



MIDWEEK CONNECTION AT MCN

April 4, 2018

Worship with Us this Sunday, April 8

The sermon is titled, *Active Waiting After Easter* and the Scripture is Acts 1:4-14. Pastor Tim Schrag comments, "The particulars vary of each 'Easter' in our lives. Our experiences of resurrection in our lives are unique. Might it be, however, that what they have in common is 'active waiting' for the next steps to become clear?"

Hymns this Sunday

- O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing! - HWB 274
- Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing! - HWB 278
- Jesus Came—The Heavens Adoring (v.1-4) - HWB 297
- My Hope is Build on Nothing Less - HWB 343
- "Seeds" Sending Song

Prayers

Please pray for

- * Cindy Ropp's niece is having a trak put in this week.
- * Deborah Spacek who would benefit from visits.
- * Joanna Oyer's aunt after suffering a stroke.
- * Bev Collin's upcoming biopsy procedure.

Condolences

*We offer condolences to Randy, Holly, Jaron, and Adalyn Zehr. Holly's father, Dr. Robert C. Kurka passed away March 31st. The visitation will be held on Wednesday from 4-7 pm at the chapel at Lincoln Christian University. The funeral will be at 10 am on Thursday, also held at the chapel at LCU.

This Week At 805 S Cottage

Thur Apr 5 Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am
 MEDA Gathering 7:00 pm

Sun Apr 8 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

Mon Apr 9 Mennonite Women 9:30 am

Tues Apr 10 Wellness Committee 5:30 pm
 Church Board 6:30 pm
 Youth Ministry Committee 6:30 pm

Wed Apr 11 Peace & Justice Committee 5:00 pm
 Pastoral Council 6:00 pm

Thur Apr 12 Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am
 Financial Stewardship Committee 4:30 pm

Fri Apr 13 Family Fun Night 5:30 pm



Serving This Sunday

Greeters	Adam & Caleb Augspurger West: Nathan Miller
Welcome Table	Gail Fisher
Ushers	Lauren & Kristen Satchwell Shannon Neely & Terry Wiebenga
Sermon	Pastor Tim Schrag
Worship Leader	Lynette Miller
Song Leader	Cindy Ropp
Scripture	Ruth Haney
Children's Time	Chris Culbertson
Accompanist	Elsa Raab
Technology	Adam Augspurger
Toddler Nursery	Kristen Satchwell
Preschool Nursery	Matt Culbertson



Birthdays and Anniversaries



Joe Haney 4/8
Nathan Valverde 4/10
Lauren Satchwell 4/11
William Sila 4/11
Elfriede Massier 4/12
Lydia Hedberg 4/13
Doris Shoemaker 4/13
Mary Engel 4/14
Caeli Haab 4/14



I have so appreciated all the support that was shown to me during the last month following my surgery. I've received so many wonderful meals, a temporary railing by my garage stairs, a baby monitor to connect mom and me at night, and lots of cards and well wishes! Most importantly, my mother gave up her routine to live at my home for the last month to help me and Claire. All of this support has made me feel loved and supported. Thank you for everything! Mary Dyck



Directory Correction

Aldine Combs as she is now living at Westminster Village, 2025 E Lincoln #3308, Bloomington, IL 61701.
Lloyd Combs is at the Martin Health Center, 2025 E Lincoln #C130, Bloomington, IL 61701.



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!



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

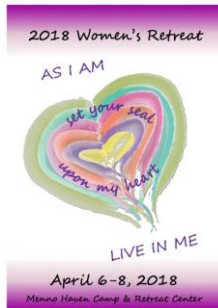
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Please RSVP, text or call, to Eric (309.831.6585) or Chellie (309.212.2408) by Wed, April 4.



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, by April 6. Thank you.



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...](#)



Join us for Menno Haven's Spring Work Day

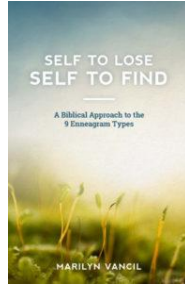
Rescheduled to Saturday, April 7 to ready to campus for guest groups and the summer camp season! Come for a day of fun, fellowship, and teamwork. For more information, see the flyer on the camp bulletin board, or call Menno Haven at 815-646-4344. If you can't make it on March 24, call Menno Haven to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



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. Sign up through [this link](#).



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.



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!



National Healthcare Decisions Day

On Monday, April 16, Advocate Bromenn is sponsoring a free presentation by Ms. Bryant at 7:00 pm in the AB Conference Center. Most of us avoid considering what would happen if we couldn't make healthcare decisions for ourselves. And yet, those situations unfortunately occur every day. Author Hattie Bryant offers tools to minimize the pain, confusion, and disagreements that can arise when healthcare wishes are not clearly stated. All are welcome and the first 75 in attendance will receive a free copy of her book, *"I'll Have it my Way."*



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](#)



MCN Membership Orientation Class

There will be a two-session orientation class for persons interested in considering membership at MCN. Classes will be at 7 pm on Thursday evenings, April 26 and May 3. Persons interested should contact Pastor Schrag.



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



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.



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](#)



Announcement for CDC congregations:

When God calls someone to ministry, a journey begins. Perhaps you are on that journey. Perhaps you are looking for mentors and companions along the way. Central District Conference invites you to join Journey: A Missional Leadership Development Program. This program is for pastors and other congregational leaders who are called without specific training for ministry or who are exploring a call to pastoral ministry. The deadline to apply for fall 2018 is July 17. For more information visit www.ambs.edu/journey or contact your pastor, or Doug Luginbill at confmin@mcusacdc.org or at 574-534-1485.



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.



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 risen life of Jesus is the nourishment and strengthening and blessing and life of a Christian. Our daily experience ought to be that there comes, wavelet by wavelet, that silent, gentle, and yet omnipotent influx into our empty hearts, this very life of Christ Himself. "

Alexander MacLaren



Building Use

HAAQG Retreat

April 5, 5:30 pm

April 6 & 7

Lifetouch Picture Directories

April 11-14

Today's Chuckle



Two paramedics were dispatched to check on a 92-year-old man who had become disoriented. They decided to take him to the hospital for evaluation.

En route, with siren going, they questioned the man to determine his level of awareness. Leaning close, one asked, "Sir, do you know what we're doing right now?"

The old man slowly looked up at him, then gazed out the ambulance window.

"Oh," he replied, "I'd say about 50, maybe 55."