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MIDWEEK CONNECTION AT MCN

April 25, 2018

Worship with Us this Sunday, April 29

The sermon title is *Recognizing the Body* and the Scripture is 1 Corinthians 11:17-29. Pastor Tim Schrag comments, "In five weeks (June 3) we will have communion. The scriptural instructions for preparation include the admonition to 'honor the body of Christ.' The sermon this Sunday will explore this idea, the timing of the sermon allows ample time for considering the teachings of the text, and also taking needed measure for preparation."

Prayers

Please pray for

- *Jennifer (Israel's mother), who's mother unexpectedly died.
- *Conflict and gun violence in Israel and around the globe.
- *Joe Culpepper as he embarks on a three month bike trip.

We give thanks for

*Last Sunday, in the excitement of sharing Cal's terrific news from our recent trip to Mayo's, we forgot to give thanks to the MCN family who have supported us so thoughtfully throughout these hard miles. The last two and a half years of battling lymphoma have been incredibly hard and humbling. We appreciate all of the love, support and prayers on our behalf. Being able to lean on you as we waited out tests, treatments and then more test results was a gift beyond measure. God has been very present in our darkest times, as well as in our times of rejoicing. We recognized the hand of God in the kindnesses and caring from so many. Thank you. Thank you.

Cal and Vivian Hubbard

This Week At 805 S Cottage

Thur Apr 26 Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am
 Membership Orientation Class 7:00 pm

Fri Apr 27 Family Fun Night 5:30 pm

Sun Apr 29 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 May 1 Leadership Selection Committee 5:30 pm
 Emergency Preparedness Training 6:30 pm

Thur May 3 Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am
 Membership Orientation Class 7:00 pm



Serving This Sunday

<p>Greeters</p> <p>Welcome Table</p> <p>Ushers</p> <p>Sermon</p> <p>Worship Leader</p> <p>Song Leader</p> <p>Scripture</p> <p>Children's Time</p> <p>Accompanist</p> <p>Technology</p> <p>Toddler Nursery</p> <p>Preschool Nursery</p>	<p>Julie Musselman & Wilma Dyck</p> <p>West: David Voegtlin</p> <p>Lauren Satchwell</p> <p>Cal & Vivian Hubbard, David & Abby Warfel</p> <p>Pastor Tim Schrag</p> <p>Holly Zehr</p> <p>Cindy Ropp</p> <p>Mary Ann Watkins</p> <p>Helen Brandon</p> <p>Chris Culbertson</p> <p>Adam Augspurger</p> <p>Lucy Unzicker</p> <p>Duane & Stephanie Nester</p>
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Birthdays and Anniversaries



Judy Hershberger 4/30
 Kristen Satchwell 4/30
 Glenn Wilson 4/30
 Tina Hubbs 5/1
 Charlotte Hedberg 5/2
 Josh Friesen 5/3
 Seth Valverde 5/3

Kevin Lee 5/4
Eva n King 5/5
Jaron Zehr 5/5



The Saint John's Bible

A Heritage Edition of the first completely handwritten and illuminated Bible commissioned by a Benedictine Abbey since the invention of the printing press more than 500 years ago - The Saint John's Bible - will be displayed at MCN this Sunday. The Saint John's Bible is a singular achievement: the complete text of the Bible, written on calfskin vellum using traditional tools and inks. As a work of sacred art, it ignites the spiritual imagination of all those who view its pages. See this artwork on display during worship, and a special presentation for Homebuilders at 7:00 pm at the MRC.



Meals for Deborah

Deborah Spacek continues to improve. Visits and weekend lunches are still welcome. With Peace Meals Monday through Friday, they are not crucial. Thanks to all who have supported her and welcomed her home. To sign up to bring a meal, just go to [this Signup Genius link](#) and sign up.



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/>)



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.



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 Friday 27 from 5:30 - 7:30. Sign up through [this link](#).



Joe & Roger's TransAmerica Bike Tour

Roger Kennell, a member of Roanoke Mennonite Church, & Joe Culpepper will be bicycling Adventure Cycling's TransAmerica Trail starting April 30 in Yorktown, VA. This will be Joe's second time on the TransAmerica Trail & Roger's first long bike tour to celebrate his retirement. Their trip will take three months, ending in Astoria, OR at the end of July. If you would like to follow their adventure, Joe will be posting a daily blog with photos at www.crazyguyonabike.com/doc/joe2018. Please keep them in your prayers for a safe & fulfilling journey!



Emergency Preparedness Training Session

May 1, 2018, 6:30-8:00 PM. The session will cover three situations: fire in the building; tornado warning; an unwelcome intruder. Greeters, ushers, welcome table persons, staff, and Board Members have been specifically invited to participate in this event. If you are in one of these categories but did not receive an invitation, that is an oversight and you are encouraged to attend. If you are not in any of these categories but would like to attend, you are welcome to do so. Please let us know if you plan to attend by calling the church, 452-6622, or sending an email to officemanager@normalmennonite.org. If you would like to participate but are unable to do so on May 1, let us know as we will very likely schedule an alternate time. If you have questions contact Lotus Hershberger, Chairperson of the Financial Stewardship Committee.



