



MIDWEEK CONNECTION AT MCN

May 30, 2018

## Worship with Us this Sunday, June 3

The sermon title is *What is Your Foundation?* and the Scripture is 1 Corinthians 3:10-13. Pastor Tim Schrag comments, "Think of all the details of your life. Are they in fact 'built on the foundation' which is Jesus Christ?"

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## Prayers

### Please pray for

- \*Immigrants and Prisoners
  - \*Crosswinds Missional Opportunity
  - \*Ruth Haney's friend who had cancer return and is going through chemo
  - \*Meghan Reha as she recovers from surgery
  - \*One of our regular Nanny Agency nannies, Bethany Baines who had ovarian cancer (stage 4) surgery on May 4 and is recuperating.
- She appreciates the contact from the church very much and would welcome cards. She has supportive family in town and isn't in need of meals.

Bethany Baines  
1210 N Oak  
Bloomington, IL 61701  
309-242-8722

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## This Week At 805 S Cottage

Thur May 31      Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am



Sun Jun 3      Pre-Service Prayer 9:00 am  
 Worship with Communion 9:30 am  
 Christian Education for Children 10:45 am  
 Blood Pressures Taken 10:45 am  
 Talk to the Church Board Listening Session 11:00 am

Mon Jun 4      Mennonite Women Quilt Work 9:30 am  
 Personnel Policy Task Force 5:30 pm

Wed Jun 6      Spending Plan Policy Task Force 6:30 pm

Thur Jun 7      Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am  
 Emergency Preparedness Task Force 6:30 pm

## Serving This Sunday

Greeters	Randy and Holly Zehr West: Emma King
Welcome Table	Kay Reimer
Ushers	Ben & Caroline Roeschley Larry & Louise Reeser
Sermon	Pastor Tim Schrag
Worship Leader	
Song Leader	Glenn Wilson
Scripture	Frank Driscoll
Children's Time	Alena Culbertson
Accompanist	Denise Hedberg
Technology	Caleb Augspurger
Toddler Nursery	Kristy Hoffman
Preschool Nursery	Alena Culbertson



## Birthdays and Anniversaries



Devon Reed 6/3  
 Jace Hoffman 6/4  
 Nicholas Neely 6/9  
 John Reimer 6/9

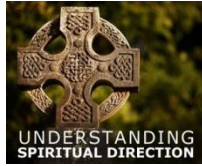
Happy 12<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to Duane and Stephanie Nester on June 3  
 Happy 68<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to Ken and Doris Shoemaker on June 3  
 Happy 56<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to John and Jan Gundy on June 9

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*Thank  
you* 

We want to thank the congregation for the many cards we received as well as expressions of good will. We are especially thankful for those who worked in the kitchen and served refreshments. We are truly blessed to be part of this congregation. John and Evelyn Bertsche

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## Spiritual Direction

Spiritual direction is holy listening to God's presence and movement in your life by way of a monthly conversation with a trained spiritual companion called a Spiritual Director. It is not counseling, which aims to solve problems. Spiritual direction is intentionally seeking and noticing how God is present and at work in you and through you (or perhaps how God seems absent). A purple brochure about spiritual direction and the 3 persons in our congregation who are offering it was in every mailbox on May 27. If you are interested in receiving spiritual direction, please contact one of the directors you would be interested in meeting with to arrange for a session or check with Pastor Jane if you have any questions. Since the 3 persons currently offering spiritual direction in our congregation right now are all women, if anyone would like to try it and prefers a male Director, we can give you recommendations.

<http://www.sdiworld.org/find-a-spiritual-director/what-is-spiritual-direction/christian-spiritual-direction>

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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 tonight, 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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## MCN Playground Night

Friday, June 1st at 6:00

Hosted by the North Main Cluster

Starts at 6:00 with a meal - North main cluster will provide burgers and hotdogs, bring a side dish to share.  
Ends whenever people are tired of playing (or watching) basketball, 4 square or other playground games.

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## Funks Grove National Trails Day Celebration

It's finally here. National Trails Day at Sugar Grove Nature Center is this Saturday. This is presented by the Illinois Grand Prairie Master Naturalists and the Sugar Grove Nature Center.

