

"Talk to the Church Board" this Sunday, June 4 at 11:00 during Adult Christian Education time.

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MIDWEEK CONNECTION AT MCN

May 31, 2017

Worship with Us this Sunday, June 4

The sermon title is *Without Vision, Who Knows?* and the Scriptures are Matthew 28:18-20, Matthew 22:36-40. Pastor Tim Schrag comments, "It's pretty important to know the destination, before starting out on a journey."

Many Names for Jesus Banner Based on their study of the Gospel of John, the high school youth Sunday School class created the banner from the many names for Jesus in John. We thank them for sharing it with us this summer in worship.

Prayers

Please pray for:

- *Pastor Matt Hickman's recovery from pericarditis
- *Joe Dick's continued recovery
- *Jeremy Haab's ongoing work with Central Illinois Saint's prison ministry
- *Caitlin Haab's safe return from Bluffton Cross-Cultural experience in China
- *Family of Ruth Haney's friend Linda in the loss of her son
- *Vivian Hubbard's nephew who was severely injured in a swimming accident
- *Austin, Elizabeth, and Israel—former foster children of Joe and Mary Jantze—and their mother, Jennifer

This Week At 805 S Cottage

Thu Jun 1	Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am
Sun Jun 4	Pre-Service Prayer 9:00 am
	Worship 9:30 am
	Christian Education for Children 10:45 am
	"Talk to the Church Board" 11:00 am
	Experience-Based Feedback Leaders Meeting

Tue Jun 6 Worship Committee 5:00 pm

Wed Jun 7 Work Project: Playground Dismantle 5:00 pm

Thu Jun 8 Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am
Youth Ministry Committee 6:00 pm

Sun Jun 11:
Looking ahead Pre-Service Prayer 9:00 am
Worship 9:30 am
Family Fun Day begins during CE Hour for children 10:45
New Adult CE begins at 11:00 with Identity and Aging
(Conference Room) and Sermon Response (Room 4)
Family Fun Day continues at noon with **BRING YOUR OWN**
picnic on lawn
SMAP picnic 4:30

Serving This Sunday



Greeters	South: Tshitshi Tshiseleka & Ginette Molino West: Emma King
Welcome Table	Kay Reimer
Ushers	David, Abby & Joe Warfel David & Gabriella Harnish
Sermon	Pastor Tim Schrag
Worship Leader	Lynn Reha
Song Leader	Cindy Ropp
Scripture	Alena Culbertson
Children's Time	Joe Culpepper
Accompanist	Elsa Raab
Technology	Wesley Hershberger
Toddler Nursery	Jeff/Amy Reiman
Preschool Nursery	Jeremy Haab

Birthdays and Anniversaries



Jace Hoffmann 6/04
Nicholas Neely 6/09
John Reimer 6/09
Diane Wiman 6/10

Happy 55th anniversary to Janet and John Gundy on June 9
Happy 45th anniversary to Mike and Steffi Company on June 10



Talk to the Church Board

Want more involvement with the Vision and Mission of the Church? Know about a solution to a problem that you have noticed? Have something to say to the Church Board? Here is your chance to be heard.

Participate in the **June 4, 11-11:50 am Talk to the Church Board** activity. Small groups, each led by a Church Board member, will be convened at the end of worship on June 4 and you will be invited to address the following questions: 1) How are we moving toward living out our Vision? 2) What are the barriers to moving toward our Vision? 3) What next steps do you recommend to move us closer to our Vision? 4) What else would you like to say to the Board?

Music Therapy Video Filming



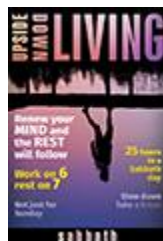
The music therapy program at ISU is currently working on a project to raise funds to buy new instruments this coming August. Part of the project involves filming several advocacy videos which will include mock therapy sessions involving children. Filming will occur at the church on **Friday, June 9th at 4 pm**. No musical experience is necessary. If you have children between the ages of 4-9 that would be interested in being a part of these videos, please contact Cara Paden at cpaden@ilstu.edu or 574-370-5234.



