



MIDWEEK CONNECTION AT MCN

May 9, 2018

Worship with Us this Sunday, May 13

The sermon title is *A Place of Honor* and the Scripture is Exodus 20:12 and Ephesians 6:1-4. Pastor Tim Schrag comments, "What might it look like to 'honor, cherish, respect, etc.' each family member?"

Hymns this Sunday

Great is Thy Faithfulness - HWB 327
God of Eve and God of Mary - HWB 492
Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us - STJ 91
Lord of the Home - HWB 490

Prayers

Please pray for

- *Holly Zehr's job search
- *Lynn Reha's cousin after emergency surgery
- *Jo Ropp who is now home, fighting infection

Condolences

*Tina Horna's mother and Christopher, Caitlin, and Caeli Haab's grandmother Barbara Kaufman passed away Saturday, May 5th.

This Week At 805 S Cottage

Wed May 9	Pastoral Council 6:00 pm
Thur May 10	Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am Membership Orientation Class 7:00 pm
Sat May 12	Ropp Cemetery Work Day 9:00 am



Sun May 13 Pre-Service Prayer 9:00 am
 Worship 9:30 am
 Christian Education for Children 10:45 am
 Blood Pressures Taken 10:45
 High School Graduation Reception 10:45 am
 Christian Education for Adults 11:00 am

Mon May 14 Mennonite Women 9:30 am

Tue May 15 Financial Stewardship Committee 4:30 pm
 Youth Ministry Committee 6:30 pm

Thur May 17 Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am

Sat May 19 Senior Cello Recital 2:00 pm

Serving This Sunday

Greeters	Duane & Stephanie Nester
Welcome Table	West: Shannon Neely
Ushers	David Voegtlin
	Lotus, Ross & Wesley Hershberger,
	Tshitshi Tshiseleka, & Jeremie Dedetemo
Sermon	Pastor Tim Schrag
Worship Leader	Darrel Miller
Song Leader	Wayne Hochstetler
Scripture	Alena Culbertson
Children's Time	Annette & Laura Harnish
Accompanist	Chris Culbertson
Technology	Nathan Miller
Toddler Nursery	Spring Neely
Preschool Nursery	The King Family



Birthdays and Anniversaries



Kay Reimer 5/16
 Lucy Unzicker 5/18
 Rick Harnish 5/19
 Sam Warfel 5/19



Child Care Summer Volunteer Needed

Child Care Summer Volunteer Needed for Head Start Family Literacy - 1-2:30 pm on Wednesday, once or twice per month. Two of our current volunteers are no longer available. The mom/toddler would like to continue. Can you help? Contact Pastor Jane.



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.



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!



2018 Maple Lawn Market

The first event will be Saturday May 5, 8-11am. Over 25 vendors signed up to sell produce, baked goods, meals, arts, crafts, services, and much more! Clinton Park, 116 S. Clinton St., Eureka



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](#)



Ropp Cemetery Work Day

Saturday, May 12
from 9-noon



High School Graduation Reception

We will recognize our high school graduates with an informal reception between Worship and Christian Education on Sunday, May 13. This year's graduates include Alena Culbertson, Noah Engel, Josh Friesen, Lydia Hedberg, Nathan Miller, and Nathan Valverde. Congratulations to each one of you, and best wishes as you move forward toward your life goals!



Affirming the Gifts of Others

Forms for affirming the gifts of others to fill the open Church Board position are on the entry table. Please turn these in to the church office or email suggestions to church@normalmennonite.org by May 20. Thanks!



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.



MDS Volunteers Needed

Dates available for volunteers representing our congregation and interested in working at the Ottawa/Naplate

Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) project for the next four weeks include weekdays and Saturdays of May 14-19 and May 28-June 2. Friday, May 25 and Saturday, May 26 are also available. Volunteers can include high school students.

Tasks include dry wall hanging, wall framing, painting, and installing trim and cabinets. Plan is to meet at MCN parking lot and commute to the Ottawa area leaving at 6:00 AM and returning at 6:00 PM. If interested in working one or more days, please contact Lauren or Lynn at the church office or Pastor Jane, Gerry Schrock, or Loren Moshier. Volunteer registration forms are available in the MCN office.



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.



SHARING THE ABILITY TO READ STAR Adult Literacy Program

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1301 West Washington Street - Bloomington, IL 61701 (309) 834-9222

Join us in our mission to support adult literacy in Bloomington-Normal!

