



MIDWEEK CONNECTION AT MCN

March 28, 2018

## Worship with Us this Sunday, April 1

The sermon is titled, *From Some Light to Sunlight* and the Scripture is John 20:1-18. Pastor Tim Schrag comments, "All four gospel texts of the resurrection will be incorporated into the message. You are encouraged to read them for yourself." Communion will be served.

### Hymns this Sunday

Christ the Lord is Risen Today - HWB 280  
Lift Your Glad Voices - HWB 275  
Sing with all the Saints in Glory - STS 92  
Be Present at Our Table, Lord - HWB 457  
Taste and See (chorus only) - STJ 86  
Eat This Bread - HWB 471  
I am the Bread of Life - HWB 472  
Praise God From Whom - HWB 118

## Prayers

### Please pray for

\*Aldine Combs as she is now living at Westminster Village, 225 E Lincoln #3308, Bloomington, IL 61701. Lloyd Combs is at the Martin Health Center, 225 E Lincoln #C130, Bloomington, IL 61701. Please add these to your Directories.

## This Week At 805 S Cottage

Thur Mar 29

Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am  
Maundy Thursday Service 6:30 pm



Fri Mar 30	Contemporary Good Friday Service 7:00 pm
Sat Mar 31	Blood Drive 8:00 am - noon Nathan Miller Eagle Scout Reception 3:00 pm
Sun Apr 1	Easter Breakfast 8:00 am Pre-Service Prayer 9:00 am Worship 9:30 am Blood Pressures Taken 10:45 am
Thur Apr 5	Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am MEDA Gathering 7:00 pm

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## Serving This Sunday



Greeters	Emmanuel & Tania Kasongo
Welcome Table	West: Joe Culpepper
Ushers	Hazel Yoder
Sermon	Lotus, Ross, & Wesley Hershberger,
Worship Leader	Tshitshi & Jeremie Tshiseleka
Song Leader	Pastor Tim Schrag
Scripture	Pastor Jane Roeschley
Children's Time	Wayne Hochstetler
Accompanist	Adam Reiman & Emma King
Technology	Shelly King
Toddler Nursery	Dorothy Loepp
Preschool Nursery	Adam Augspurger
	Miriam Kennell
	Holly Zehr

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## Birthdays and Anniversaries



Ruby Brandon 4/1  
Phil Dick 4/6  
Denise Hedberg 4/6

Happy 52<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary to Roger and Linda Clemmons April 2  
Happy 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to Paul and Mary Ann Watkins April 7



What exciting news it is to share with you that at this time the gross income for our 60th Anniversary Illinois

Mennonite Relief Sale is now over \$250,000.00. Final figures for the gross and net incomes will be available later. We are deeply grateful to God for His faithfulness and many blessings; and to God we give all praise, admiration, and glory. Also our 2018 Illinois Relief Sale Board wishes to express sincere thanks to all who assisted and participated in the 60th Anniversary Relief Sale on March 16 & 17. Our theme of "60 Years of Relief Sale Ministry" was demonstrated as large crowds enjoyed chicken/fish dinners on Friday night and pancakes and sausage breakfasts on Saturday. In addition, the Board sincerely thanks everyone who supported the auction and many booth areas and those who generously gave cash contributions. Again this year 80 percent of the net will be channeled through Mennonite Central Committee (MCC), a relief and service agency in Akron, Pennsylvania, serving the under-privileged in America and in 56 countries of the world. Twenty percent of the net will be distributed to Central Illinois organizations who provide food for the needy. The Sale Board will deeply appreciate your continued partnership, support, and prayers for Relief Sale activities, MCC, and the recipients of funds in our continuous outreach ministry to alleviate suffering.

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### Lilies

The Worship Committee will be placing lilies at the front of the church this Sunday. If you would like to take one home, or to your neighbor or someone who can't be here, please do so. A suggested donation of \$5 should be marked as Flower Donation and placed in the offering plate or the church office.

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### Office Change

The Parish Nurse's office is now located in the center office between Pastor Tim and Pastor Jane's offices. The section of the Prayer Room that was the Parish Nurse's office is now Chris Culbertson's (Children's Ministry Leader) office. Supplies for Children's Christian Education are located in the cupboards there. Thanks for Lee Hertzler for helping with the signage.

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The church office is looking for good, recent pictures of MCN'ers in worship and/or activities to put on the "slider" pictures on the MCN website. They should be in jpg format. Please send by email to

[officemanager@normalmennonite.org](mailto:officemanager@normalmennonite.org).

