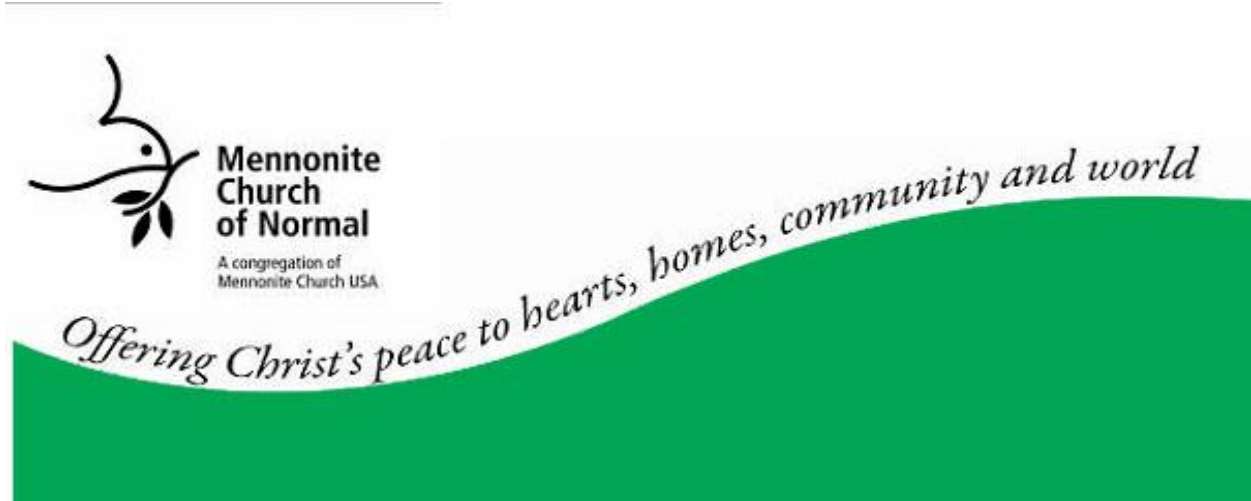


Help spread the word to area Youth!

Mennonite Colleges & University Fair, September 10

5:00 pm @ Mennonite Church of Normal



MIDWEEK CONNECTION AT MCN

August 16, 2017

Worship with Us this Sunday, August 20

The sermon title is *To See Over the Horizon* and the Scripture is Matthew 15:21-28. Pastor Tim Schrag comments, "This text seems to invite us to consider the theologically scandalous possibility, that Jesus actually did 'grow' in wisdom, and here is a key moment of him 'stretching' his horizons. (cf Luke 2:52)"

Prayers

Please pray for

- *Pastor Matt Hickman began cardiac rehabilitation this week; pray for recovery.
- *Gerlof and Roelie Homan as Gerlof recovers from shunt surgery for hydrocephalus.
- *Bennie and Esther Brown as Bennie continues to recover.
- *Duane and Stephanie Nester as Stephanie continues to recover from surgery and the family awaits results.
- *Sue Byler's brother, and Deb Hickman's great-uncle, Richard who suffered a stroke and is in hospice.
- *Suzie Lane spouse of Jennifer Dyck (Wilma Dyck's daughter and Mary Dyck's sister), has ALS that is rapidly progressing.
- *For the work of Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS).
- *That the supremacy of God would overtake white supremacy.
- *Concern for the poor and homeless in our community.

We give thanks for

- *For Meredith Satchwell's safe experience on and return from Goshen College Study-Service-Term in Peru.

