



MIDWEEK CONNECTION AT MCN

February 21, 2018

Worship with Us this Sunday, February 25

The sermon title is "Pathways from the Past" and the Scripture is Psalm 22: 23-31; Genesis 17:1-7;15-16; Romans 4:16-17. Pastor Tim Schrag, "We unconsciously 'inherit' so much of our patterned behavior from the past. One ancient 'bequest' for all generations was the blessing and vision of Abraham. How alive and relevant is this?"

Hymns this Sunday

We Sing to You, O God - STJ 1
The God of Abraham Praise - HWB 162
Sing With All the Saints in Glory - STS 92
We give thanks unto you - HWB 161

Prayers

Please pray for

- *Pastor Jane Roeschley's mother, Jan Thorley who fell Sunday and had a partial hip replacement Monday.
- *Mary Engel as she recovers from Shingles.
- *Jo and Ron Ropp as Jo will be recovering from pneumonia with rehab at McLean County Nursing Home.
- *Steve and Deb Stenger's grandson Grant, recovering from RSV in Kansas City.

We give thanks for

- *Deborah Spacek's move to Kindred Hospital in Peoria, for continued post-surgery recovery.
- *Dick and Marjie's granddaughter Rachel was able to return home after several months in the hospital recovering after a car accident.

This Week At 805 S Cottage

Thur Feb 22 Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am

Sun Feb 25
Pre-Service Prayer 9:00 am
Worship 9:30 am
Christian Education for Children 10:45 am
Christian Education for Adults 11:00 am
JMYF and MYF Youth Groups 5:00 pm
Junior Choir 6:00 pm
Youth Choir 6:45 pm
Adult Choir 7:30 pm



Tues Feb 27 Financial Stewardship 4:30 pm

Thur Mar 1 Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am

Serving This Sunday

Greeters	South: Mike & Stephanie Company West: Lois Hochstetler
Welcome Table	Julie Musselman
Ushers	Darvis, Shelly, Jonah, Evan, & Emma King
Sermon	Pastor Tim Schrag
Worship Leader	Nathan Miller
Song Leader	Wayne Hochstetler
Scripture	Nathan Miller
Children's Time	Shelly King
Accompanist	Dorothy Loepf
Technology	Rick Harnish
Toddler Nursery	Spring Neely
Preschool Nursery	Lucy Unzicker



Birthdays and Anniversaries



Bess Desch 2/27
Marjorie Kasongo 2/28
Lorene Busenitz 3/1
Loren Moshier 3/1
Hannah Brown 3/2
Bryce Nester 3/2
Lily Driscoll 3/3
Jeremy Haab 3/3



Surprise Luncheons This Sunday February 25

If you signed up to be a host, you will have received the names of your guests by now. You will be providing pizza crust, sauce, cheese and some games. If you signed up to be a guest, remember to bring a pizza toppings and a game. You will receive the name and address of your host in your mailbox on Sunday. Any questions? Call Lois Hostetler or Terry Wiebenga.



Join First Mennonite Church of Morton for a great night of music!

The Internationally known "[Ball Brothers](#)" Christian quartet will be in concert at First Mennonite Church 250 S Baltimore Ave. Morton, IL on Saturday, March 3rd 6:00 PM.

Tickets are \$10.

For more information or to purchase tickets call (309) 266-7591 or email gknee@mtco.com.



Summer Brochures Are Hot Off The Press!

Please find them on the entry table if you would like one. They can also be found on the Menno Haven website.

The theme this year is "Kingdom Mysteries Revealed!" The early registration deadline is March 13th, so register soon! If you have questions, you can contact Kenny at program@mennohaven.com.



60th Anniversary Illinois Mennonite Relief Sale

March 16-17 @ Interstate Center, Bloomington

Sign up sheets, supplies and information available starting this Sunday.

Please checkout tables in atrium area and signup to be a volunteer. Everyone can play a part to promote and assist with this sale for the purpose of alleviating suffering at home and abroad. Money from the sale is used to provide help for people in need locally, nationally and to 54 countries around the world.

Needed: helpers to bake shoofly pies on Friday morning, March 16.

Contact Deb Stenger (309) 826-0332 or Gerry Schrock (309) 452-7345 if interested or for questions.



Midwest Food Bank Volunteer Opportunities

March 22 or May 11 or August 20

6pm - 8pm each day

Come join us in a fun evening of service to others at Midwest Food Bank! Anyone 10 yrs or older is welcome. We are limited to 20 individuals for each date. Sign up at [Signup Genius](#) or contact the church office.