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David and Gabriella Harnish are looking for referrals or recommendations for in-home daycare providers. Either in Bloomington-Normal or anywhere north of Bloomington as far as Flanagan. They are looking for somewhere that would accept an infant part-time as of April 1. Please email Gabriella with ideas at [gabriellamh@gmail.com](mailto:gabriellamh@gmail.com).

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Free Range Chicken Eggs for sale at the Ron Ropp Homestead. \$3.00 a dozen. Call Julie at 309-452-5480 if interested.

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### Meals for Deborah

We now have the opportunity to help collaborate in Deborah's ongoing return to strength by providing her with noon meals for weekends. **There is an immediate need for this weekend!** Lois Hochstetler will be able to help guide you if you have questions. We may well extend this to beyond three weeks, but this is the request for now. Visits are also very welcome. Please call Deborah to arrange a good time.

**Directory Edit:** Deborah's correct apartment number is 807.

To sign up to bring a meal, just go to [this Signup Genius link](#) and sign up. It's that simple!

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### Holy (Maundy) Thursday Service

Thursday, March 29, 6:30 pm

Come worship with us. This service includes scriptures, prayer, quiet music, Communion and the voluntary opportunity to practice foot washing.

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### Contemporary Good Friday Service

March 30, at 7pm

Jesus' death on the cross is the ultimate expression of love, and we have many ways to acknowledge this gift. Join us at 7 pm for about 45 minutes of youth-led contemporary worship music interlaced with non-traditional reflections on love and the cross as we prepare for Easter.

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### Mennonite Church Blood Drive

Saturday, March 31 from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm

For appointments please call the church office or click [here to schedule](#).

Walk-In's welcome!

Bring a photo ID or your blood donor card, or two other forms of ID.

You can save up to 15 minutes when you donate blood by using RapidPass! Visit [redcrossblood.org/RapidPass](http://redcrossblood.org/RapidPass) for more information.

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## Eagle Scout Ceremony

Nathan Miller has earned the Eagle Scout rank and will have his Eagle Scout Court of Honor on Saturday, March 31, 3:00pm at the Mennonite Church of Normal. Reception following ceremony. All are invited.

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## MCN Easter Breakfast

Everyone is invited to come early to church on Easter Sunday for our traditional Easter Breakfast. This is always a joyous time of greeting church friends and visiting family. Serving is scheduled from 8:00 to 8:45 a.m. Please RSVP below and also see where you might sign up to help with set up or clean up, and/or to bring a breakfast casserole or breakfast bread (coffee cake, muffins, cinnamon rolls, etc.) Everything else will be provided. Serving will begin promptly at 8:00 a.m. [Click here for the SignUpGenius Link](#). Signup sheets are also on the bulletin board in the Atrium, or see Gerry Schrock to sign up or with questions.

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## Mennonite Economic Development Associates (MEDA) Gathering

Thursday, April 5 at 7:00 pm

You're invited to an [Inside MEDA event](#) hosted by Eric and Chellie Miller at the Mennonite Residential Community Building at 7:00 pm. Come to enjoy light snacks, and each other's company, as we hear stories from the Millers' visit to MiCredito in Nicaragua, Bethany Nussbaum's trip to Myanmar, and experience a day in the life of a MEDA farmer.

Please RSVP, text or call, to Eric (309.831.6585) or Chellie (309.212.2408) by Wed, April 4.

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## Personnel Policy Task Force

The Church Board is forming a Task Force to assist in forming personnel policies for the congregation. This Personnel Policy Task Force already has two representatives from the Church Board; we would like to have several other persons on the Task Force as well. If you are interested, please submit your name, along with the strengths, perspectives, and experience you bring with you, to Wayne Hochstetler at [hochwayne@icloud.com](mailto:hochwayne@icloud.com), by April 6. Thank you.

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## Women's Retreat @ Menno Haven Camp and Retreat Center

April 6 - 8, 2018. Featuring speaker Pastor Jane Roeschley.

Re-walk a most ancient of spiritual pathways: that we are born blessed and beloved, that we are invited to conversion and transformation through encounters with Jesus, and that God works in the world through us as we are, and as we are becoming.

Come expecting to hear stories, learn about a powerful tool for spiritual transformation, engage in creative reflection activities, and prepare to live your calling with God in the world.