African Inter-Mennonite Mission

On May 1, 7:00 PM at MRC Community Building; Rod Hollinger-Janzen will be present to share concerns of AIMM (African Inter-Mennonite Mission.) He will particularly report on how the violence in Congo has affected the Congo Mennonite Churches. All are invited. For questions, contact John Bertsche.



Illinois State Baseball Tickets

ISU baseball has invited our church to attend their game on Friday, May 4th at 6:00 PM, free of charge. The

Redbirds play Bradley University for the annual “Stuff the Duff” game, where they aim to set record attendance. Tickets are on the entry table in the church.



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

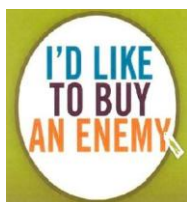
Roanoke Mennonite Church is hosting this training by Dustin Wyse-Fisher, on Saturday, May 12, from 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

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](#)



Mother's Day Production

[Ted & Company TheaterWorks](#) will be at the Champaign-Urbana Mennonite Church, May 13th at 4:00 pm,

featuring I'd Like to Buy an Enemy which addresses concepts like othering and identity-making. Join an interfaith audience for a fun and thought-provoking show followed by a feedback session led by Ted Swartz. Your participation will help generate conversation about the gifts and challenges inherent in understanding faith traditions that are different from our own.



Free Legal Advice Fair

Have a legal question? Need legal help?

Where: Mid Central Community Action, 1301 W. Washington, Bloomington

When: Saturday, May 19, 9-11:30am

To set up an appointment with a lawyer, please call Stacy at 309-827-5021 ext. 6801 or visit www.legaladvicefair.acuityscheduling.com. You must meet Prairie State Legal Services' financial eligibility guidelines.



Run so they can have fun!

Sign up for Menno Haven's 5k Trail Run / 2K Walk at 9am Monday, May 28th. All proceeds will go towards camper scholarships. Register by May 8th to save \$5 and get a free t-shirt. Go to mennohaven.com for details. After the 5k/2k stay for Rally Day, Menno Haven's Open House.



MDS Volunteers Needed

The Long Term Recovery Team in Ottawa is looking for volunteers as they are rehabing homes damaged by June 2017 tornadoes. Day volunteers are welcome and needed, as well as Saturday work crews. MDS is looking for licensed roof contractors, carpenters for framing, and a demolition crew to remove an internal chimney.

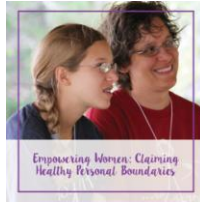
In May and June, they will need:

- Cooks
- Drywall and tapers
- Trim carpenters
- Cabinet installers
- Painters

To volunteer, text or call Jill McHugh, volunteer coordinator at (708) 522-8080 or email ILMDSunit@gmail.com.

Contact Gerry Schrock with questions.

Loren Moshier is working to coordinate a work day. Please contact him if interested.



Empowering Women: Claiming Healthy Personal Boundaries Workshop

[Mennonite Women USA](#) and [Dove's Nest](#) are partnering this July for a 2-day workshop in Omaha, NE entitled, "Empowering Women: Claiming Healthy Personal Boundaries". This is a workshop for teen girls ages 13-up and women of all ages. Speakers include Brenda Yoder, Jenny Castro, and Carol Hurst. Scholarships are available if cost is a hindrance to attend. Click the link below for more information:

<https://dovesnest.net/Claiming-Healthy-Personal-Boundaries>



MCC's SWAP (Sharing With Appalachian People)

SWAP home repair program has summer positions open in both West Virginia and Kentucky. The assignments run from May 30 - approximately August 11. Applicants should be at least 19 years old, but positions are not limited to young adults. More information about SWAP and an application are available at swap.mcc.org or by calling 606-633-5065. In both positions, an exceptional 18-year-old might be considered. A stipend, room and board and travel expenses are provided.

- [Job Site Coordinators](#) - Will be the liaison between homeowners and volunteers. Carpentry skills are helpful but not required. Must be willing to learn, follow instruction and work well with others, both homeowners and volunteers, youth and adults.
- [Meals Coordinators](#) - Will assist the Location Coordinator with menu planning, meal preparation, kitchen duties and other. Should be able to work well with staff and volunteers, both youth and adults.

The latest edition of our SWAP Program newsletter can be found on the MCC website at [this link](#).



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

"Jesus also described God's reign as one in which love is an active, life-giving, inclusive force. He called for a love which went beyond family ties and bonds of friendship to reach even those who were enemies. Such a love does not seek revenge, but rather is merciful in the face of threat and opposition. Disciples are to love one another as Jesus has loved them."

The Challenge of Peace, Par. 47



Building Use

Head Start Open Enrollment

April 26, 4:00 pm

Cantus Novas

April 29, 1:30 pm

HAAQG Salad Supper

May 3, 6:30 pm

Today's Chuckle



Jack had been a compulsive worrier for years, to the point it was ruining his life. He saw a psychologist who recommended a specialist who could help him.

His friend, Bob, noticed a dramatic change and asked "What happened? Nothing seems to worry you anymore."

"I hired a professional worrier and I haven't had a worry since," replied Jack.

"That must be expensive," Bob replied.

"He charges \$5,000 a month," Jack told him.

"\$5,000!?! How can you afford to pay him?" exclaimed Bob.

"Hmmm, I don't know. That's his problem."