



MIDWEEK CONNECTION AT MCN

June 27, 2018

## Worship with Us this Sunday, July 1

The sermon title is *The Way of Life*, and the Scripture is Psalm 121 and John 14:1-6. Pastor Tim Schrag comments, "We look forward joyously this Sunday to the child dedication of Ian Petri, the baptism and receiving into church membership of Matt Culbertson and Carolyn Headley, and the receiving into membership by transfer Art Headley and Carol Lou Eisenhardt. Please be in prayer for all."

### Hymns this Sunday

I to the Hills Will Lift My Eyes - HWB 169  
Christ is Our Cornerstone - HWB 43  
Come, Holy Spirit, Dove Divine - HWB 445  
Come, Thou Fount - HWB 521

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## Prayers

### Please pray for

- \*Hazel Yoder who is recovering at Mercy Creek from a pelvic fracture
  - \*Pam Dick's father, Ralph Katz who is having surgery July 6
  - \*The reunification of immigrant families and their children and the volunteers working with this population
  - \*Glenn Wilson's mother who has been hospitalized for fluid on her lungs
  - \*Joy Care Ministries, working with inmates on recidivism in Bloomington-Normal
  - \*Don Reeser, who had a massive stroke Saturday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, prayers for his wife and children as they await what happens in the days to come
  - \*Margaret Hopkin's cousin who has had two brain surgeries and cannot have more.
  - \*Erma Stutzman, who will have rotator cuff surgery next weeks
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Celebration of Life service will be held for John Zehr on Sunday, July 1 at 2:30 pm at First Mennonite Church (902 W. Springfield Ave), Urbana, IL. All who knew John are invited to attend.

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### This Week At 805 S Cottage

- Thur Jun 28      Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am
  
- Sun Jul 1        Pre-Service Prayer 9:00 am  
                    Worship 9:30 am  
                    Christian Education for Children 10:45 am  
                    Blood Pressures Taken 10:45 am  
                    Christian Education for Adults 11:00 am
  
- Mon Jul 2        Personnel Policy Task Force 5:30 pm
  
- Thur Jul 5        Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am



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### Serving This Sunday

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| Greeters          | John & Kay Reimer                                       |
|                   | West: Mark Alsene                                       |
| Welcome Table     | Mary Kauffman   |
| Ushers            | Lauren & Kristen Satchwell,<br>Emmanuel & Tanya Kasongo |
| Sermon            | Pastor Tim Schrag                                       |
| Worship Leader    | Josh Friesen  |
| Song Leader       | Jenell Ulrich   |
| Scripture         | Josh Friesen  |
| Children's Time   | Gerry Schrock   |
| Accompanist       | Dorothy Loepp   |
| Technology        | Rick Harnish  |
| Toddler Nursery   | Kristen Satchwell                                       |
| Preschool Nursery | Lexi Neely  |



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### Birthdays and Anniversaries



- Jordan King 7/1
- Janet Wilson 7/1
- Courtney Yoder 7/1
- Ardys Serpette 7/5

Keith Belzer 7/7

Happy 41<sup>st</sup> Anniversary to Glenn and Janet Wilson July 2  
Happy 38<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to Barry and Marge Weaver July 4  
Happy 4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to David and Gabriella Harnish July 5  
Happy 22<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary to Chris and Tina Hubbs



## MooNiE the Magnif'Cent

Two performances only, June 30th

**Family Matinee**, classic MooNiE performs his irresistibly hilarious show for all ages! 2:00pm at the Center for Performing Arts, Adults \$15, Child \$5.

**To Flop or Not to Flop - World Premier**, MooNiE's hilarious and evocative true stories are juxtaposed with Shakespeare's fools. A triumphant celebration of our moments of fiasco, failure, and flop! 8:00pm, Center for Performing Arts, General Seating \$18.

Order Online [IllinoisShakes.com](http://IllinoisShakes.com) or Call (309) 438-2535.



## Congregational Vote

The recommendation for Crosswinds Community Church to use our facility was affirmed by 94% of the congregational vote.--Church Board



## Process Design Team Survey and Update

The purpose of this survey is to gather information about various viewpoints and understandings on sexual orientation and gender identity within our church community. It is a very important step in hearing everyone's voice as we move forward in our discussion together. All ages are welcomed and encouraged to fill out this survey.

Paper copies are available on the MCN Entrance Table; however, the Design Team prefers your completion of the online survey if at all possible because it makes compilation so much easier.

