



Camp Menno Haven Sunday is this Sunday, August 13th. There is no worship planned for 805 S. Cottage this Sunday.



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MIDWEEK CONNECTION AT MCN

August 9, 2017

Worship with Us this Sunday, August 13

Menno Haven Sunday Worship

There will be no service at 805 S. Cottage Ave. this Sunday! Worship at Camp Menno Haven will start at 10:00 am. The scriptures will be various readings from the Psalms which emphasize God's creative and sustaining power. The meditation time will be open-mic sharing of experiences of God at camp; stories could involve people, nature, or programs, among other topics.

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 on Aug. 9. We also pray for Roelie and their family.

*Bennie Brown as he returns home for a continued recovery.

*Mark Nielson's mother as she has angiogram and stents procedures.

*Harold Thorley, Pastor Jane's father, who was hospitalized last week, and is now home recovering from a large blood clot in the leg.

*Crystal as she relocates here from Kentucky and seeks guidance.

*Stephanie Nester's recovery from surgery.

*Cindy Ropp's niece and family as one of her newborn twins receives emergency care for a low platelet count.

*Lynette and Darrel Miller's daughter Elizabeth and her family as they prepare to serve a five year term with MCC in Columbia. Pray that they get the two visas needed for their daughters to also travel with them.

*Lydia Wilson as she prepares to return to Spain and work with En Vivo.

*The En Vivo campus house ministry as students whom may be apprehensive about Christianity are asked to give En Vivo a chance.

This Week At 805 S Cottage

- Thurs Aug 10 Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am
Youth Ministry Committee 6:00 pm
Intergenerational Worship 7:00 pm
- Sun Aug 13 Worship at Camp Menno Haven 10:00 am
- Mon Aug 14 Christian Education Committee 6:30 pm
- Tues Aug 15 Worship Committee 5:00 pm
- Wed Aug 16 Pastoral Council 6:30 pm
- Thurs Aug 17 Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am
Outreach Committee 5:00 pm



Birthdays and Anniversaries



Marge Nester 8/19
Ron Ropp 8/19

Happy 24th anniversary to Doug Valverde and Joanna Oyer on August 14
Happy 20th anniversary to David and Abby Warfel on August 16



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.



“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



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!



Youth Happenings

This Saturday: Sr High painting project at Northwest Neighborhood Community Center (off Lee St., just south of Seminary Ave.). They will apply a second-coat of paint to the future computer lab. Many thanks to MCN's Mike Evans for his invaluable help.

August 20: End of summer youth cookout

September 10: Mennonite Colleges Fair at MCN. Reps will get to know our kids and kids from area youth groups.

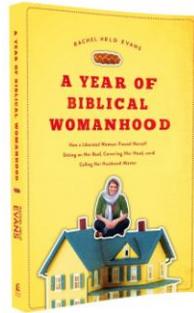
September 17: 2017-2018 regular, Sunday night youth group meetings begin.



Our trip to purchase quilts for the church donation to the 2018 Illinois Mennonite Relief Sale was successful. We purchased 15 completed quilts, and one quilt top for the Mennonite Women to complete. Larry and Louise Reeser, Gerry Schrock, and Deanna Mosier, were there at the sale to choose the quilts. We will begin to display the quilts at church in January.

A big thank you to all who donated funds for the purchase of the quilts. Money from sale of these quilts will go to MCC for food around the world, and to local food pantries.

Larry and Louise Reeser



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



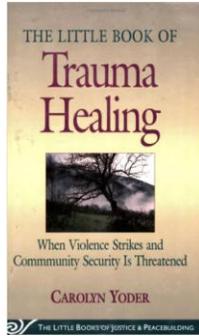
Enjoy the Church Lawn

Brown-Eyed Susans (*Rudbeckia triloba*) are giving a stunning display of tiny, yellow, daisy-like flowers in the rain garden. Each day, Purple Martins (*Progne subis*) and several species of dragonflies sweep through the large open space above the lawn. The appearance of Purple Martins here is a new occurrence. Large, orange-and-black wasps called Cicada Killers (*Sphecius speciosus*) buzz around areas of open dirt. They may look menacing and fly close to people, but they are largely docile if ignored. These wasps kill cicadas, carry them up to a high place and glide with their prey down to their nest tunnel. The cicadas provide shelter and food for developing wasp larvae.



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 you know you will be absent August 27, you may receive an absentee ballot from the church office, to be returned

prior to August 27. If anyone has a question about this process, please talk with Wayne Hochstetler, Congregational Chairperson, or any of the 6 Church Board members.



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>



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



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.fantheflamechristianconcerts.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

"You weren't an accident. You weren't mass produced. You aren't an assembly-line product. You were deliberately planned, specifically gifted, and lovingly positioned on the Earth by the Master Craftsman."

Max Lucado



Building Use

Wild Ones

August 14, 5:30 pm

Today's Chuckle



If ants are such busy workers, how come they find time to go to all the picnics? - Maria Dressler

Wanna go on a picnic? Alpaca lunch.

What do you call someone who is afraid of picnics? A basket case!

What did the pig say at the beach on a hot summer's day? I'm bacon!