



MIDWEEK CONNECTION AT MCN

April 26, 2017

Worship with us this Sunday, April 30

The sermon title is *Careful Choices* and the scripture is I Peter 2:18-25. Pastor Tim Schrag asks, "Verse 18 of this text was long a 'poster child' cited by slave owners. It is a classically 'difficult text'. How do you interpret it?"

Prayers

We offer condolences to Sarah Nichols, whose brother passed away Wednesday morning. Jeremy Haab's friend has a daughter who is seriously ill. Please pray for her and her family.

This Week At 805 S Cottage

Thur Apr 27

Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am
Cluster Leaders 6:30 pm

Sun April 30

Pre-Service Prayer 9:00 am
Worship 9:30 am
Christian Education for Children 10:45 am
Christian Education for Adults 11:00 am
Relief Sale Board 2:30 pm
Junior High Youth 3:30 pm (Ulrich Pond)
Senior High Youth 5:00 pm
Junior Choir 6:00 pm
Youth Choir 6:45 pm



Tue May 2

Staff Meeting 10:30 am

Thurs May 4

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

Serving This Sunday

Greeters

South: Claire & Wilma Dyck



Welcome Table
Ushers
Sermon
Worship Leader
Song Leader
Scripture
Children's Time
Accompanist
Technology
Toddler Nursery
Preschool Nursery

West: David Voegtlin
Adriene Lane
David, Abby and Joe Warfel
Cal & Vivian Hubbard
Pastor Tim Schrag
Pastor Jane Roeschley
Barry Weaver
Shannon Unzicker
Chris Culbertson
Dorothy Loepp
Adam Augspurger
To Be Announced
King Family

Birthdays



Judy Hershberger April 30
Kristen Satchwell April 30
Glenn Wilson April 30
Tina Hubbs May 1
Zizi Loso May 1
Charlotte Hedberg May 2
Joshua Friesen May 3
Seth Valverde May 3
Kevin Lee May 4
Evan King May 5
Jaron Zehr May 5



Summer Sunday School Volunteers Needed

The Christian Education committee is looking for help with the children's Sunday School experience this summer in order to give our fabulous year-round teachers a much-deserved break! Volunteers can use the curriculum plan and activities provided for their day or choose to follow their own plan and "theme" with stories, songs, games, crafts, etc. of their own choosing

(possibly centered around another culture, another area of interest, music, nature, etc.). We will be happy to find an assistant to assist with crowd control and back up for anyone that would like to have that on their teaching day. Please visit the link for available slots...we would welcome you signing up for any amount of days you are willing to do! Thank you for your help!

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



Summer Worship Special Music, Fresh Flowers and Favorite Hymns
You are invited to sign up for one or more Sundays this summer to: provide special worship music, vocal or instrumental, to bring fresh flowers for in front of the pulpit, or to request a favorite hymn. Use this link to sign up www.SignUpGenius.com/go/8050A4BA4A92BA57-special



The Financial Stewardship Committee is VERY grateful for ALL the many people who helped during our kitchen appliance breakdowns and renewals. The activities included researching the best products, deciding, ordering, creating additional electric outlets, installing, and troubleshooting. What a great team effort! Thank you to each person who was involved.

CE Class on Trauma and Healing

The Wellness Committee is developing an Adult Christian Education Class on Trauma and Healing. Please take this 2 minute [survey](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MXVMWDL) to help them plan a class that best meets the congregation's needs. Thank you! <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MXVMWDL>



Welcome Back, Pastor Matt!

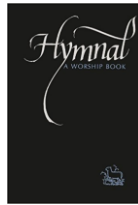
Pastor Matt Hickman is currently finishing up his internship, will soon graduate from Lincoln Christian College with a Master's Degree in Clinical Counseling, and will be returning to

Mennonite Church of Normal on Monday, May 8.



Jewish and Palestinian Voices for Peace

At the invitation of the Outreach and Peace and Justice Committees, there will be a Jewish and Palestinian Voices for Peace program at MCN at 7:00 PM Sunday, May 14. This is being coordinated by Jonathan Brenneman, a Mennonite Church USA Voluntary Service Worker whose assignment it is to educate members of Mennonite Church members about peace opportunities in Israel/Palestine. The speakers will be Steve Sherman representing [Jewish Voices for Peace](#), and [Jonathan Kuttab](#), a Palestinian Mennonite Human Rights Lawyer. Please use the links to [Jewish Voices for Peace](#) and [Jonathan Kuttab](#) for more information.



New Hymnal “Heart Song” Survey. There will be a new Mennonite worship hymnal released in 2020. The team working on it welcomes input from anyone about “songs close to your heart” that you would like to see in it. Complete this survey. https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MWSC_Heart_Song



Visitor “Peace Bag” Assembling Volunteer Needed: A volunteer (or two) would be welcome to put together a new supply of the white and blue “guest bags” that are given to first time visitors at our Welcome Table on Sunday mornings. Our supply has run low. All the materials are here at church. Someone working about an hour could really help us re-stock. Be in touch with Pastor Jane.

Camp News



Menno Haven The 2017 Women's Retreat, "Made in the Image of God", is less than a month away. Scheduled to speak is Asia Frye, an AMBS ministry candidate who will be coming to us from Hillsboro, KS. In addition, Kim Litwiller from East Peoria MC will be leading worship and Janice Yoder from First Mennonite in Morton will be our song leader. Participants can choose to attend either one, two, or all three days of this retreat. Last year's retreat, with over 100 women in attendance, was a wonderful time of worship and reflection, and the planning committee is excited for the biblical insight and encouragement that Asia is preparing for us. Forms can be found on the table in the narthex. The early registration deadline has been extended to April 21st, and we encourage all interested women to sign up as soon as possible. Thank you. --*Shannon Unzicker*

Camp Friedenswald We need your help to get ready for summer! Join us Saturday, May 13 from 9 am - 4 pm, for a special Volunteer Day at Camp Friedenswald. Help us move back into the renewed facilities and to make final preparations for summer. A variety of tasks will require a range of skills, including yours! [Register online](#) or by calling 269-476-9744. Overnight accommodation available.

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.

Voice of the Day



The care of the Earth is our most ancient and most worthy, and after all, our most pleasing responsibility. *Wendell Berry*



Building Use

Head Start Parent Night

4:30 pm in the Atrium April 27

Hands All Around Quilt Guild

6:30 pm Salad Supper May 4

Today's Chuckle



A mom's teenage son was having trouble mastering the fine points of balancing his new checking account. "The bank returned the check you wrote to the sporting goods store," she said.

"Oh good," he said, "Now I can use it to buy a new iPad!"

Wouldn't it be great if we could put ourselves in the dryer for ten minutes? Come out wrinkle-free and three sizes smaller!