

Two timely items:

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*Blood Drive April 1 NEEDS YOUR HELP. PLEASE SIGN UP!

*Central Cluster invites all to BEFORE THE FLOOD, a documentary film addressing the topic of global warming, Thursday, March 30, 7:00 PM.



MIDWEEK CONNECTION AT MCN
2016

March 29,

Worship with us this Sunday, April 2

Service of Anointing for Healing and Transformation

The sermon title is *Still Be My Vision* and the scripture is John 9.

Like the Blind Man and like the writer of *Be Thou My Vision*, we, too, may long for healing and transformation. Jesus is the Source of that for which we long. Sunday's worship service will include a time of anointing with oil for healing and transformation.

The hymns are *Be Thou My Vision* (HWB 545), *Open the Eyes of My Heart*, *Lord, Open My Eyes* (STS 65) and *Rain Down* (STS 49) .

Worship Visuals Many thanks to Lynette Miller, Sam Warfel, Joe Warfel, and Julie Musselman for the display on the worship table and for the visual of restoration as displayed in colored cloths.

Scripture Drama participants this week are Joe Culpepper, Bess Desch, Claire Dyck, Wilma Dyck, Deborah Spacek, Abby Warfel and Joe Warfel.

Prayers and Condolences

We pray for peace in the heart of each person and peace in our world.

We send condolences to the family and friends of Michael Sharp, a United Nations worker and graduate of Eastern Mennonite University, who was kidnapped and killed in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

This Week At 805 S Cottage

Thur Mar 30 Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am
Central Cluster Event: After the Flood 7:00 pm

Mar 31-April 1 Illinois Mennonite Conference

April 1 Red Cross Blood Drive 8:00 am
Youth Service Work Project

Sun April 2 Pre-Service Prayer 9:00 am
Worship 9:30 am
Christian Education for Children 10:45 am
Christian Education for Adults 11:00 am
Junior High Youth 5:00 pm
Senior High Youth 5:00 pm
Junior Choir 6:00 pm
Youth Choir 6:45 pm
Adult Choir 7:30 pm

Tue Apr 4 Staff Meeting 10:30 am
Lenten Drama Group Rehearsal 6:30 pm

Wed Apr 5 Family Fun Night 5:15 pm

Sat April 8 Worship Committee Planning Retreat 1:00 pm



Serving This Sunday



Greeters	South: Emmanuel & Tawnya Kasongo West: Joe Culpepper
Welcome Table	Hazel Yoder Lotus Hershberger and Tshitshi & Jeremie Tshiseleka;
Ushers	Ross & Wesley Hershberger Pastor Jane Roeschley
Sermon	Marge Weaver
Worship Leader	Barry Weaver
Song Leader	Scripture Drama Team
Scripture	Louise Reeser
Children's Time	Lydia Hedberg
Accompanist	Adam Augspurger
Technology	Carrie Stalter
Toddler Nursery	

Birthdays and Anniversaries



Philip Dick April 6
Denise Hedberg April 6
Joe Haney April 8
Chrissy Zehr April 8

Happy 51st anniversary to Roger and Linda Clemmons on April 2
Happy 54th anniversary to Paul and Mary Ann Watkins on April 7

Blood Pressures will be taken in the Nurse's Office this Sunday.

BEFORE THE FLOOD



Thursday, March 30, 7:00 PM. The Central Cluster is inviting you to attend a showing of BEFORE THE FLOOD, a documentary film addressing the topic of global warming, produced by Leonardo DiCaprio and sponsored by NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC at the Community Building (MRC).

Quoting from a recent review of the film "Climate change is happening and it's terrifying and it's a fact." But what is there to be done about it? That's one of the central questions of the documentary. DiCaprio is in nearly every scene, speaking with some of the world's top scientists and the individuals that have the power to do something about climate change. There are shots of locations all over the globe depicting first hand accounts of the effects of climate change.

There will be time for questions and discussion following the film led by two master naturalists from our church, Marcia Rossi and Jim Bortell.



The Concert by the Bethel College Choir was a wonderful experience and raised \$1,394 for the Illinois MCC Relief Sale.

Easter Breakfast



Easter Breakfast, April 16. Everyone is invited to come early to church on Easter Sunday for our traditional Easter Breakfast. This is always a joyous time of greeting church friends and visiting family. Serving is scheduled from 8:00 to 8:45 a.m. Sign up to bring a breakfast casserole or breakfast bread (coffee cake, muffins, cinnamon rolls, etc.) Everything else will be provided. Also sign up if you can help with set up or clean up. Go to www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E094FAAA87-mcneaster to sign up to attend and bring food. Or contact Leanne Schertz or Gerry Schrock to volunteer food and help.

