

Save the date: August 28 MCC Event at MCN: Loss of Turtle Island. This is a participatory event followed by a potluck meal. Please bring hearty portions to assist out-of-town guests.

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MIDWEEK CONNECTION AT MCN

August 17, 2016

## Worship with Us This Sunday, August 21

The sermon is titled "No king but Caesar" and the Scripture reading is John 19:1-16. Pastor Tim Schrag asks, "This statement was true in one sense, not true in another. And this tension continues into today."

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

The Ministry Moment this Sunday (postponed from July 31) will feature Mennonite Disaster Service and one of the project in Detroit. Lois Hochstetler, who is serving there, writes: *Disasters come, disasters go, and we have a way of paying attention to the most recent one. In Detroit, it has been almost two years since the "invisible flood" that quickly disappeared from city streets, and ran into the basements of houses through storm sewers, leaving sewer, muck and mold in its wake. You have probably heard of Detroit's remarkable recovery in the past two years, but what is not being said is that the recovery has not reached the low income communities of the city. Mennonite Disaster Service is working to address that issue. Grateful homeowners, many of whom live with disabilities, little income and a household of three generations are welcoming us into their homes to haul ruined treasures, ruined furniture and moldy materials out to the curb, to pull out water soaked walls, and treat for mold, slime, and bacteria. In cases where there is still water, our workers are working in hazmat suits and gas masks. Little by little, people are getting their living spaces back.*

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## Prayer Requests



*Please pray for increasing health for*

Andy Hedberg's father

Bev Collin's brother-in-law Tom and brother-in-law Mike  
Cherri Schidecker (Dana and Cherri were former MCN members  
who now live in CO)

*Please pray for*

Students and teacher as school starts

Rochelle Augsburger and family as they transition into new living arrangements

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## This Week At 805 S Cottage

Thur Aug 18      Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am  
Pre-Service Prayer 9:00 am  
Worship 9:30 am  
Sun, Aug 21      Children's Christian Ed    10:45 am  
Adult Christian Ed 11:00 am  
Youth Baptism Class noon  
Tue Aug 23      Staff Meeting 9:30 am  
Thurs Aug 24      Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am



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## Serving This Sunday

Greeters	South: Gail & Nancy Fisher West: Marcia Rossi
Welcome Table	Stephanie Nester
Ushers	Lotus Hershberger, Bryan & Mannie Oyer Ross and Wesley Hershberger
Worship Leader	Marge Weaver
Song Leader	Cindy Ropp
Accompanist	Dorothy Loepp & Youth Musicians
Scripture	Tshitshi Tshiseleka
Children's Time	Matt Hickman
Sermon	Pastor Tim Schrag
Technology	Adam Augspurgen
Toddler Nursery	Erin/JB Ponnou-Delaffon
Preschool Nursery	Charlotte Hedberg
Summer CE for PreK-K	Beth Reeser Tina Hubbs
Summer CE for Grades 1-4	Spring Neely Shannon Neely

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## Birthdays and Anniversaries

Jayne	Liew	18-Aug
Marjorie	Nester	19-Aug
Ron	Ropp	19-Aug
Dave	Zehr	22-Aug
David	Schiffman	23-Aug
Deanna	Moshier	23-Aug
Jessica	Lee	24-Aug
Isabel	Franks	26-Aug



**A Great Big HAPPY  
60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to  
Ron and Jo Ropp on  
August 26**

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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.



## MRC Garage and Bake Sale

Friday, August 19, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm at the MRC Community Building. For sale

will be household items, toys, games, books, Christmas items, luggage, men's ties, a gas grille and BAKED GOODS.

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## Sabbatical Report from Pastor Jane

Greetings, dear MCN,

I am home from the travels of June and July. In addition to the time spent in the UK, I also visited with dear friends (from our days in Jamaica with MCC) in New York. Then I went to Ohio to attend a Thorley Reunion, after which my folks and I went to Washington, DC to visit our daughter, Anna. I continue to be overwhelmed with the blessings of the time spent in holy spaces and with important people while away on sabbatical.

It was good to get home on August 4. For the remainder of August, I am home-based. I am working part-time on a task the Church Board gave me. It is follow-up to a book that the Board read and discussed this past year, *Completing the Circle*, by Rev. David McMahill. We hope this will help our congregation develop quality, experience-based feedback loops in our ministries. I will be having a phone consultation with Rev. McMahill this week.

