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MIDWEEK CONNECTION AT MCN

July 19, 2017

Worship with Us this Sunday, July 23



The Youth who attended the Mennonite USA Convention last week in Orlando are excited to bring back their experience and will be leading worship this Sunday, July 23rd. Come hear about Love as a verb!

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

*Bennie Brown is now home. Please pray for his continued healing as well as strength for Esther.

*Cindy Ropp's student Megan and her family, after the death of her cousin Noah.

*Carrie Stalter's friend's whom have lost babies in recent months.

*Deb Hickman's friends' Sally and Matt whose cousin's daughter died as they welcome a new baby into the family.

We give thanks for

*Marge Nester's brother, Alton's successful cancer treatment.

This Week At 805 S Cottage

- Thurs July 20 Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am
 Outreach Committee 5:00 pm
- Sun July 23 Pre-Service Prayer 9:00 am
 Worship 9:30 am
 Christian Education for Children 10:45 am
 Christian Education for Adults 11:00 am
- Mon July 24 Music For Food Concert 7:00 pm
- Tues July 25 Leadership Selection Committee 5:30 pm
- Thurs July 27 Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am



Serving This Sunday

Greeters	South: Jeremy Haab & Gabriella Harnish West: Mike Company & Lauren Satchwell
Welcome Table	Clair Dyck
Ushers	Wesley Hershberger, Josh Friesen, Nathan Miller, Olivia Engel
Sermon	Youth
Worship Leader	Youth
Song Leader	Youth
Scripture	Youth
Children's Time	Nathan Valverde & Noah Engel
Accompanist	Chris Culbertson
Technology	Randy Zehr
Toddler Nursery	Nancy Fisher
Preschool Nursery	Matt Culbertson



Birthdays and Anniversaries



Emma Lovellette 7/23
Claire Dyck 7/24
Leanne Schertz 7/25
Evelyn Bertsche 7/26
Joyce Schmucker 7/26
Miriam Brown 7/27
Nathan Miller 7/28

Marge Weaver 7/28
Mike Company 7/29
Nathan Fataki 7/29
Mark Roeschley 7/29

Happy 35th anniversary to Rick and Annette Harnish on July 24
Happy 59th anniversary to Bennie and Esther Brown on July 27



2nd Annual Bluegrass & Brass on the Grass

Immanuel Bible Foundation is hosting Bluegrass & Brass on the Grass of the Broadview Mansion, on Saturday, July 22 at 1301 S. Fell Ave., Normal.

This free community event takes place from 4 to 6 p.m. and features music by the Twin Cities Brass Quarter from 4 to 4:45 p.m. and New Legacy Music from 5 to 6 p.m.

In addition, volunteers will give tours of the Mansion and Orange Leaf Frozen Yogurt will be available.

Illinois Wesleyan University will offer free parking in its East Parking Lot, with free shuttles from the parking lot to the Mansion. Attendees are urged to bring a chair or blanket.

For more information, call Annette Klinzing at Broadview Mansion at 309-452-6710 or [click for more info.](#)

The Immanuel Bible Foundation, which oversees the Broadview Mansion, seeks to enrich the community through faith and study, music and art, and historical preservation.



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Relief Sale Quilt Purchasing

We will be making our annual trip to Wisconsin to purchase quilts at the Amish Auction on Saturday, July 29. These quilts will be donated and sold at the Illinois Mennonite Relief Sale in March 2018. We have been able in the past to at least double or more the money donated from the church, at the MCC Auction. If you are interested in donating to this cause, please put your check in the offering, marked "Quilt Donation," or get a check to the office before **Friday, July 28**. Thanks for your help in this way, to provide food for the needy, both here in our community and around the world.

If you have any questions, please call Larry and Louise Reeser. 826-3423

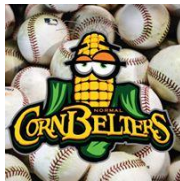


Here are **Fun in the Sun** park dates for Summer 2017! Come for any/all times you can! Click this link for more information and to sign up. <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e094faaa87-funinthe1>



D. Paul Miller will be 100 this August. You are invited to celebrate with him at Westminster Village on Sat., August 26th from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served in the Social Hall. You would make his day if you could write something that you remember about him - pictures - humor - or anything you would like to say to him.

Send this to: driftwood1050@gmail.com by **July 30th, 2017** so that we can prepare a book for him.
Brenda for Rich and Don



Enjoy a Night Out at the Ball Park

The Southeast Cluster Group invites you to join them in an outing at the Cornbelter's Ball Park for Faith & Family Night on Sunday, August 6.

The gates will open at 5:35 p.m. and Kenny Hackbarth will be performing live music. Michael Collins Bobble Heads will be given to fans attending the game, while supplies last.

