

All children's, Jr. High and High School Sunday School classes will be meeting at Sugar Grove Nature Center this Sunday! Bring a change of clothes for creek play and a sack lunch. Water will be provided.

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MIDWEEK CONNECTION AT MCN

June 21, 2017

## **Worship with Us this Sunday, June 25**

Pastor Matt will speak about his sabbatical experience of volunteering as an intern counselor at Home Sweet Home Ministries, a residential homeless shelter in Bloomington. People experiencing homelessness struggle just to keep themselves alive. This constant struggle of desperation erodes hope. Of all the mental health concerns, persistent depression was the most prevalent among residents. In his ministry, Jesus persistently met desperate people to listen and lead them to healing. Scripture reading will be John 5:1-7.

**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.

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## **Prayers**

### **Please pray for**

- \*Paul Watkins who is starting treatment for prostate cancer.
- \*Joe Dick's continued recovery.
- \* Meredith Satchwell who is on SST in Peru. She will be in the jungle for the next 6 weeks, prayers for health and safety.
- \*Bennie Brown's continued recovery and acute kidney failure.
- \*Deb and Steve Stenger's grandson Grant for improved respiratory health.
- \*Student Mutual Aid Program funding.

**We give thanks for**

\*Cindy Ropp's continued recovery. Thanksgiving for prayers, support, love, and concern.

\*Pascal Ngongo's sister Rita and her daughter's safe arrival from the Congo.

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**This Week At 805 S Cottage**

Thurs June 22      Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am

Sun June 25      Pre-Convention Parent Q&A 8:45 am  
Pre-Service Prayer 9:00 am  
Worship 9:30 am  
Christian Education for Children at Sugar Grove Nature Preserve 10:45 am  
Christian Education for Adults 11:00 am



Thurs June 29      Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am  
Outreach Committee 5:00 pm

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**Serving This Sunday**

Greeters	South: Gail Fisher West: Phil & Alexa Hoffman
Welcome Table	Elfriede Massier
Ushers	Andy & Beth Reeser, Lauren & Kristen Satchwell
Sermon	Pastor Matt Hickman
Worship Leader	Mike Company
Song Leader	Glenn Wilson
Scripture	Jaron Zehr
Children's Time	Helen Brandon
Accompanist	Dorothy Loepp
Technology	Wesley Hershberger
Toddler Nursery	Annette Harnish
Preschool Nursery	Andy and Beth Reeser



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**Birthdays and Anniversaries**



Emily Hershberger 6/25  
Joshua Waggoner 6/25  
Annette Harnish 6/26  
Alena Culbertson 6/28  
Roger Perry 6/28

Clara Unzicker 6/29

Happy 57<sup>th</sup> anniversary to Don and Ramona Augspurger on June 25

Happy 47<sup>th</sup> anniversary to Wayne and Lois Hochstetler on June 27

Happy 64<sup>th</sup> anniversary to Gerlof and Roelie Homan on June 28



## Sugar Grove

Don't forget to join us for the 4th ANNUAL SUGAR GROVE ALL-AGES SUNDAY SCHOOL OUTING THIS SUNDAY (June 25) DURING Sunday School, all-ages (kids, youth, and adults) are welcome to join the fun at Sugar Grove Nature Center. No Primary through Youth CE classes will be held at church.

Kids bring a change of clothes for creek play. BRING A SACK LUNCH; water will be provided. We can carpool with kids who do not need car seats. Parents will need to deliver those kids who need car seats. All children should be picked up at Sugar Grove at 1:00pm. You may stay as long as you like. Others who would like to come and picnic and explore are invited to come at any time. The pavilion is reserved for us. We will go rain or shine. Come to see all the wonderful nature God had given us!



Pastor Jane Roeschley's 5 year term as Associate Pastor at Mennonite Church of Normal ends this year.

The Church Board conducts a survey of the congregation at this point, in order to assist in making a recommendation to the congregation regarding a subsequent term. A small group of individuals has been contacted to complete this survey, plus the Church Board. We also open this process to anyone in the congregation who wishes to participate, so that everyone's voice can be heard. These surveys are in the church office, on the table in the foyer, or available via email. Please contact the church office for your electronic copy at [church@normalmennonite.org](mailto:church@normalmennonite.org). If you plan to participate, please complete your survey by June 30, either by submitting it electronically or bringing it by the church office or my church mailbox. Thank you, Wayne Hochstetler, Church Board Chairperson.



