



MIDWEEK CONNECTION AT MCN

April 11, 2018

Worship with Us this Sunday, April 15

The sermon is titled, *Also Participating* and the Scripture is Luke 11:1-13. Rev. Jim Bortell comments, "We will be thinking about Jesus' teaching about prayer in Luke's version of the Lord's Prayer; and that 'prayer' is far more than a 'one kind fits all' practice."

Prayers

Please pray for

- *Joe Jantze as he recovers from blood clots in his lungs.
- *Ruth Haney and family, her niece passed away. Prayers for safe travels for family.
- *Darin Driscoll's colleague and head basketball coach who lost everything in a house fire.

Congratulations to

- *John and Evelyn Bertsche who have a new great grandchild, Eva May, in Oklahoma City.
- *Cal and Vivian Hubbard who have a new grandchild, Quinn Calloway Hubbard, in San Francisco.

This Week At 805 S Cottage

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| 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 |
| Sun Apr 15 | 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

Tues Apr 17 MCC Sale Evaluation Meeting 7:00 pm

Thur Apr 19 Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am

Fri Apr 20 Family Fun Night 5:30 pm
Tom Neilson Peace & Justice Concert 7:00 pm

Serving This Sunday

Greeters	Mike & Stephanie Company West: Marianne Israel
Welcome Table	Gail Fisher
Ushers	Nancy Fisher, Mark Roeschley Phil & Alexa Hoffman, Ardys Serpette
Sermon	Rev. Jim Bortell
Worship Leader	Darvis King
Song Leader	Barry Weaver
Scripture	Pascal Ngongo
Children's Time	Pastor Jane Roeschley
Accompanist	Dorothy Loepp
Technology	Adam Augspurger
Toddler Nursery	Miriam Kennell
Preschool Nursery	Spring & Shannon Neely



Birthdays and Anniversaries



Caroline Roeschley 4/15
Noah Company 4/16
Blair Hall 4/16
Wayne Hochstetler 4/18
Roelie Homan 4/18
Phil Hoffman 4/20
Gaby Hubbs 4/20



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](#).



From the Peace and Justice Committee

2006 Nobel Peace Laureate Muhammad Yunus will speak this Saturday, April 14, at 7 p.m. at the ISU Brown Ballroom in the Bone Student Center, on "A World of Three Zeroes: Zero Poverty, Zero Unemployment, and Zero Net Carbon Emission." Yunus is the father of micro-credit, very small loans to the very poor, to help them lift themselves out of poverty. The astounding success of these loans has led many other groups, including MEDA--Mennonite Economic Development Association--to adopt this strategy.



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.



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*."



MCC Sale Evaluation Meeting

All persons who gave local (MCN) leadership to any aspect of the recent MCC sale are invited to an evaluation meeting at the church on Tuesday, April 17, at 7pm. We did great, and can always learn from our experience!



Annual Evaluations of Pastoral Staff

The Church Board has chosen May as Annual Evaluation month for all staff. The congregation has an opportunity for input during the last 2 weeks of April. If you would like to make a comment, please select the appropriate form from the Entrance Table, complete and sign it, and turn it in to the church office. The form will also be available under Helpful Documents on the MCN Website. (<https://www.normalmennonite.org/helpful-documents/>).



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.



Mental Health First Aid Class

Date: Saturday, April 28, 2018 8:00am–5:00pm

Location: North Danvers Mennonite Church

5517 E 1950 North Rd.

Danvers, IL 61732

Fee: \$10.00 (includes lunch and course materials)

Registration: Please contact Terri Kelly at northdanversch@gmail.com or 309-963-4554 to register.



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.ams.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

“Forge thy tongue on an anvil of truth and what flies up, though it be but a spark, will have light.”

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Building Use

Pastor Peer Meeting

April 12, 9:00 am

Lifetouch Picture Directories

April 11-14

Head Start Parent Meeting

April 16, 12:30 pm

Today's Chuckle



A little boy in a store had been pawing over a stock of greeting cards for some time when a clerk asked, “Just what is it you’re looking for? A birthday greeting, message to a sick friend, anniversary or a congratulations to your mom and dad?”

The boy shook his head and answered, “Got any like a blank report card?”