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MIDWEEK CONNECTION AT MCN

July 26, 2017

## Worship with Us this Sunday, July 30

Lynette Miller will be giving the sermon title "*Messianic Citizenship.*" What does it mean to live in the Kingdom of the Messiah and how do we participate as citizens of that Kingdom? The scripture is Ephesians 1:17-23 and Philipians 1:27-2:5.

**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

- \*Chris Hubb's upcoming rotator cuff surgery.
- \*Stephanie Nester's surgery on August 7<sup>th</sup>. Pray for healing and a healthy recovery.
- \*Bloomington City Council as they start a civilian review board.

### We give thanks for

- \*Tina Hubb's new full-time job.
  - \*Blessing Hickman's re-adoption ceremony, moving closer to full citizenship.
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## This Week At 805 S Cottage

Thurs July 27 Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am

Sun July 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

Thurs Aug 3 Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am  
Faith Formation Seminar 1:30 pm



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### Serving This Sunday



Greeters	South: Beth & Andy Reeser
	West: Hazel Yoder
Welcome Table	Mary Dyck
Ushers	Janet Wilson, Bryan Oyer
	Phil & Alexa Hoffman, Clair Dyck
Sermon	Lynette Miller
Worship Leader	Kay Reimer
Song Leader	Jenell Ulrich
Scripture	Joe Warfel
Children's Time	Melika Hershberger
Accompanist	Dorothy Loepp
Technology	Randy Zehr
Toddler Nursery	Spring Neeley
Preschool Nursery	Lucy Unzicker

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### Birthdays and Anniversaries



Connie Yoder 7/30  
Moses Charles Dick 7/31  
Leo Desch 8/01  
Peighton Stalter 8/02

Happy 58<sup>th</sup> anniversary to John & Kay Reimer on August 1

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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

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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](mailto:driftwood1050@gmail.com) by **July 30th, 2017** so that we can prepare a book for him.

Brenda for Rich and Don

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### 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](mailto:mawatkins@frontier.com) to be included in the final count. The final count is needed by **Sunday, July 30**.

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

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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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### **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.

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### **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](mailto: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!

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**"Gungor" in Concert at Metamora Mennonite Church**

Saturday, August 12, MMC is excited to host Gungor in concert at 6:30 pm. Doors open at 6 pm and tickets are \$15 and are available at MMC from Pastor Eric, or online at: <http://www.gungormusic.com/tour/>

Buy your tickets now to reserve your early, priority seating. Tickets will be \$20 at the door.

Gungor is a musical collective formed by husband and wife duo Michael and Lisa Gungor. The Grammy-nominated group's music has been compared to the music of Sufjan Stevens, Bon Iver and Arcade Fire.

The duo uses their skills as accomplished song writers and multi-instrumentalists to tell honest and forthright stories - some personal and some allegorical. Together they've tapped their considerable musical reserves to blur genres and break expectations creating a unique magnetic expression.

Metamora Mennonite Church 1393 Mennonite Road, Metamora, IL 61548

For more information, please contact Eric Potter 309-367-4892 or go to [www.metmenno.org](http://www.metmenno.org)

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### First Christian Church in Clinton is hosting a Living Proof Simulcast

With Beth Moore and worship with Travis Cottell. September 16, doors open at 8:00 am.

Captivated: The Wonder of Christ on the Winding Road

Join Beth and thousands of women worldwide as she shares truth to guide your own journey of faith. Please join us for a day of worship, study, and prayer.

This is a free event with three ways to register:

1. Go to First Christian Church, Clinton, IL's Facebook page, click on Beth Moore Simulcast and then click the link for registration
2. Call Mandi at 217-935-3139
3. Email Karen Rice at [karen@clintonfcc.com](mailto:karen@clintonfcc.com)

For questions or more information email [karen@clintonfcc.com](mailto:karen@clintonfcc.com)

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### Bloomington Normal Freedom Fund Banquet with NAACP

Saturday September 23, 2017

4:30 Social Hour, 5:00 Program

At the Double Tree Hotel

Speaker: YoNasDa Lone Wolf -- Human Rights Activist, National Organizer, Rap Artist, Writer

The NAACP local chapter currently is doing powerful work to improve diverse hiring in several key agencies in our community life. It is a strong and respected alliance partner with other social justice groups for advances such as establishment of a Citizens Review Board for local police. Additionally our NAACP encourages gifted young students of color with recognition and scholarships. The NAACP's annual Freedom Fund Banquet raises funds for the work. Come to celebrate current achievements and plans of this group that quietly is doing much for B-N.

Ellen Culpepper has tickets which are \$50 per person. Call or text Ellen to order 309-750-2549.

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Michael W. Smith is coming to Normal's Braden Auditorium on the ISU Campus on Saturday, September 23rd at 7:00pm! Opening act will be Grayson | Reed (formerly of Mikeschair and City Harbor).

All proceeds go to Midwest Food Bank.

Tickets are available at: Braden Box Office, All Ticketmaster outlets, or order by phone at 800-745-3000.

This concert is brought by Fan the Flame Christian Concerts, for more information, contact Randy or Ann Anderson 309-838-4125 or go to [www.fanthe flame christian concerts.org](http://www.fanthe flame christian concerts.org).

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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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## 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.

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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

“...Jesus did not advocate non-violence merely as a technique for outwitting the enemy, but as a just means of opposing the enemy in such a way as to hold open the possibility of the enemy's becoming just as well. Both sides must win. We are summoned to pray for our enemies' transformation, and to respond to ill-treatment with a love that not only is godly but also, I am convinced, can only be found in God.”

**Walter Wink, Jesus and Nonviolence: A Third Way**

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## Building Use

Ropp Reunion

July 29

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## Today's Chuckle



A tired minister was at home resting, and through the window he saw a woman approaching his door. She was one of those too-talkative people, and he was not anxious to talk with her. He said to his wife, "I'll just duck upstairs and wait until she goes away."

An hour passed, then he tiptoed to the stair landing and listened ... not a sound. He was very pleased, so he started down calling loudly to his wife, "Well, My Dear, did you get rid of that old bore at last?"

The next moment he heard the voice of the same woman caller, and she couldn't possibly have missed hearing him. Two steps down, he saw them both staring up at him. It seemed truly a crisis moment.

The quick-thinking minister's wife answered, "Yes, Dear, she went away over an hour ago. But Mrs. Jones has come to call in the meantime, and I'm sure you'll be glad to greet her."