



MIDWEEK CONNECTION AT MCN

May 23, 2018

## Worship with Us this Sunday, May 27

The sermon title is *Full Speed Ahead, With Limits* and the Scripture is Romans 12:1-3 and I Corinthians 12:1-11. Pastor Tim Schrag comments, "Last Sunday we held up positively the possibilities of letting down our guard, and being open to God. This Sunday we'll look consider the downside of 'letting down our guard', and allowing emotions to guide our lives."

### Hymns this Sunday

Come, Now is the Time to Worship - STJ 9  
My Soul Is Filled With Joy - STJ 13  
Take My Life - HWB 389  
For All The Saints - HWB 636

## Prayers

### Please pray for

- \*Conflict resolution for the Korean Peninsula
- \*Phylis VerSteegh who had a shoulder replacement May 3 and has ongoing hives
- \*Crosswinds Missional Opportunity
- \*Bromenn Meditation Garden dedication this week

### Condolences

- \*Condolences to the friends and family of Bill Dunn who passed away Thursday, May 17

## This Week At 805 S Cottage

Thur May 24      Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am

Sun May 27      Pre-Service Prayer 9:00 am  
Worship 9:30 am  
Christian Education for Children 10:45 am



Christian Education for Adults 11:00 am  
SE Cluster Potluck 12:00 pm

Mon May 28 Church Office Closed for Memorial Day  
Tue May 29 Leadership Selection Committee 5:30 pm  
Wed May 30 Crosswinds Informational Meeting 7:00 pm  
Thur May 31 Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am

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## Serving This Sunday

Greeters	Erin or JB Ponnou-Delaffon with Clara Ponnou-Delaffon West: Esther Brown
Welcome Table	Darvis King
Ushers	Jeremy, Chris, & Caeli Haab, & Mark Roeschley
Sermon	Pastor Tim Schrag
Worship Leader	David Warfel
Song Leader	Cindy Ropp
Scripture	Randy Zehr
Children's Time	Melika Hershberger
Accompanist	Dorothy Loepp
Technology	Nathan Miller
Toddler Nursery	Sarah Nichols
Preschool Nursery	Carrie Stalter



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## Birthdays and Anniversaries



Jonah King 5/27  
John Bertsche 5/28  
Lynn Chang 5/28  
Roger Clemmons 5/28  
Roy Jiles 5/28  
Mark Alsene 5/29  
Stephanie Nester 5/29  
Olivia Engel 5/30  
Deb Hickman 5/30  
Robert Reeser 5/31

Happy 23<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary to Cory and Chris Culbertson on May 27

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We're thankful for all of our children and youth Sunday School teachers during the 2017-2018 school year. [Click here](#) to see their classes in action!

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## Camperships

Parents as you fill out your child's registration form for attendance at summer camp at Friedenswald or Menno Haven remember to subtract \$65 from your payment to camp; this amount is covered by camperships provided by our church to every child of the congregation. Include a note to the camp in this regard with your payment. If you have already paid the full amount to the camp, let the church office know so we can reimburse you directly. Additionally, see Service Passports below.

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## Service Passports

MCN promotes a culture of service among persons of all ages in our congregation. Via the Service Passport, the Christian Education Committee seeks to combine the values of Mennonite summer camp attendance and acts of service in our congregation and communities.

Every camp-eligible student attending a Mennonite summer camp is eligible to complete the passport and be granted an additional \$60 towards camp registration costs.

Students completing the passport who are not age-eligible, or choose not to attend a camp, will receive the gift of a book related to Bible study, peacemaking, or service.

Service Passports are available in the church office, on the entry table, and [here](#).

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## Memorial Candlelighting

Sunday, May 27th we remember church members who have died in the past year. All are invited to also light a candle in memory of someone they hold dear.

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## 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.

If you are in need of a ride, Marge Weaver has room for two people to travel to Rally Day. Please let Marge know by calling 309-664-0700.

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## Crosswinds Community Church Request

A request for use of space by the Crosswinds Community Church was placed in mailboxes last Sunday, May 20. Copies are also available on the table in the entryway, or electronically by contacting the church office. There will be an informational meeting with Crosswinds leadership next Wednesday evening, May 30, at 7:00 pm at the church. This could be an important missional opportunity for our congregation; please consider the request carefully and prayerfully.

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## 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!

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## 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](http://www.walkwithme.org/bloomington)

**Blessing Hickman will be walking in this!**

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## Celebrate the Habitat for Humanity ReStore Grand Re-Opening!

Saturday, June 2nd from 4-7pm

1402 W. Washington - Same location, just bigger and better.

Enjoy food trucks, games, live music, and a flipped furniture auction sponsored by IIDA.

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## Communion

On June 3rd we will celebrate Communion in worship here at MCN. In preparation, we are all encouraged to engage in self-examination - of both our relationships with God, and with others. We also receive specially designated gifts for our Mutual Aid Fund on Communion Sundays, as a means of assisting others in need through being the Body of Christ.

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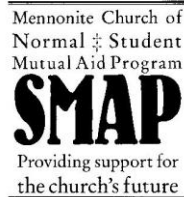
## Summer Adult Christian Education

Classes will begin June 10th. The sermon response class led by Tim Schrag will continue through the month of June.

Darrel Miller will lead a class, "Justice in the New Testament" by Dorothy Jean Weaver.

"Practices to Encounter the Holy" will be facilitated by Lynette Miller. The class will choose 10 practices to experiment with during the quarter. Each week a new practice will be introduced and time will be given for class members to reflect on their experience of using a practice during the week. Please let Lynette know if you plan to attend this class.

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## 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.

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## 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.



## Summer Programs and Assistance

[Path Summer Program Guide](#)

[Free Summer Meals](#)

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### 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>

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### 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](http://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](mailto:AmberFalcon@mcc.org).

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### Pipeline to Prison Learning Tour

Join MCC Great Lakes and Center for Community Justice for a week-long Pipeline to Prison learning tour. Based in Goshen, Ind., the tour will focus on the challenges and complexities of the U.S. criminal justice system and include day trips to Elkhart, Peru and Kokomo. Participants will journey from the local community level through the criminal justice system, learning about law enforcement, sentencing, incarceration and re-entry. All who are interested in learning about disparities in the justice system, including those working in or seeking to develop a prison/re-entry ministry, are welcome. For more information and registration visit [mcc.org/gl-pipeline-to-prison](http://mcc.org/gl-pipeline-to-prison) or contact Cyneatha Millsaps at [CyneathaMillsaps@mcc.org](mailto:CyneathaMillsaps@mcc.org) or 574-534-4133.

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## 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](http://www.mennonitemen.org).

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## 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](http://www.crazyguyonabike.com/doc/joe2018). Please keep them in your prayers for a safe & fulfilling journey!

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## 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.

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## 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.

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## 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.

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## Voice of the Day

“It seems to me that the word of God is a very delicate thing, very tiny. At first it seems insignificant and therefore many people despise it, but afterwards it grows like a mustard tree. And so at first Jesus spoke his word to twelve people, and that was very insignificant, but it spread to others and was scattered throughout the world. And it has spread so far it has reached even us in Solentiname. It also seems to me that the word of God is tiny and insignificant because it sprouts in our hearts and you almost can't see it. But then I tell it to someone else, and so it grows and spreads like a great tree, and this tree is the transformation of the world.” **The Gospel in Solentiname**

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## Today's Chuckle



Did you hear about the banker who was recently arrested for embezzling \$100,000 to pay for his daughter's college education?

As the policeman, who also had a daughter in college, was leading him away in handcuffs, he said to the banker, "I have just one question for you. Where were you going to get the rest of the money?"