There will be activities from 10:00 - 3pm. A Raptor presentation will be from 11:00 - noon, but the Raptors will remain for viewing until 3. Come see your church members in another setting and enjoy the woods. Louise Reeser is one of the co-chairs. Marcia Rossi will be out on the trails to inform you about a woodland animal. Wayne Hochstetler will be teaching you about birds. Jim Bortell will be leading a meditation walk at 10:00 and there will be another at 1:00. There will be rock painting, and you can make your own animal track. Walk the trail with a guide and make your own trail mix. If you come for the day, bring a picnic lunch. Hope to see you for all or part of the day. Call Louise if you want more details. (826-3423)

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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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## 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

This Sunday, 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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## Lost & Found

Please check carefully for any of your missing belongings. Items not claimed by June 11 will be discarded or taken to the thrift store. Thank you for your help in neatening our space!

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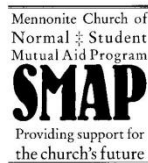
## Summer Adult Christian Education

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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## Books to Benefit Used Book Sale

Friday, June 15 10-7pm

Saturday, June 16 10-4pm 360 Wylie Drive, Suite 700 in Normal

For more information, see the entry table or go to <http://www.books2benefit.com/sale/>

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## Position Open

God's Little Acre Preschool (located at North Danvers Mennonite Church) is in need of a director/teacher for the 2018/2019 school year. This is a part time position, meeting mornings September thru May. Interested persons may contact the North Danvers office (phone 309-963-4554 or email [northdanversch@gmail.com](mailto:northdanversch@gmail.com)) by June 18 for more information.

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## You are Invited

We want to thank you for faithfully supporting and sharing in important health-care ministries through the Delegate Church Association. Join us Monday, June 18 at 6:00 pm at Advocate Bromenn Conference Center for a Family Reunion "picnic"

Entertainment, Games, Prize Raffles, Recognition of years in Delegate Church Association.

Let us know if you can attend! RSVP to Rev. Christine McNeal, Sr. Staff Chaplain and Coordinator for Church Relations, Mission and Spiritual Care at Advocate BroMenn Medical Center and Advocate Eureka Hospital. Email [christine.mcneal@advocatehealth.com](mailto:christine.mcneal@advocatehealth.com) or call 309-268-3504.

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## MCC Borderlands Learning Tour with Neighborhood Church

MCC and our Borderlands partners will be leading a four day Borderlands Learning Tour for Neighborhood Church of Visalia on Sunday, June 24 to Wednesday, June 27. This learning tour is designed to bring awareness about the increasing migrant deaths, militarization, environment degradation, effects on habitat and effects on sister communities by the border wall along the Mexico/U.S. Borderlands. Participants will increase their understanding and knowledge of the social, economic, political and theological significance of migration in border communities, including advocacy tools and capacity building to engage others on borderlands and migration issues.

[Online Registration](#), once you have registered you will receive a confirmation email with details about how to pay the registration fee and other next steps. For any clarifying questions please email [thomasadlard@mcc.org](mailto:thomasadlard@mcc.org) or call Thomas at 559-638-6911.

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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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## Pipeline to Prison Learning Tour

Join MCC Great Lakes and Center for Community Justice for a week-long Pipeline to Prison learning tour August 5-10. 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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## The Art of Pausing: Reclaiming a Sense of Balance in our Lives

Overnight Meditation Quiet Retreat

August 17-18, 2018

Chiara Center, Springfield, IL

Come away for a 24-hour time apart of pausing for spiritual rejuvenation. Judy Valente, author of the book, *The Art of Pausing*, will be our presenter. Time for quiet walks and reflection, too. Cost is \$85/person. Questions: talk to Pastor Jane.

See the [Information Page](#) and [Registration Form](#)

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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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## 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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## Summer Programs and Assistance

[Path Summer Program Guide](#)

[Free Summer Meals](#)

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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

“So, friends, every day do something that won't compute. Love the Lord. Love the world. Work for nothing. Take all that you have and give it to the poor. Love someone who does not deserve it...

Ask questions that have no answers. Invest in the millennium. Plant sequoias. Say that your main crop is the forest you did not plant, that you will not live to harvest. Say that the leaves are harvested when they have rotted into the mold. Call that profit. Prophecy such returns. Put your faith in the two inches of humus that will build under the trees every thousand years...” **Wendell Berry**

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## Today's Chuckle



After months of searching, Dewey found a job in electrical engineering.

Dewey traveled to various locales to analyze and fix problems with his company's equipment. Yet it frustrated him that his employer gave him little training.

One day Dewey heard about some training classes coming up and asked his boss if he might attend.

“For sure,” his boss said. “I was already planning on sending you.”

“You were?”

“Oh yes, who do you think is going to be teaching it?”<sup>09</sup>