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MIDWEEK CONNECTION AT MCN

August 2, 2017

Worship with Us this Sunday, August 6

Jan Miller will be giving the sermon, "*Faith, What's It All About?*" The scriptures will be from Mark 10:46-52, and Psalm 40:8-11. Mark tells a wonderful story of faith and the verses from Psalm also speak about faith. The sermon will consider a blind beggar's faith and our faith. How does it all come about?

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

- *Gerlof Homan's shunt surgery for hydrocephalus.
- *Paul Watkins as he begins eight weeks of radiation.
- *Bennie Brown as he fights an infection during his continued recovery.
- *Leah Roeschley's friend Leanne for her father's health, and her husband's recovery.
- *Deb and Aaron Hickman as Aaron travels to see his birth mother and grandmother for an extended visit.
- *Stephanie Nester's surgery on August 7th. Pray for healing and a healthy recovery.
- *Bloomington City Council as they start a civilian review board.

Condolences

- *Kevin Lee's mother Bonnie Lee passed away Tuesday night, July 25th.

This Week At 805 S Cottage

- Thurs Aug 3 Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am
Faith Formation Seminar 1:30 pm
- Sun Aug 6 Pre-Service Prayer 9:00 am
Worship (Communion) 9:30 am
Christian Education for Children 10:45 am
Blood Pressures Taken 10:45 am
Christian Education for Adults 11:00 am
Film-making with a Purpose – Quinn Wilson Program 6:00 pm
- Tues Aug 8 Wellness Committee 5:30 pm
Church Board 6:30 pm
- Wed Aug 9 Peace & Justice Committee 5:00 pm
- Thurs Aug 10 Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am
Youth Ministry Committee 6:00 pm
Intergenerational Worship 7:00 pm



Serving This Sunday

Greeters	South: Mike & Stephanie Company West: Marcia Rossi
Welcome Table	Aldine Combs
Ushers	David Voegtlin & Eric Miller, Paul & Mary Ann Watkins
Sermon	Jan Miller
Worship Leader	Holly Zehr
Song Leader	Wayne Hochstetler
Scripture	Jan Miller
Children's Time	Pastor Matt Hickman
Accompanist	Dorothy Loepf
Technology	Rick Harnish
Toddler Nursery	Courtney Yoder
Preschool Nursery	Carrie Fisher



Birthdays and Anniversaries



Marjie Baum 8/7
Kristy Hoffmann 8/9
Linda Kettering 8/10
Ruth Haney 8/12

Happy 13th anniversary to Aimee & Zizi Loso on August 7
Happy 41st anniversary to Mark & Jane Roeschley on August 7
Happy 41st anniversary to Rick & Connie Satchwell on August 7
Happy 43rd anniversary to Steve & Deb Stenger on August 10
Happy 55th anniversary to Lotus & Judy Hershberger on August 11
Happy 10th anniversary to Phil & Kristy Hoffmann on August 11
Happy 50th anniversary to Lotus Gail & Nancy Fisher on August 12



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.



Intergenerational Worship: The youth musicians are hosting a time of contemporary worship for all ages on Thursday, August 10th from 7-8. Whether this style is new or familiar, we hope you will worship with us! Contact Alena Culbertson, Lydia Hedberg, or Wesley Hershberger with any questions.



Camp Menno Haven Sunday

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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!



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>



“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/>

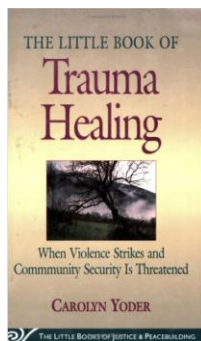
Buy your tickets now to reserve your early, priority seating. Tickets will be \$20 at the door.

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



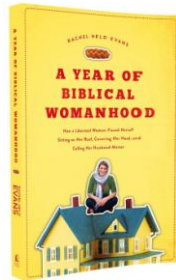
Trauma & Healing Sunday School Class, Sept 10-Nov 19

This class will help participants identify types of trauma, its effects, and steps for coping and healing.

Participants will also hear stories from those who have experienced trauma and organizations in the community that help trauma survivors. Interested participants need to purchase, "The Little Book of Trauma Healing." It may be ordered online (\$4.66) at <https://www.amazon.com/Little-Book-Trauma-Healing-Peacebuilding/dp/1561485071>



Pastor Jane Roeschley's current term as Associate Pastor will expire soon. Based on the recent congregational evaluation of Jane's ministry the Church Board unanimously and enthusiastically recommends that the congregation extend to Jane another call for 5 years. According to our constitution this calls for congregational action. That vote is scheduled for August 27, at the end of the morning worship service. If anyone has a question about this process, please talk with Wayne Hochstetler, Congregational Chairperson, or any of the 6 Church Board members.



Missing Library Book

The library copy of Rachel Held Evan's A Year of Biblical Womanhood is missing. Please, if you have the book, return it ASAP as there has been a request to borrow it!

Thank you,
Your MCN Librarians



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

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



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.



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.fantheblamechristianconcerts.org.



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

“God does not love some ideal person, but rather human beings just as we are, not some ideal world, but rather the real world.”

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *Meditations on the Cross*

Today's Chuckle



A man opens an outdoor stall to sell bagels and puts up a sign, "50 cents each." A jogger runs past and puts 50 cents into the bucket but doesn't take a bagel. The next day, he does the same thing. For weeks and then months, this goes on.

One day, as he's jogging past, the owner joins step with him. The jogger laughs and says, "I know why you're here. You want to know why I always put money in the bucket and never take a bagel."

"No," says the owner, "not that. I just want to tell you that the bagels have gone up to 60 cents."