Tickets for the game are discounted to \$10.00 for reserved box seats.

This price is only for pre-order groups and not walk-up the day of.

You can sign up on by [clicking here](#) or by contacting Mary Ann Watkins at 309-830-1816 or by e-mail at mawatkins@frontier.com to be included in the final count. The final count is needed by **Sunday, July 31**.

Tickets can be picked up at the will call window at the ballpark.



Finding the right faith formation resources can be a never-ending challenge! Come and discover how www.anabaptistfaithformation.org can help you find the resources you need for all ages in a one-stop, easily-accessible location with Shana Peachey Boshart, Central Plains Mennonite Conference Minister for Christian Formation. This seminar will be at the Mennonite Church of Normal, Thursday, August 3rd at 1:30pm. Please RSVP to the church office by Tuesday, August 1st.



Quinn Wilson Program: Film-making with a Purpose

On August 6th at 6pm, at the Mennonite Church of Normal, come hear how Quinn is using his film-making expertise to bring focus and help to important human needs and stories. In this program, Quinn will share two short videos he produced. One focuses on a story of homelessness. The other is from when he lived and worked at a refugee camp in Greece for several weeks. Quinn will also share more about his first-hand experience with the global refugee crisis and encourage us on how to become involved. We will also get an introduction to his travel/work plan for the coming year, during which he will be doing film-making/social media/crowd-funding with non-profits and NGOs.



Camp Menno Haven Sunday

On August 13, starting at 10:00 am, we gather at Camp Menno Haven for worship and fun activities. We hope everyone can join us. There is no worship planned for 805 S. Cottage that day. Activities include the pool being open for swimming, open gym at the Eagle Wing Activity Center, and use of canoes and kayaks on the lake, which is also available for fishing. We ask that everyone be responsible for their food costs, which are as follows: adults \$11, children ages 4-10, \$5.50, children ages 3 and under, free. (If these costs are prohibitive, please notify the church office, as funds are available.)

Please let us know that you are coming by clicking this link: [Sign up HERE!](#) OR calling (309-696-5399) OR emailing (schertz2@mtco.com) Leanne Schertz.

We hope that you can come!

Leanne Schertz for Fellowship Committee

Want a longer Camp Menno Haven experience? Try tent camping on Saturday, August 12. Have extra time for activities, cook your supper and sleep under the stars near other MCN'ers. The Culbertson family has volunteered to answer questions about this wonderful camping experience. We hope you will try it!



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



MCC School Kits

During the months of July and August, Mennonite Women will be collecting School Kits. School Kits are MCC's most requested item. They are given primarily to refugee and displaced children, helping students and teachers add some normalcy to disrupted lives. 89,958 were shipped last year to Jordan, Syria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Lebanon, Haiti, U.S., Serbia, Honduras and more.

The bags are in the back of the Sanctuary for you to take home to fill with the necessary supplies:

- 4 spiral or perforated notebooks (8.5" x 10.5", 70 sheets)
- 8 unsharpened pencils
- 1 ruler (flat, flexible plastic; indicating 30 cm and 12")
- 12 colored pencils (in packaging)
- 1 large pencil eraser

Return filled bags to the red tub in the back of the Sanctuary. MCN Mennonite Women will deliver them. Or, if you would prefer, you can just purchase the supplies and Mennonite Women will fill the bags.



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

"Wherever we find the Word of God surely preached and heard, and the sacraments administered according to the institution of Christ, there, it is not to be doubted, is a church of God."

John Calvin



Building Use

Sewing Day - Hands All Around Quilt Guild

July 22, 8:00 am

Today's Chuckle



Sitting on the side of the highway waiting to catch speeding drivers, a state police officer sees a car puttering along at 22 MPH. He thinks to himself, "This driver is just as dangerous as a speeder!" So he turns on his lights and pulls the driver over.

Approaching the car, he notices that there are five old ladies--two in the front seat and three in the back--wide-eyed and white as ghosts. The driver, obviously confused, says to him, "Officer, I don't understand, I was doing exactly the speed limit! What seems to be the problem?"

"Ma'am," the officer replies, "you weren't speeding, but you should know that driving slower than the speed limit can also be a danger to other drivers."

"Slower than the speed limit? No sir, I was doing the speed limit exactly 22 miles an hour!", the old woman says a bit proudly.

The officer, trying to contain a chuckle explains to her that "22" was the highway number, not the speed limit.

A bit embarrassed, the woman grinned and thanked the officer for pointing out her error.

"But before I let you go, ma'am, I have to ask, is everyone in this car okay? These women seem awfully shaken and they haven't muttered a single peep this whole time," the officer asks

"Oh, they'll be all right in a minute officer. We just got off Highway 119."