

Bring Your Own Picnic this Sunday, June 11 at noon on the church lawn.



MIDWEEK CONNECTION AT MCN

June 7, 2017

Worship with Us this Sunday, June 11

The sermon title is *Fleeting Days: The Generosity of Time* and the Scriptures is Psalm 39. Pastor Tim Schrag comments, "Time is so precious to us. So why might it be that people often look back and feel as if they have wasted their time. In the message this Sunday we ponder how we might be generous in our use of time."

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.
- *Emma and Henry Lovellette's (Marianne Israel's children) grandfather's health.
- *Niece of Bev Collins, who had a stroke.
- *Kay Reimer's brother Willis.
- *Phil and Kristy Hoffman's brother-in-law and family.

We give thanks for

- Caeli Haab's meaningful Cross-Cultural experience in China and her safe return.
- D. Paul Miller's participation in Senior Olympics. Go, Paul.

Condolences

We offer condolences to Lois Hochstetler and family on the death of Lois' sister Priscilla.

This Week At 805 S Cottage

Thu Jun 8	Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am Youth Ministry Committee 6:00 pm
Sun Jun 11	Orientation to Youth MCUSA 8:45 Pre-Service Prayer 9:00 am Worship 9:30 am Christian Education for Children 10:45 am (Lawn) Christian Education for Adults 11:00 am Bring Your Own Picnic and Games on Lawn 12:00 pm Student Mutual Aid Fundraiser Picnic 4:30 pm
Mon Jun 12	Financial Stewardship Committee 7:00 pm
Tue Jun 13	Staff Meeting 10:30 am Church Board 6:30 pm
Wed Jun 14	Peace & Justice Committee 5:00 pm Pastoral Council 6:30 pm
Thurs June 15	Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am



Serving This Sunday

Greeters	South: Jeremy & Chris Haab West: John Bertsche
Welcome Table	Stephanie Nester
Ushers	John & Kay Reimer Linda & Roger Clemmons
Sermon	Pastor Tim Schrag
Worship Leader	Kay Reimer
Song Leader	Jenell Ulrich
Scripture	Lydia Hedberg
Children's Time	Matt Hickman
Accompanist	Dorothy Loepp & Youth Musicians
Technology	Wesley Hershberger
Toddler Nursery	Makyla/Laneigh Hickman
Preschool Nursery	King Family



Birthdays and Anniversaries



Miriam Kennell 6/12
Joseph Warfel 6/12
Andreas Unzicker 6/14
Hayden Yoder 6/14
Chellie Miller 6/17

Happy 23rd anniversary to Keith & Shannon Unzicker on June 12
Happy 3rd anniversary to Kayla & Keith Belzer on June 13
Happy 53rd anniversary to Juergen & Meredith Schroeer on June 14

Music Therapy Video Filming



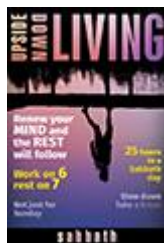
The music therapy program at ISU is currently working on a project to raise funds to buy new instruments this coming August. Part of the project involves filming several advocacy videos which will include mock therapy sessions involving children. Filming will occur at the church on **Friday, June 9th 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

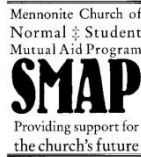


The Uniform series class will be taking a detour this summer and using two studies from MennoMedia's Upside Down Living series. Each are six week studies, one on Sabbath and one on Identity and Aging. Teachers for the summer session are Judy Hershberger and Lynette Miller. If you don't regularly attend 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.



Here are **Fun in the Sun** park dates for Summer 2017! Come for any/all times you can! Click this link for more information and to sign up. <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e094faaa87-funinthe1>



Sugar Grove

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



Habitat House

Can you provide morning snack for the July 8 Habitat Build group at Emmanuel and Tania's new home? They will need drinks and something to munch. 14 volunteers. Please let Pastor Jane know. Thanks in advance!

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.



Part time Administrative Assistant at MCN still needed!

The Administrative Assistant position at MCN remains open. Anticipated work schedule: four days per week, 6 hours per day for a total of 24 hr/wk. Help MCN fulfill its mission working in a pleasant setting with pleasant people, Interested? Know someone who is?



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.



Thank you for a wonderful experience being the MCN Administrative Assistant. I have learned to know and love so many MCNers better through this job. I have been blessed to see God working through staff, programs and individuals.

My next step (in addition to slowing the pace of my life and enjoying my yard more) is to begin study toward a certificate in Spiritual Direction at Eastern Mennonite University. I will begin the first two weeks of study on June 19 in Harrisonburg, VA. The rest of this academic year's study is from home. Mennonite Church of Normal is supporting this preparation for the ministry of Spiritual Direction by paying tuition for this course through our Ministry Support fund. I am SO grateful. I know that this study will enrich my spirit, and hope to also be of benefit to MCN upon completion. *Lynn Reha*



Hello family and friends! Greetings from Peru!

Wow I can't believe this is my 5th week in Peru! At times it has felt like I have lived here my whole life and at other times it has felt like just yesterday that I stepped off the plane! So many exciting and new things have happened thus far and I am excited for what is yet to come! This is my last week living with my host family here in Lima. It will be very bittersweet to say goodbye to them on Friday and head off to the next leg of my adventure here in Peru.

Friday we leave Lima and fly to Cuzco where we will spend about 5 days. In Cuzco we will be visiting many historic ruins and learning more about the Incan culture. During our time there we will also get the once in a lifetime opportunity to go to Machu Picchu!

After Cuzco I will board a bus and travel for about 3 hours to my service location of Curahausi, Apurimac, Peru. I will be there for 6 weeks working in a small government hospital. While there I will be living with my host parents, 2 host brothers, a host sister and a 6 year old niece. As well as guinea pigs, a cat, a dog and chickens! I am looking forward for what is yet to come and thankful for what I've been able to experience so far! Thank you all for your thoughts and prayers during this time.

Blessings,
Meredith Satchwell

In addition to this message, there is a website that Goshen has set up to view photos and information about what the SST group has been doing this past 5 weeks. It is <https://www.goshen.edu/peru/> Then click on Current Blogs to see the blogs regarding this experience beginning on May 5.



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 Minister Michael Danner's weekly message to IMC churches.

Voice of the Day

Prayer is the forerunner of mercy. Turn to sacred history, and you will find that scarcely ever did a great mercy come to this world unheralded by supplication. *Charles Spurgeon*



Building Use

Hands All Around Quilt Guild

Thursday June 8, 5:30 pm Board Meeting

Retreat June 16 7:00 am-9:00 pm

June 17 8:00am-4:00 pm

Today's Chuckle



Behind every cat that crosses the street, there is a dog saying, "Go ahead, you can make it."

- In a cat's eye, all things belong to cats.
- As every cat owner knows, nobody owns a cat.
- There are many intelligent species in the universe. They are all owned by cats.
- Dogs believe they are human. Cats believe they are God.
- Cats aren't clean, they're just covered with cat spit.
- There is no snooze button on a cat who wants breakfast.
- The only domestic animal not mentioned in the Bible is the cat. (Hmmm)