follows: adults \$11, children ages 4-10, \$5.50, children ages 3 and under, free. (If these costs are prohibitive, please notify the church office, as funds are available.) Please let us know that you are coming by going to <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/904044babab2eab9-menno> OR calling (309-696-5399) OR emailing ([schertz2@mtco.com](mailto:schertz2@mtco.com)) Leanne Schertz OR writing your name on the sign up paper on the Atrium Bulletin Board.

We hope that you can come!  
*Leanne Schertz for Fellowship Committee*

**Want a longer Camp Menno Haven experience?** Try tent camping on Saturday, August 6. Have extra time for activities, cook your supper and sleep under the stars near other MCN'ers. The Culbertson family has volunteered to answer questions about this wonderful camping experience. We hope you will try it!



**Fun in the Sun** park dates (informal gatherings for play and fellowship) are here. Come for any/all times you can! Click this link for more information and to sign up.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e094faaa87-funinthe>

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### Cluster Activity Invitation

Please join the East Central Cluster (Barry and Marge Weaver, leaders) for fellowship, food, and a performance of PETER AND THE STARCATCHER at the Illinois Shakespeare Festival on Sunday, July 31. The play is a prequel to PETER PAN and has musical numbers and piano and percussion accompaniment throughout. The production will appeal to all ages (just make sure children can sit for an hour - intermission - and then another hour). Bring a dish to share for our potluck picnic on the Ewing grounds at 6:00 p.m. before the play begins at 7:30 p.m. in Ewing Theatre. We will provide plates, napkins, utensils and cups and a few drink options. If we have 10 or more in attendance Janet Wilson will arrange for a group rate (20% off) for the tickets. The rates with the 20% off + the facility charge for Sunday evening are:

Silver Section - Adults \$15.00; Students/Seniors - \$12.00

Gold Section - Adults \$22.00; Students/Seniors - \$19.00

Platinum - Adults \$30.00; Students/Seniors - \$27.00

(Platinum Plus - Mennonites are too frugal for these tickets)

To get the 20% group rate, all the tickets have to be in the same section. We could do one group of 10 in Silver and one group of 10 in Gold etc. Email Janet Wilson at [jmwilso4@ilstu.edu](mailto:jmwilso4@ilstu.edu) and say which section you want to sit in.

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### Saturday Morning Blitz

Join other Mennonite Congregations for a morning of service. The Leadership Commission for Evangelism & Outreach of First Mennonite Church of Morton invites you to a Service Day Blitz. They have arranged with 5 different organizations in Central Illinois to provide service on Saturday, July 16th. Please see Bulletin Board posters for details or email Bethany Fosdyck at

[mr.and.mrs.fozz@gmail.com](mailto:mr.and.mrs.fozz@gmail.com)

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Mennonite Central Committee Sponsored Event at MCN:  
Loss of Turtle Island

Loss of Turtle Island event: You're invited to take part in the Loss of Turtle Island participatory learning experience at Mennonite Church of Normal (805 S. Cottage Ave.) on Sunday, August 28. This interactive activity depicts the historic relationship between European settlers – including Mennonites – and the Indigenous nations, the original inhabitants, of the land we now call the United States of America. The learning experience begins at 3:30 p.m., followed by a potluck dinner at 6:00 p.m. Please RSVP to Krista Dutt at 312-623-4227 or [KristaDutt@mcc.org](mailto:KristaDutt@mcc.org). More information at [mcc.org-il-turtle-island](http://mcc.org-il-turtle-island).

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## Mennonite Church USA

**Convention social media ambassador volunteers sought!** Are you a youth or young adult who loves Mennonite Church USA [conventions](#)? Do you use Facebook, Twitter and/or Instagram? If you'd be willing to spend about an hour per month sharing content from convention social media accounts that interest you – from now through the Orlando 2017 convention (July 4-8) – consider applying to become a convention social media ambassador. People serving in this role will receive a reduced registration fee and will also assist with social media during convention. To learn more, see <http://convention.mennoniteusa.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/Orlando-2017-Social-Media-Ambassador-Program.pdf> or contact Sarah Chase at [sarahc@mennoniteusa.org](mailto:sarahc@mennoniteusa.org).

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## Partners in Healing

Mennonite Church of Normal joins 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 Inpatient Unit at Advocate Eureka Hospital.



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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Conference Newsletters

[Central District Conference \(CDC\) Focus](#) The CDC Focus is now available in this online format. Just click the picture of the newsletter or the title. A copy is available on the Entrance Bulletin Board. Also available is the [CDC Reporter](#) .

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

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### Voice of the Day

Lord of hosts! When I swim in the merciful waters of your grace I find that I can neither plumb nor measure the depths. *Menno Simmons*

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### Building Use

Fri 7/8/2016 Illinois Mennonite Conference Church Life Team 9:00 AM-3:00 PM  
Mon 7/11/2016 Illinois Prairie Chapter of Wild Ones 5:30 PM-9:00 PM

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### Today's Chuckle

*These computer jokes, provided by Ruth Haney, are dedicated to Matt Hickman and Gerry Schrock, who solved some knotty computer problems while Lynn was out of the office.*

What is a computer's first sign of old age? *Loss of memory*

What does a baby computer call his father? *Data*

What is an astronaut's favorite key on a computer keyboard? *The space bar*

Why there a bug in the computer? *It was looking for a byte to eat.*

What is a computer virus? *A terminal illness*