For those who are interested, there will be a SignUpGenius tutorial in the fellowship space following Sunday school next Sunday, April 2. Shelly King and Abby Warfel will demonstrate this simple sign-up method and teach you to use it in just a few minutes. Anyone is welcome to stop by.

The New Jim Crow Sunday School Class Website

Additional readings and good resources are available at the New Jim Crow Sunday School Class website, located at <https://mcnsundayschool.wordpress.com/> The link is also available on the MCN website <http://www.normalmennonite.org/link-to-the-new-jim-crow-sunday-school-class-website/>

Women's Retreat



Join us for a weekend retreat May 5th-7th at Menno Haven Camp & Retreat Center where we will seek to understand God and ourselves better. Our speaker, Asia Frye, will help us explore how we as women are made in God's own image, and how we can model ourselves after God. We will embrace what it means for us to be women, and encourage each other on our journeys. Our

program and input will conclude on Saturday afternoon. However, participants who desire additional time to rest and recharge are welcome to stay through Sunday morning.

Asia Frye is a retreat speaker and former youth pastor from Hillsboro, Kansas, where she teaches at Tabor College. She will graduate with a MDiv from AMBS this spring, and is the coordinator for Junior Youth Convention in Orlando next summer. She is fascinated by how the Bible empowers women, and how, as women, knowing ourselves helps us to better know God. Asia is a mother and wife who likes gardening, rock climbing, and nerdy board games

Kim Litwiller from East Peoria will be the worship leader, and Janice Yoder from First Mennonite in Morton will be leading music. Information and a registration flyer are available on the Entrance bulletin board and table. Any questions? Contact Shannon Unzicker.

Family Fun Night



Everyone is invited to join us for Family Fun Night on Wednesday, April 5 from 5:15-7:30! We'll eat as people arrive from about 5:15-6. This evening will be a chance for your family to connect and be together. Think food, family, faith and FUN! ALL ages are welcome! Rumor has it there will be a bounce house! We also need help to make this night possible. Volunteer sign up is linked here: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e094faaa87-mcnfamily>

Position Announcement

MCN Office Manager Applications due April 1

The Job Description and Application for the position of MCN Office Manager (formerly Administrative Assistant) is posted on the MCN website at <http://www.normalmennonite.org/wp-admin/customize.php?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.normalmennonite.org%2F> There are also copies of the Job Description and Application on the Entrance Table.

Electronic Giving

Many MCN'ers giving electronically. Did you know that we have a business-card size token that you can place into the offering plate to indicate that? They are located on the Welcome Table and the Entrance Table. Please help yourself each week.

Also, if you are currently NOT giving electronically and would like to, you will find a form in the last column of mailboxes. Or talk to Lynn Reha about switching over to electronic giving.

Looking for a Place to Get Involved?

If you have time and interest and want to find a way to volunteer locally, the Outreach Committee has identified these websites as places to find options.

Parks & Recreation

<http://www.mcleancountyil.gov/index.aspx?NID=509>

Various Community Organizations

<https://www.normal.org/464/Volunteer-Opportunities>

<https://www.volunteermatch.org/search/orgs.jsp?aff=&r=20.0&l=Bloomington%2C+IL+61799%2C+USA&o=update&s=1>

<http://deanofstudents.illinoisstate.edu/involvement/leadership/service/local/#tabs-vert1>

From Mennonite Mission Network

Do you enjoy mentoring young adults and living in community? Service Adventure is looking for unit leaders for our Colorado Springs, Colorado, and Jackson, Mississippi, units. The two-year term begins late July. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact Susan Nisly at SusanN@MennoniteMission.net or visit us at www.MennoniteMission.net.

Looking for Contact Information

Anyone have contact information for Nobu & Nan Tanaka? If so, please convey it to Donald D Kaufman at donelkaufman@gmail.com He called the church office asking for a forwarding address for them.

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



“...the secret to joy is to keep seeking God where we doubt He is.” *Ann Voskamp, One Thousand Gifts: A Dare to Live Fully Right Where You Are*



Building Use

Organ Tuning Wednesday, April 5 am

Hands All Around Quilt Guild

Quilt Appraisal 2:00 pm, Thursday, April 6

Board Meeting 5:30 pm, Thursday, April 6

General Meeting in Sanctuary 6:30 pm Thursday, April 6

Workshop in Fellowship Area and Atrium Friday-Saturday April 7-8, 8:00 am-4:00 pm

Today's Chuckle



Thanks to Rich Willmarth for these “Church Ladies with Typewriters” Laughs

They're Back! Those wonderful Church Bulletins! Thank God for the church ladies with typewriters. These sentences actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced at church services:

- * Scouts are saving aluminum cans, bottles and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.
- * The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.' The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'
- * Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.
- * Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again,' giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

