



MIDWEEK CONNECTION AT MCN

May 16, 2018

Worship with Us this Sunday, May 20

The sermon title is *Surprises are Surprising; Repeats Can Get Repetitious* and the Scripture is Acts 1:4-7; 2:1-4. Pastor Tim Schrag comments, "What reasons would lead us to think that Pentecost 2018 will be the same as Pentecost 2017, or the first Pentecost? Is God that limited?"

Hymns this Sunday

Holy Spirit, Come with Power - HWB 26
Wind That Makes All Winds - HWB 31
Spirit of the Living God - HWB 349
Joys are Flowing Like a River- HWB 301

Prayers

Please pray for

*Bill Dunn in Idaho, who had a life-threatening stroke last week
*Keri and Amara Stenger as they travel to Tanzania to volunteer with Cross-Cultural Solutions

This Week At 805 S Cottage

Thur May 17 Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am

Sat May 19 Church Grounds Work Day 8:00 am
Senior Cello Recital 2:00 pm

Sun May 20 Pre-Service Prayer 9:00 am
Worship 9:30 am
Christian Education for Children 10:45 am
Christian Education for Adults 11:00 am



Mon May 21 Personnel Policy Task Force 5:30 pm
Tue May 22 Peace and Justice Committee 5:00 pm
Worship Committee 5:00 pm
Thur May 24 Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am

Serving This Sunday

Greeters	David & Abby Warfel
Welcome Table	West: Lotus Hershberger
Ushers	Caeli Haab
	Steve Stenger, Ardys Serpette, Stephanie Nester, & Manny Oyer
Sermon	Pastor Tim Schrag
Worship Leader	Kay Reimer
Song Leader	Barry Weaver
Scripture	Tanya Kimbembe
Children's Time	Chris Culbertson
Accompanist	Dorothy Loepp
Technology	Nathan Miller
Toddler Nursery	Caeli Haab
Preschool Nursery	Lucy Unzicker



Birthdays and Anniversaries



Marlphonsia Tanya Kimbembe 5/20
Bev Collins 5/21
Chris Culbertson 5/22
Andrew Jablonski 5/22
Samuel Ponnou-Delaffon 5/25

Happy 42nd Anniversary to David and Miriam Kennell on May 22
Happy 43rd Anniversary to Doug and Jenell Ulrich on May 24
Happy 60th Anniversary to John and Evelyn Bertsche on May 26



Church Grounds Work day Saturday, May 19

Begin at 8:00 or later until Noon. Snack break at 10:30!
Tasks: Prepare area around building for mulch & spread mulch.
Pull/remove hundreds of small maple trees and weeds.

Many hands including small ones would be helpful pulling trees.

Haul and spread mulch.

Tools needed: Garden rakes, shovels, hoes, dandelion diggers, wheel borrows, gloves.

Alternate times: If you would prefer to work for an hour or two, say from 6 to 8, on Thursday or Friday eve let Lotus know (452-5994) and there will be someone there to work with you. Or call and arrange another time.



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.



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.



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!



Planters Alert

The planters in the atrium have recently been updated. This greenery adds warmth and color to our sanctuary. Since this area is used so much, it is a challenge to keep these plants growing. They must survive in low light and do not have a lot of room for their root system, which makes them vulnerable to abuse. Please be mindful that the plants need to be treated respectfully, especially by little, curious hands. Thanks!



Rally Day and 5K

You are invited to Rally Day, Menno Haven's annual open house on Monday, May 28th. The 5k Trail Run/2k Walk starts at 9am and the Summer Program Dedication at 11am. Menno Haven will provide BBQ chicken and drinks at noon. Please bring a side dish, salad, or dessert to share and your own tableware. Everyone is invited to enjoy the campus and facilities as we celebrate our 60th summer of ministry! For more details, see the poster in the entryway.



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!



Summer Programs and Assistance

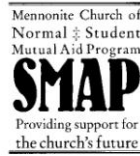
[Path Summer Program Guide](#)

[Free Summer Meals](#)



MDS Volunteers Needed

Changes in the project means volunteers from our congregation won't be needed until the first week in June. Dates available for volunteers representing our congregation and interested in working at the Ottawa/Naplate Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) project can be confirmed though Loren Moshier. 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.



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>



Peace & Justice Coordinator Opening

MCC Great Lakes is seeking a Peace & Justice Coordinator. This person will provide leadership to regional peace and justice programs related to the MCC strategic priorities of restorative justice, immigration, dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery, gun violence prevention, countering militarism and undoing racism and sexism. Responsibilities include speaking in churches, planning and leading learning tours, representing MCC in various settings and fostering good relationships between MCC and constituents. This full-time salaried position will be located in Goshen, Ind., and has education, networking and capacity-building components with MCC's diverse constituency in the Great Lakes region. For a full job description, visit mcc.org/get-involved/serve/openings. Individuals interested in this position should send a cover letter and current resume when they apply online by June 12. For more information or questions, contact Amber Falcón at 574-534-4133 or AmberFalcon@mcc.org.



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.



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!



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

"God our Father has made all things depend on faith so that whoever has faith will have everything, and whoever does not have faith will have nothing." **Martin Luther**



Building Use

Head Start Graduation

May 17, 4:00 pm

Today's Chuckle



- Chocolate is a vegetable: Chocolate is derived from cocoa beans. Bean = vegetable. Sugar is derived from either sugar CANE or sugar BEETS. Both are plants, which places them in the vegetable category. Thus, chocolate is a vegetable.

- To go one step further, chocolate candy bars also contain milk, which is dairy. So candy bars are a health food. Chocolate-covered raisins, cherries, orange slices and strawberries all count as fruit, so eat as many as you want.

- The problem: How to get 2 pounds of chocolate home from the store in a hot car. The solution: Eat it in the parking lot.

- A nice box of chocolates can provide your total daily intake of calories in one place. Now, isn't that handy?