

This Sunday is a 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 24, 2016

## Worship with Us This Sunday, August 28

The sermon is titled "Today: An partial icon of God's vision" and the Scripture reading is 1 Peter 2:4-5. Pastor Tim Schrag asks, "Sunday worship will be 'full', no doubt. But perhaps we might instead consider it 'complete'. Come and see!" Hymns include *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less* (HWB 343), *God of the Bible* (STJ 27), and *Rain Down* (STJ 49).

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

Communion will be served this 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 this Sunday, the Leadership Selection Committee will assist us in thinking about the gifts we can offer the church and affirm for others for serving the church. The [Offering My Gifts](#) and [Affirming the Gifts of Others](#) documents that we are asked to prayerfully consider will be available on Sunday and are also available on the MCN website at [www.normalmennonite.org](http://www.normalmennonite.org). Look under the Serving Tab.



## Prayer Requests

*Please pray for increasing health for*

Andy Hedberg's father

Kristen Sand's friend Nicole

Cherri Schidecker (Dana and Cherri were former MCN members who now live in CO)

*Please pray for*

Students and teachers as school starts

## This Week at 805 S Cottage

Thur Aug 25

Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am

Sun, Aug 28

Pre-Service Prayer 9:00 am

Worship 9:30 am

Children's Christian Ed 10:45 am

Adult Christian Ed 11:00 am

Senior High Informational meeting 12:00 pm

MCC: Loss of Turtle Island 3:30 pm

Potluck following MCC Event 6:00 pm

Junior High Youth Group 5:00 pm



Thurs Sept 1

Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am

## Serving This Sunday



Greeters

South: Paul and Mary Ann Watkins

West: Mary Jantze

Welcome Table

Marcia Rossi

Ushers

Eric and Chellie Miller

Ryan and Nathan Miller

Worship Leader

Lynette Miller

Song Leader

Wayne Hochstetler

Accompanist

Dorothy Loepp

Scripture

Joe Jantze

Children's Time

Melika Hershberger

Sermon

Pastor Tim Schrag

Technology

Adam Augspurger

Toddler Nursery

Miriam Kennell

Preschool Nursery

Caeli Haab

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

### Happy Birthday to

Dorothy	Loepp	27-Aug
Randy	Zehr	27-Aug
Gerlof	Homan	28-Aug
Jenna	Lee	28-Aug
Alice	Swift	29-Aug
Joe	Dick	30-Aug
D. Paul	Miller	30-Aug



### Happy Anniversary to

Bob & Mary Kauffman on August 28 (41)
Leo & Bess Desch on August 30 (57)
Cal & Vivian Hubbard on August 30 (47)
Matt & Deb Hickman on August 31(14)

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## This Sunday

### Mennonite Central Committee Sponsored Event at MCN: 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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## 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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## Homebuilders

Save the Date September 25, 7:00 pm for a Homebuilders Event.

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## Building Use

- Thursday, September 1, 5:30-9:00 Hands All Around Quilt Guild meets in the Sanctuary
- Friday, September 2, 8:00-4:00 Hands All Around Quilt Guild holds a workshop in the Fellowship Area
- Saturday, September 3, 8:00-4:00 Hands All Around Quilt Guild holds a workshop in the Fellowship Area



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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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## Renew Friedenswald



Has Camp Friedenswald played a significant role in the life of you, or your child? Now is your chance to help the Camp and all the Campers in years to come.

Camp is planning some major renovation of buildings from the 1950's.

Boy's Cabins

Guest House

Chapel/Activity Center

The goal is to raise 2.2 million. They have already raised 1.6 million, and are asking for our help to raise the remaining \$500,000.

Construction will begin this fall.

Would you please prayerfully consider giving financial support this project.

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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.



## Lost and Found

Please check under the South Mezzanine Stairs for items that you may have lost. Those items that are left will be taken to Good Will during the week of

September 6-9.

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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.



## 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

Turn around and believe that the good news that we are loved is better than we ever dared hope, and that to believe in that good news, to live out of it and toward it, to be in love with that good news, is of all glad things in this world the gladdest thing of all. Amen, and come Lord Jesus. *Frederick Buechner*

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### Today's Chuckle

"WHERE is my SUNDAY paper?!" the irate customer yelled after calling the newspaper office.

"Madam," said the newspaper employee, "today is Saturday. The Sunday paper is not delivered until tomorrow, on SUNDAY."

There was quite a long pause on the other end of the phone, followed by a ray of recognition as she was heard to mutter, "Well, that explains why no one was at church either."