[Read more...](#)

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## Join us for Menno Haven's Spring Work Day

Rescheduled to Saturday, April 7 to ready to campus for guest groups and the summer camp season! Come for a day of fun, fellowship, and teamwork. For more information, see the flyer on the camp bulletin board, or call Menno Haven at 815-646-4344. If you can't make it on March 24, call Menno Haven to have your own personal work day.

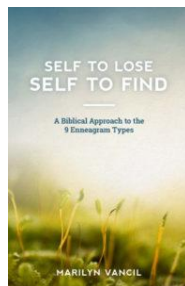
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## Family Fun Nights 2018!

Come and enjoy supper, singing, Bible stories and hands on activities with your church family. All ages are welcome - supper and nursery are provided. Don't miss experiencing Wind and Waves with us on Fridays April 13, 20, and 27 from 5:30 - 7:30.

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## New Adult Sunday School Class

**Intro to the Enneagram: A Tool for Spiritual Formation** is a 5 class series from April 15-May 27. Learn more about this ancient tool for insight that helps us understand our core gracious gift and our besetting fear, both of

which can *help us grow* in our relationship with God, ourselves and others. Richard Rohr is one of the contemporary Christianity's biggest proponents of the Enneagram. We will be using the book, *Self to Lose, Self to Find* by Marilyn Vancil (cost \$16, which can be paid to the church office.) To register, contact Pastor Jane.

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## New Lifetouch Picture Directory

To make our directory a success we need a few volunteers. Lauren Satchwell is coordinating the volunteers for our new directory. If you are interested in helping during our photography sign-ups, or serving as a host or hostess during the actual photography sessions, contact Lauren at (309-830-6827) or call the church office.

Schedule Your Appointment [Here](#)  
or Schedule your appointment through the church office!

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## Tom Neilson in Concert

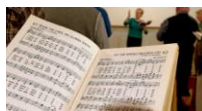
Friday April 20th at 7 p.m.

Come hear the music of Tom Neilson, a folk artist combining music with satire and social commentary. Touching on issues as varied as the environment, unjust corporate privilege, racial justice, and peace, his music has been called "creative and compelling," "raucous satire and quick wit," and "thoughtful."

Plan to come hear him at the Mennonite Church of Normal, located at 805 Cottage Ave. Donations will be taken at the door- everyone in our community is welcome to attend.

[Find out more](#)  
[Hear Tom's music](#)

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## Regional Hymn Sing

Let your voice resonate! Join a regional hymn sing at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, May 6 at Mennonite Church of Normal, for a glimpse into the work of the Mennonite Worship and Song Committee. The new hymnal is projected for release in 2020. Bradley Kauffman, general editor for the new hymnal, will lead the singing of your heartsongs, as well as introduce new music being considered for the collection. After the hymn sing there will be an informal reception with refreshments where Bradley will answer questions. An offering will be received to support the production phase of the new collection. An opportunity to honor a loved one with a line in the hymnal will be presented. Come add your voice in sharing hopes and dreams for a new hymnal as we sing praise to God! For more information contact Steve Carpenter at (540) 908-3933 or [SteveC@MennoMedia.org](mailto:SteveC@MennoMedia.org)

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**Midwest Food Bank Volunteer Opportunities**

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.

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## First Impressions: Connecting Your Congregation & Community in the Digital Age

Roanoke Mennonite Church is hosting this training by Dustin Wyse-Fisher, on Saturday, May 12, from 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

MCN would like to have representation at this training. Let the church office know if you are interested in going.

People used to form a first impression of your church when they walked through the doors on Sunday morning.

Now they do it with a google search. What they discover about your church on the web will form their first impression of your church.

Will they encounter a clear and consistent message? Will they be able to sense the kind of community you are by what they see, read, and hear?

[READ MORE](#)

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## 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 who serve or need the services very much appreciate your prayers. In the coming weeks, more specific prayer requests will be shared.

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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

"Because of the empty tomb, we have peace. Because of His resurrection, we can have peace during even the most troubling of times because we know He is in control of all that happens in the world."

Paul Chappell

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## Building Use

HAAQG Retreat

April 5, 5:30 pm

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## Today's Chuckle



### Why the Easter Bunny Brings Eggs

Big tax write-off.

Who ever heard of Easter Bricks?

Consider all of the varieties: scrambled, over easy, hard boiled.

He gets a good deal from the local chickens.

Secret plan to eliminate human race by cholesterol overdose.

Pressure from the Egg Marketing Board.

Because if it brought bottle rockets it would be the Independence Bunny.

Would you want to hunt for waffles?

Because the Energizer Rabbit got the good job.