Save the Date



MCN Family Fun Nights 2018

Come and experience

Wind and Waves with us!

When? Friday Nights April 13, 20 and 27
from 5:15 to 7:15

Where? At the Mennonite Church of Normal

What do I bring? Your family and friends
All ages are welcome. There will be a variety of activities geared towards Pre-K through middle schoolers

What happens? We'll eat supper together (provided by the church) and experience wind and waves through worship, Bible stories and hands on activities and experiments

Questions? Contact the church office or Chris Culbertson at chrisculbertson22@gmail.com



Meals for Northwest Neighborhood Community Center

Northwest Neighborhood Community Center (NNCC) serves meals to approximately 40 families on Tuesdays and 65 families on Thursdays. They are in need of volunteers to prepare and serve the food. The prep time begins between 3:30 and 4 pm, depending on the meal. Midwest Food Bank provides the food; it just needs to be prepared in the NNCC kitchen. Please consider if you might be available for a one-time commitment to prepare and serve a meal on any of the open dates listed on [this link](#). Other options for providing food include donating money for the cost of a meal, or providing a meal from a local restaurant or caterer and delivering it on a

selected date. Please continue to keep NNCC in your prayers as its work takes root in this community. Contact Sarah Tunall at Sarah.Tunall@nncc.org or Amy Reiman at a.reiman98@gmail.com for more information.



Jobs Partnership
Offering a helping hand



Returning Citizens Care Kits, Co-Sponsored by Peace & Justice and Outreach Committees

We are collecting Returning Citizens Care Kits for persons returning to our community from prison. Kits for men and/or women are needed to be shared with Jobs Partnership and Labyrinth Outreach Services, two organizations in our community offering reintegration services to persons formerly incarcerated. Gently used backpacks or small duffle bags are also needed in which to pack the kits. Bring to the red tub in the atrium, or a donation may be made to MCN, for use by the Outreach Committee, to purchase the items on your behalf. Contributing partial kits, or just some of the items, is more than OK.

Returning Citizen Care Kit - Men (New Items Only)

- 1 bottle of lotion (maximum 13-24 oz.)
- 1 bottle of shampoo (minimum 12 oz.)
- 1 large bar of soap (minimum 4 oz.)
- 1 tube of toothpaste (minimum 6 oz.)
- 1 toothbrush
- 1 disposable razor
- 1 small package of Q-tips
- 1 deodorant (minimum 2.25 oz.)
- 1 pair of underwear (briefs)*
- 1 pair of crew socks*
- 1 crewneck t-shirt*

*Note: Clothing items must be new and are accepted in two sizes: men's large and extra large. Please choose one of these sizes and purchase underwear, socks and t-shirts in the same size.

Returning Citizen Care Kit - Women (New items only)

- 1 bottle of lotion (maximum 13-24 oz.)
- 1 bottle of shampoo (minimum 12 oz.)
- 1 large bar of soap (minimum 4 oz.)
- 1 tube of toothpaste (minimum 6 oz.)
- 1 toothbrush
- 1 package of sanitary pads (18-24 count thin maxi)
- 1 package of hair ties
- 1 disposable razor
- 1 small package of Q-tips
- 1 deodorant (minimum 2.25 oz.)
- 1 pair of crew socks*
- 1 pair of underwear (briefs)*
- 1 crewneck t-shirt*

*Note: Clothing items must be new and are accepted in two sizes: women's large and extra large. Please choose one of these sizes and purchase underwear, socks and t-shirts in the same size.



Partners in Healing

MCN has been asked to pray for the Medical-Oncology Specialty Unit at Advocate BroMenn in 2018. Located on 5 West, Advocate BroMenn's 39-bed Medical-Oncology Specialty Unit serves patients with conditions such as congestive heart failure, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, pneumonia, gastrointestinal problems, cancer, open wounds and sickle cell anemia.

The staff, patients and families very much appreciate your prayers. In the coming weeks, more specific prayer requests will be shared.



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

"The will of God will not take us where the grace of God cannot sustain us."

Billy Graham



Building Use

Cantus Novus Choir Rehearsal

February 25, 2:00 pm

HAAQG Board Meeting

March 1, 5:30 pm

Today's Chuckle



Last night I was telling my kids about Jesus calming the storm in Mark 4. I told them how Jesus and the disciples were all in a boat crossing a lake when a storm came up and threatened to sink the craft. Meanwhile, Jesus had fallen asleep in the stern.

So the disciples, fearing for their lives, went back and woke Jesus, hoping he could do something to save them. I said Jesus woke up and said "Quiet..."

To which my son interjected, "I'M TRYING TO SLEEP!"