It will be good to re-enter congregational life in a couple of weeks. I look forward to hearing how God has been touching you this summer.

With continuing gratefulness for this summer sabbatical,  
Pastor Jane



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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). Please bring hearty portions to the potluck to assist out-of-town visitors.

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### Alternative Gifts Fair

The Alternative Gifts Fair has raised well over \$100,000 in the past ten years! This worthy event both raises needed funds for ministries around the world as well as giving our kids and the larger congregation a chance to serve others in the holiday season. Huge thanks to Roelie H and Meredith S who have led this ministry! As they need to step back, new volunteers are needed this year to learn the ropes. Please prayerfully consider if you might be available to



join the group that will work from mid-Sept to mid-Nov to ensure the fair can continue in coming years. If interested, Roelie or Meredith would love to talk to you further!

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## Menno Haven Sunday Pictures



Saturday evening tent camping, an inspirational worship on the Menno Haven Lawn, a yummy meal and lots of play events made for a great experience. Pictures from Menno Haven Sunday are available in the Post section of the [Mennonite Church of Normal website](#). Saturday evening camping pictures are available [here](#).

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## Directory Update

Cal and Vivian Hubbard have discontinued their landline. They are available only on their cell phones: Cal 309-310-6377 Vivian 309-310-6570 Please update your MCN Directory.

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## Meet and Greet

Please save the date of Sunday, September 25, 8:00 am, for an opportunity to meet the new Dean of the Illinois State University Mennonite College of Nursing, Dr. Judy Neubrander. She is interested in learning the history of the College of Nursing and its association with Mennonites. Please RSVP to Lynn in the church office if you are interested in attending.

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## Donate to Muscular Dystrophy

PASTOR MATT BEHIND BARS FOR MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY Matt will be locked up on Thursday, September 8th. The "bail money" he raises will help fund research into muscular dystrophy, ALS and related diseases, and will send McLean County kids with muscular dystrophy to camp. His goal is to raise \$2,000. Donate at <http://www2.mda.org/goto/pastormatt>

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## Concert by Glenn Wilson

Glenn Wilson, with his group TromBari, will be featured in a FREE concert followed by the Midwest premier of Night Bird Song - The Thomas Chapin Story at the Normal Theatre on Saturday August 27th. The concert will be at 6:00, the film will be at 7:00 and will be followed by a talkback with Glenn, noted jazz critic Howard Mandel and, via Skype, the Emmy award winning filmmaker, Stephanie Castillo. Thomas Chapin was a friend of Glenn's and bandmate in the Lionel Hampton Orchestra for two years. Thomas was cut down at the peak of his career by leukemia in 1998 and the film is a moving tribute. Night Bird Song was completed in Spring 2016 and has appeared at the Cannes and Nice Film Festivals as well as a New York showing. It won Best Story at the Nice festival and this showing will be one of the first anywhere in the US outside of NYC. This is a production of Glenn's 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation Further Jazz Inc. and is supported by a Town of Normal Harmon Arts Grant.

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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

Faith is a living, daring confidence in God's grace, so sure and certain that a man would stake his life on it one thousand times. This confidence in God's grace and knowledge of it makes men glad and bold and happy in dealing with God and with all creatures; and this is the work of the Holy Ghost in faith. *Martin Luther*

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## Today's Chuckle

John grew up in a small town, then moved away to attend college and law school. He decided to come back to his hometown because he could be a big man there. He really wanted to impress everyone. So he returned and opened his new law office.

The first day he saw a man coming up the sidewalk. He decided to make a big impression on this new client when he arrived. As the man came to the door, John picked up the phone. He motioned the man in, while talking: "No. Absolutely not. You tell those clowns in New York that I won't settle this case for less than one million. Yes. The Appeals Court has agreed to hear that case next week. I'll be handling the primary argument and the other members of my team will provide support. Okay. Tell the State Prosecutor that I'll meet with him next week to discuss the details."

This sort of thing went on for almost five minutes. All the while the man sat patiently as John rattled instructions. Finally, John put down the phone and turned to the man, "I'm sorry for the delay, but as you can see, I'm very busy. What can I do for you?"

The man replied, "I was sent by the telephone company to connect your phone line."