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>

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The church office will be closed July 3-7 and there will be no Midweek that week.

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Congratulations to Paul Miller who won 4 gold medals at the Senior Olympics in Birmingham, AL, last weekend! The Pantagraph article is linked below:

[http://www.pantagraph.com/sports/olympics/miller-nets-four-golds-at-national-senior-olympics/article\\_839b81be-3507-5a26-a427-9c6e52022241.html](http://www.pantagraph.com/sports/olympics/miller-nets-four-golds-at-national-senior-olympics/article_839b81be-3507-5a26-a427-9c6e52022241.html)

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## Peace Bridges

Madeleine Yoder, Ron and Leanne Schertz's granddaughter, is serving in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, with an NGO called Peace Bridges Organization (PBO). The mission of this Christian organization is to train community leaders and pastors in conflict resolution skills. They, in turn, go back to their communities to train others in conflict resolution methods. PBO's work parallels so well the mission of Mennonite Central Committee that MCC offers some support by providing an MCC worker to join the staff of about 25 Cambodians working at PBO.

Madeleine has just completed an on-line project to bring in supporters for a reforestation event PBO holds annually. This event is intended to be a positive and constructive solution in a situation that would otherwise be the incubator for conflict, often violent. Since 90% of the population of the country is dependent on the land and environment for their basic living, deforestation is devastating for the rural population.

This appeal is unique for Peace Bridges. Their intent in going into a crowdfunding campaign is to establish a safe and respected on-line portal for potential donors, who would otherwise find it complicated to send financial support. If this project is successful, Peace Bridges will become a permanent member of the GlobalGiving website.

Madeleine explains it herself: "The organization I work for is starting a crowdfunding campaign through GlobalGiving with the goal of raising \$5,000 from 40 donors by June 30th. The current project we are raising money for is our annual tree planting event in Prey Lang forest, an area of Cambodia that has been heavily deforested. If we are able to reach our goal, we will graduate from GlobalGiving's Accelerator Program and become permanent members, which means we will be able to continue receiving online donations for other projects as well."

Could you please share our page with your networks? It's great if you are able to donate, but even just sharing the page will be a huge help!"

If you care to help, use this link: <https://www.globalgiving.org/projects/plant-trees-in-cambodias-prey-lang-forest/>

Ron, Leanne and Madeleine thank you for your interest.

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### Habitat House

Habitat Work Day for Kasongo's New Home, Saturday Morning July 8, starting at 8 am at 711 W Mulberry. We have 2 openings left for volunteers on our work day at the new house for Emmanuel and Tania's family. (Must be 16 years or older.)

Please sign up at [www.SignUpGenius.com/go/8050A4BA4A92BA57-habitat](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/8050A4BA4A92BA57-habitat)

We also need a volunteer or two to provide a snack break for the crew. If you'll be able to do that, talk to Pastor Jane.

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### 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](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/8050A4BA4A92BA57-special)

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### Hygiene Kits

During the month of 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.



**Need some work done around the house?**

**Mike Evans is an insured Handyman**

Services Include:

Painting: Interior & Exterior Decks & Fences

Landscaping: Lawn Maintenance, trimming, planting, pavers

Plumbing: replacement of faucet, sink, toilet

Electrical: installation of light fixtures, ceiling fans

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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 Minister Michael Danner's weekly message to IMC churches.

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## Voice of the Day

“The servant-leader is servant first...It begins with the natural feeling that one wants to serve, to serve first. The conscious choice brings one to aspire to lead...The difference manifests itself in the care taken by the servant - first to make sure that other people's highest priority needs are being served.”

**Robert K. Greenleaf**

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## **Building Use**

**Music Recording**

June 24, 11:00 am

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### **Today's Chuckle**



A little boy was waiting on his mother to come out of a store. As he waited, he was approached by a man who asked, "Son, can you tell me where the post office is?"

The little boy replied, "Sure, just go straight down the street a couple of blocks and turn to your right."

The man thanked the boy kindly and said, "I'm the new preacher in town and I'd like for you to come to church on Sunday. I'll show you how to get to Heaven."

The little boy replied with a chuckle, "Awww, come on; you don't even know the way to the post office!"