



MIDWEEK CONNECTION AT MCN

August 10, 2016

### Worship with Us This Sunday, August 14

The sermon is titled "All in good time" and the Scripture reading is John 11: 1-44. Pastor Tim Schrag asks, "The question of timing, for example, 'how long, O Lord?' appears throughout the Bible. On Sunday morning we'll consider the strange timing in the story of Lazarus."

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

Also on Sunday, August 14, a Youth Baptism Class will take place at noon in the Senior High Room.

At the same time, noon, Junior High parents will gather for an informational meeting in the Junior High Room.

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### Prayers and Condolences

*Please pray for*  
Rachel Zehr

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### This Week At 805 S Cottage

Wed Aug 10	Peace & Justice Committee 5:15 pm
Thurs Aug 11	Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am
Sun, Aug 14	Outreach Committee 5:00 pm
	Pre-Service Prayer 9:00 am
	Worship 9:30 am
	Children's Christian Ed 10:45 am
	Adult Christian Ed 11:00 am
Tue Aug 16	Staff Meeting 9:30 am
Thurs Aug 18	Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am



## Serving This Sunday



Greeters	South: Duane and Stephanie Nester West: Terry Wiebenga
Welcome Table	Kay Reimer
Ushers	Mike and Stephie Company Lauren Satchwell, Kristen Satchwell
Worship Leader	Holly Zehr
Song Leader	Cindy Ropp
Accompanist	Chris Culbertson & Youth Musicians
Scripture	Wilma Dyck
Children's Time	Melika Hershberger
Sermon	Pastor Tim Schrag
Technology	Adam Augspurger
Toddler Nursery	Kristy Hoffman
Preschool Nursery	Lucy Unzicker
Summer CE for PreK-K	<b>Need a volunteer</b> Tina Hubbs
Summer CE for Grades 1-4	Spring Neely Shannon Neely

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## Birthdays and Anniversaries

### Happy Birthday to

Jane Liew 18-Aug

Marge Nester 19-Aug

Ron Ropp 19-Aug



### Happy Anniversary to

Doug Valverde & Joanna Oyer Aug 14 (23)

David & Abby Warfel on August 16 (19)

Tim & Sue Schrag on August 20 (39)

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## SWAP Feedback

For all YOUTH, PARENTS, SPONSORS who received a SWAP feedback sheet, please fill these out and return to Pastor Tim or church office at your earliest convenience. Thanks!

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## School Kits

School kits are Mennonite Central Committee's (MCC) most requested item. They are given primarily to refugee and displaced children, helping students and teachers add some normalcy to disrupted lives. 25,513 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.

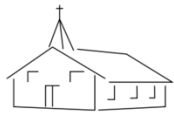


If you would like to help, take a cloth bag (s) available in the Atrium, specially prepared by MCN Mennonite Women and fill it with

- 4 spiral or perforated notebooks (8.5" x 10.5", 70 sheets)
- 8 unsharpened pencils
- 1 ruler (flat, flexible plastic; indicating 30 cm and 12")
- 12 colored pencils (in packaging)
- 1 large pencil eraser

Return full bags to the Red Tub in the Atrium. MCN Mennonite Women will deliver them.

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## Building Use

Saturday, August 20 HAAQG Sewing Day 8:00 am-4:00 pm

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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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### Innovation Disruption: Can the Church be Good News for LGBT Youth?

September 23-24, 2016 at Menno Haven Camp & Retreat Center

This event is for pastors, youth pastors, youth volunteers, parents, grandparents, friends and anyone else who engages LGBT (lesbian, gay, bi-sexual and transgender) youth. At Innovative Disruption you will learn about adolescent development - which is applicable to understanding all teens - and the unique pressures that LGBT youth face, as well as practical ways to accompany youth as they move closer to Jesus.

Our presenter is Chris Schaffner, founder of Conversations on the Fringe. He's been working with hurting children, teens, and adults for over 20 years. He is a sought after conference speaker and blogs at [conversationsonthefringe.com](http://conversationsonthefringe.com) <<http://conversationsonthefringe.com>> . Chris is a regular presenter at the Youth Specialties National Youth Workers Convention, Faith Forward Conference, and Group's Simply Youth Ministry conference. He wrote a recent article for the Summer 2016 edition of Group magazine entitled 7 Keys to Counseling LGBT Kids. Check it out to get a taste for Chris' approach."

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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 Operating Room 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.



### Voice of the Day

I have learned things in the dark that I could never have learned in the light, things that have saved my life over and over again, so that there is really only one logical conclusion. I need darkness as much as I need light. *Barbara*

*Brown Taylor*



### Today's Chuckle

A man walks into the hardware store and buys a chainsaw. The salesclerk guarantees it can cut five cords of wood in a day, so the man takes it home and starts cutting wood. At the end of the day, however, he has only cut one cord. So, he takes it back and tells the salesperson this. The clerk says, "Let me see it." So the man gives it to him. The clerk pulls the cord and it starts. The man says, "What the heck is that noise?"