This Week At 805 S Cottage

- Wed Aug 16 Peace and Justice Committee 5:00 pm
Pastoral Council 6:30 pm
- Thurs Aug 17 Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am
Outreach Committee 5:00 pm
- Sun Aug 20 Pre-Service Prayer 9:00 am
Worship 9:30 am
Christian Education for Children 10:45 am
Christian Education for Adults 11:00 am
Child Protection Meeting 12:00 pm
- Thurs Aug 24 Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am



Serving This Sunday

Greeters	South: David & Abby Warfel West: Terry Wiebenga
Welcome Table	Gail Fisher
Ushers	Frank & Lisa Jablonski Andrew & Ben Jablonski
Sermon	Pastor Tim Schrag
Worship Leader	Marge Weaver
Song Leader	Barry Weaver
Scripture	JB Ponnou-Delaffon
Children's Time	Melika Hershberger
Accompanist	Chris Culbertson
Technology	Rick Harnish
Toddler Nursery	Miriam Kennell
Preschool Nursery	Duane & Stephanie Nester



Birthdays and Anniversaries



Dave Zehr 8/22
Deanna Moshier 8/23

Happy 40th anniversary to Tim and Sue Schrag on August 20
Happy 47th anniversary to Joe and Ellen Culpepper on August 23
Happy 61st anniversary to Ron and Jo Ropp on August 26



This Sunday

Parents of 3rd - 5th graders: You're invited to a parent meeting today (Sunday, August 20th) during the Sunday School hour in the 3rd - 5th grade classroom. You'll get an overview of your child's class, meet other parents, and give some input on your child. If you have any questions, see Chris Culbertson.

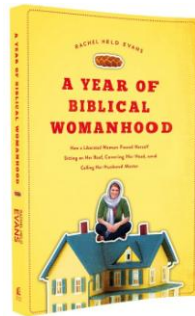


Youth Happenings

This Sunday, 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.



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,

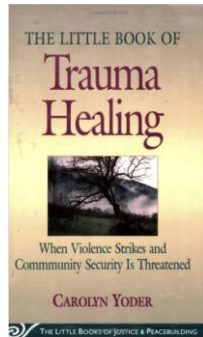
Your MCN Librarians



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.



A little reminder: D. Paul Miller will be 100 on August 30th. You are invited to celebrate with him at Westminster Village on August 26th from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served in the Social Center. We would love to have you join us! Your presence would be your gift to him. He would love you see you there! Brenda, Rich and Don



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.fantheblamechristianconcerts.org.



MDS Trip, Greenbrier, West Virginia, October 15-21

Join in housing rehab following serious flooding in the Greenbrier, WV community with a group of volunteers from Joliet that Gerry Schrock worked with when she was in Greenbrier this summer. She says they are "a lot of fun". We will be a joint Joliet-Normal group (15 is group max) for the week of October 15-21. See more info about Greenbrier at <https://mds.mennonite.net/volunteer-opportunity/greenbrier-county-wv/> To sign up or ask further questions: see Pastor Jane.



Restorative Practices Seminar: One Day Overview, Thursday, October 19, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm Regional Office of Education, 200 W Front St, Bloomington.

Kevin Jones, presenter. This seminar explores the fundamental principles, philosophy, theories, practices, models and skills of restorative practices. Participants will assess the role of human emotion, especially shame, in social relationships. Special emphasis will be placed on proactive and responsive circles, restorative conferencing and the informal application of these processes. Issues critical to the development of restorative practices, such as models of human interaction, theories of behavior and current research will be considered. Fee covered by the MCN Lay Ministries Fund.



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

“For Mother Teresa, love is only of use if it is seen in action. Her famous words are: “Do ordinary things with extraordinary love: little things like caring for the sick and the homeless, the lonely and the unwanted, washing and cleaning for them.” And, “You must give what will cost you something.” Her creed—call it her Shema—is simple: The fruit of silence is prayer. The fruit of prayer is faith. The fruit of faith is love. The fruit of love is service. The fruit of service is peace.”

Scot McKnight, *The Jesus Creed: Loving God, Loving Others*



Building Use

Head Start Staff Training

August 16 -18, 8:00 - 4:00

HAAQG Sewing Day

August 19, 8:00 am

Music Recording

August 19, 5:30 pm

Today's Chuckle



Today a man knocked on my door and asked for a small donation toward the local swimming pool. So I gave him a glass of water.

It was so hot that the catfish were already fried when we caught them.

When you see a heat wave, do you wave back?

It was so hot the other day that I thought I heard a fire hydrant whistling for a dog.

How do heat lamps communicate? - The Lampost

Why do bananas use sunscreen? - Because they peel.