[MCN Congregational Viewpoints Survey 2018](#)

[Process Design Team Information and Update to the Congregation June 17, 2018](#) (Distributed to Mailboxes

6/17/18)

[Link to Our Website Posting](#)



## 4th of July

Please note the annual MCN 4th of July picnic at Maxwell Park will NOT be held this year due to scheduling conflicts. We look forward to the return of this event in 2019! You may direct any questions to Shelly or Darvis King

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### **Mennonite Disaster Service's Naplate project is ready for drywall!**

We have passed all of our rough inspections are ready to rock! Could you give a day or two or a week to drywall this house? Good news! The ceilings are already done!

Please contact Jill McHugh at [ILMDSunit@gmail.com](mailto:ILMDSunit@gmail.com) to discuss your availability.

On a different note, the Illinois MDS unit is going to be revising our bylaws this year. Do you enjoy bylaws? We would be glad for one or two persons to work with our officers in reviewing and suggesting updates to our bylaws. Please contact Ronn Frantz at [ILMDSunit@gmail.com](mailto:ILMDSunit@gmail.com) with interest or names of people to contact.

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### **Moving**

Ron and Leanne Schertz will be at church July 8 for the last time as Illinois residents. Their new mailing address after July 24 will be 1254 Westbrooke Court, Goshen, IN 46528. For the near future they will be using their cell phones: Ron 309-696-2827, and Leanne 309-696-5399, and continue to use their present email address: [schertz2@mtco.com](mailto:schertz2@mtco.com).

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### **Quilts for the 2019 Mennonite Relief Sale**

Our church has been purchasing quilts at an Amish Auction in Wisconsin and selling them at our Mennonite Relief Sale.

We have been able to double or sometimes triple what was paid for the quilt in Wisconsin. This means your donation at least doubles or triples. This is a win/win for everyone. We are asking for your donation if you would like to participate in this project. We are giving you advance notice, and the quilts will be purchased on the last weekend of July. Checks can be made to the church, and whatever funds are available at the time of the sale, determines how many quilts are purchased. Last year we were able to buy 14 quilts. Some of the quilts will then be displayed in January and February, before the Mennonite Relief Sale in March. Thanks in advance for your help. Larry and Louise Reeser

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## SAVE THE DATE

Join us for the 5th ANNUAL SUGAR GROVE ALL-AGES SUNDAY SCHOOL OUTING on Sunday, July 22 DURING Sunday School, all-ages (kids, youth, and adults) are welcome to join the fun at Sugar Grove Nature Center. NO Primary through Youth CE classes will be held at church.

Kids may want to bring a change of clothes for creek play. BRING A SACK LUNCH; water will be provided. We can carpool with kids who do not need car seats. Parents will need to deliver those kids who need car seats. All children should be picked up at Sugar Grove at 1:00pm. You may stay as long as you like. Others who would like to come and picnic and explore are invited to come at any time. The pavilion is reserved for us. We will go rain or shine. Come to see all the wonderful nature God had given us!

Click here for Directions: <http://sugargrovenaturecenter.org/directions.html>

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## Empowering Women: Claiming Healthy Personal Boundaries Workshop

[Mennonite Women USA](http://mennonitewomenusa.org) and [Dove's Nest](http://dovesnest.net) 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

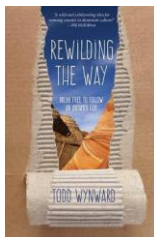
Chiara Center, Springfield, IL

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 per person for double

occupancy, \$130 per person for single occupancy. Registrations due by July 30 to church office. 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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## 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

“When we honestly ask ourselves which person in our lives mean the most to us, we often find that it is those who, instead of giving advice, solutions, or cures, have chosen rather to share our pain and touch our wounds with a warm and tender hand. The friend who can be silent with us in a moment of despair or confusion, who can stay with us in an hour of grief and bereavement, who can tolerate not knowing, not curing, not healing and face with us the reality of our powerlessness, that is a friend who cares.” **Henri Nouwen**

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## Building Use

Carpet Cleaning

June 28, 11:00 am

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## Today's Chuckle



A little boy watched, fascinated, as his mother gently massaged cold cream on her face.

"Why are you rubbing that on your face, Mommy?" he asked.

"To make myself beautiful," said his mother.

A few minutes later, she began removing the cream with a tissue.

"What's the matter?" he asked. "Are you giving up?"