Family Fun Sunday

Parents (and anyone else) are invited to join their children during the CE hour for **Family Fun Day Sunday on June 11**. Bring balls, lawn games, bubbles, chalk, kites, etc to enjoy during the CE hour, then stay for the church (**bring your own**) picnic lunch and ice cream social afterward. ALL are welcome! **Please bring your own picnic lunch**, lawn games and lawn chairs. Drinks and Ice Cream for dessert will be provided.

Summer Adult Christian Education Classes



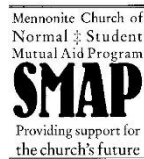
The Uniform series class will be taking a detour this summer and using two studies from MennoMedia's Upside Down Living series. Each are six week studies, one on Sabbath and one on Identity and

Aging. Teachers for the summer session are Judy Hershberger and Lynette Miller. If you don't regularly attend this class, but think you might be interested because of these two topics, please contact Lynette Miller so we can order extra study guides.

There will also be a sermon response class, led by Steve Stenger, Janet Wilson and Roger Clemmons, meeting in Room 4.

These classes will begin on June 11.

Student Mutual Aid Program Fundraiser Picnic



Student Mutual Aid Program Fundraiser Picnic will be held on June 11th at the home of Eric and Chellie Miller, 821 E Raab Road, Normal. The event starts at 4:30 and supper will be served at 5:00 pm. All are invited.



Sugar Grove

Save the Date: Children's Christian Education Time at Sugar Grove Nature Center on June 25



Habitat House

Habitat Work Day for Kasongo New Home, Saturday Morning July 8, 8 am at 711 W Mulberry. We have half of our 14 allotted volunteers our work day on the new house for Emmanuel and Tania's family. **7 more needed.** (Must be 16 years or older.) Please sign up at www.SignUpGenius.com/go/8050A4BA4A92BA57-habitat We also need a volunteer or two to provide snack break for the crew. If you'll be able to do that, talk to Pastor Jane.



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



Hygiene Kits

During May and June, Mennonite Women will be collecting Hygiene Kits. The bags are in the back of the Sanctuary for you to take home to fill with the necessary supplies. The contents to include in each:

- 1 adult size toothbrush **New Toothbrushes also have to be in separate, original packaging.**
- 1 large bar bath soap
- 1 fingernail clipper (good quality, NOT TOENAIL CLIPPER)
- 1 hand towel (dark color)

These should be NEW items only, in original packaging.

Thank you for limiting your generosity to the items listed. Due to strict regulations some countries have on the expiration date of toothpaste, MCC no longer asks for toothpaste to be donated with the kits. Instead, MCC will provide the toothpaste with the kits when they ship.

Return the filled bags to the church and place them in the red bucket. Or, if you would prefer, you can just purchase the supplies and Mennonite Women will fill the bags.



[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 Minister Michael Danner's weekly message to IMC churches.

Voice of the Day

Nothing that is worth doing can be achieved in our lifetime; therefore, we must be saved by hope. Nothing which is true or beautiful or good makes complete sense in any immediate context of history; therefore, we must be saved by faith. Nothing we do, however virtuous, can be accomplished alone, therefore we must be saved by love. No virtuous act is quite as virtuous from the standpoint of our friends or foe as it is from our standpoint. Therefore, we must be saved by the final form of love which is forgiveness. *Reinhold*

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Building Use

Music Recording

Sat June 3 11:00

Hands All Around Quilt Guild Board Meeting

Thursday June 8, 5:30 pm

Today's Chuckle



Little Johnny and his mother returned from the grocery store and began putting away the groceries.

Little Johnny opened the box of animal crackers and spread them all over the table.

"What are you doing?" his mother asked.

"It says not to eat them if the seal is broken," Little Johnny explained. "I'm looking for the seal."