STAR Adult Literacy volunteer tutors work with their students here at our church and in 14 other public locations in Bloomington-Normal. The STAR Adult Literacy Program needs more volunteer tutors to help adults improve their reading and math skills or to learn English as a second language. For as little as 2 hours a week, you can make a big difference in someone's life. STAR Literacy tutor training is on Saturday, May 19, 2018 from 9 am - 4 pm. For more information about becoming a STAR Adult Literacy tutor visit their website at www.starliteracy.org or to sign up for the training call 309-834-9222 or email rlandryroe17@gmail.com.



Senior Cello Recital

Please join us for Lydia Hedberg's Senior Cello Recital! She will be playing Kabelevsky's First Cello Concerto movements two and three, selections from Bach Suite No. 1, and Variations on a Slovakian Theme by Martinu. It will be at 2:00 on Saturday, May 19th in the sanctuary of Mennonite Church of Normal. A cookie reception will follow the recital.



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.



Funks Grove National Trails Day Celebration

Saturday, June 2nd, 10-3pm

Event Headquarters: Sugar Grove Nature Center

Free!

Raptor Show, Fun Activities, Guided Hikes, and Much More!



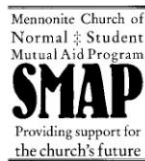
Walk With Me: A Walk With Champions

Sat., June 2 at ISU's Hancock Stadium

8:30a.m. Check In; 9:15a.m. Team Pictures & Champion Meet and Greet; 9:30a.m. Opening Announcements;
9:45a.m. Walk Starts; 9:45am - 11:30am Post Walk Activities

For more information and to register go here: www.walkwithme.org/bloomington

Blessing Hickman will be walking in this!



SAVE THE DATE!

The annual Student Mutual Aid Program [SMAP] fundraiser will be held Sunday June 10 at 4:30 pm; eating at 5:00pm at Eric and Chellie Miller's. Everyone is invited; food and childcare is provided. Pledges will be taken to cover tuition costs for our young persons pursuing degrees at Mennonite colleges and universities.

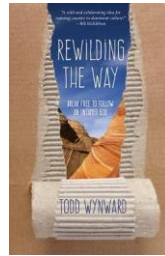


Empowering Women: Claiming Healthy Personal Boundaries Workshop

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>



How Then Shall We Live?

A week-long immersion in the wild to bring out the deep wisdom, fierce joy and sacred strength of men. Come wade into the wilds of New Mexico! Highlights include homemade meals in an adobe hacienda, visiting Taos Pueblo, plunging into the waters and canyons of the Rio Grande Gorge, wilderness solos, songs and campfires, morning meditations and biblical analysis in wild places—all designed to open radically new possibilities for men seeking a wilder way of fierce love for God, humanity and our precious earth. Guided by Todd Wynward for adventurous men 18+ in Taos, New Mexico, September 8-15, 2018. For registration information on this Mennonite Men experience, visit www.mennonitemen.org.



Hygiene Kits

During the months of May and June, Mennonite Women will be collecting Hygiene Kits. The bags are in the back of the Sanctuary for you to take home to fill with the necessary supplies. The contents to include in each:

- 1 nail clipper (good quality)
- 1 hand towel (medium weight, dark or bright colors; approx. 16 in x 26 in)
- 1 wide-tooth comb (6-8 in)
- 1 adult-size toothbrush (IN MANUFACTURER'S ORIGINAL PACKAGING)
- 1 large bar bath soap (leave in wrapper)

Mennonite Women has sewn bags that are located in the back of the sanctuary. Completed bags are to be placed in the large red tub. Or, if you would prefer, you can just purchase the supplies and Mennonite Women will fill the bags.



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

"Sensitivity to the immense needs of humanity brings with it a spontaneous rejection of the arms race, which is incompatible with the all-out struggle against hunger, sickness, underdevelopment, and illiteracy." **Pope John Paul II**



Building Use

HAAQG Sewing Mentoring

May 10, 6:00 pm

Wild Ones Meeting

May 14, 5:30 pm

Today's Chuckle



Two elderly women met for the first time since graduating from high school. One asked the other, "You were always so organized in school. Did you manage to live a well-planned life?"

"Yes," said her friend. "My first marriage was to a millionaire; my second marriage was to an actor; my third marriage was to a preacher; and now I'm married to an undertaker."

Her friend asked, "What do those marriages have to do with a well-planned life?"

"One for the money, two for the show, three to get ready, and four to go."