



MIDWEEK CONNECTION AT MCN

June 6, 2018

Worship with Us this Sunday, June 10

The sermon title is *Meeting Jesus on the Road*, and the Scripture is Psalm 90. Ron Ropp comments that this will be a testimony of his 56 years in ministry.

Hymns this Sunday

I Owe the Lord a Morning Song - HWB 651
O Come, Loud Anthems Let Us Sing - HWB 68
Take Thou My Hand, O Father - HWB 581
Be Thou My Vision - HWB 545

Prayers

Please pray for

- *Aileen Wilson, as she moves from the hospital to rehab
- *Rick Reha, who has been in the hospital this week
- *Hazel Yoder, who is having back issues
- *Wilma Dyck, recovering from wrist surgery

We give thanks for

- *Joe Dick's recovery in the last year
- *Thanks for all who were concerned for Meghan Reha's health recently. Her surgery was successful and she is recovering well. Thanks to all who prayed, sent cards and delivered food. I am so grateful to God for her returning health and for your kind thoughts and prayers. —Lynn Reha

This Week At 805 S Cottage

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

Sun Jun 10 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 Jun 11 Christian Education Committee 6:30 pm
 Financial Stewardship 6:30 pm

Tue Jun 12 Wellness Committee 5:30 pm
 Church Board 6:30 pm

Wed Jun 13 Pastoral Council 6:00 pm

Thur Jun 14 Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am
 Outreach Committee 5:00 pm



Serving This Sunday

Greeters	Jeremy & Chris Haab
	West: John Bertsche
Welcome Table	Stephanie Nester
Ushers	John & Kay Reimer, Linda & Roger Clemmons
Sermon	Ron Ropp
Worship Leader	Lynn Reha
Song Leader	Barry Weaver
Scripture	Jean-Benoît Ponnou-Delaffon
Children's Time	Holly Zehr
Accompanist	Dorothy Loepp
Technology	Caleb Augspurger
Toddler Nursery	Amy Reiman
Preschool Nursery	Beth Reeser



Birthdays and Anniversaries



Diane Wiman 6/10
 Miriam Kennell 6/12
 Joe Warfel 6/12
 Andreas Unzicker 6/14

Hayden Yoder 6/14

Happy 46th Anniversary to Mike and Stephanie Company on June 10
Happy 24th Anniversary to Keith and Shannon Unzicker on June 12
Happy 4th Anniversary to Keith and Kayla Belzer on June 13
Happy 54th Anniversary to Juergen and Meredith Schroeer on June 14



Talk to the Church Board Listening Session Recommendation

The Church Board recommends that MCN accept the request from Crosswinds to rent space at MCN from August 1, 2018 to January 31, 2019. The Financial Stewardship Committee and the Office Manager will work toward a fair and reasonable rental agreement.

A congregational vote on this recommendation will take place on June 24. Absentee ballots are available in the church office.



New Summer Adult Christian Education Classes this Sunday!

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

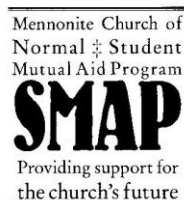
Darrel Miller will lead a class, “Justice in the New Testament” by Dorothy Jean Weaver.

“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.



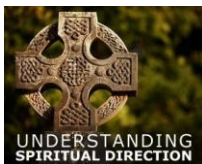
Lost & Found

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!



This Sunday!

The annual Student Mutual Aid Program [SMAP] fundraiser will be held this 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.



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>



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/>



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) by June 18 for more information.



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 or call 309-268-3504.



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 or call Thomas at 559-638-6911.



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>



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 or contact Cyneatha Millsaps at CyneathaMillsaps@mcc.org or 574-534-4133.



The Art of Pausing: Reclaiming a Sense of Balance in our Lives

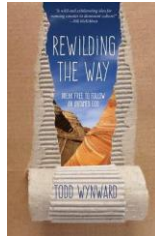
Overnight Meditation Quiet Retreat

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](#)



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.



Summer Programs and Assistance

[Path Summer Program Guide](#)

[Free Summer Meals](#)



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.



Resources are available to continue to #LearnPrayJoin for the Korean Peninsula

- Read blog reflections from people who have lived and served on the Korean peninsula: mennoniteusa.org/korea-posts
 - Listen to Peace Lab Podcast #33 with Joy Yoon: mennoniteusa.org/plp33
 - Watch the webinar recorded with Dr. Inyeop Lee: mennoniteusa.org/dr-lee
 - Support the ongoing peacemaking efforts of MCC and Mission Network: mennoniteusa.org/give-lpj
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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.

Voice of the Day

"I am only one, but still I am one. I cannot do everything, but still I can do something; and because I cannot do everything I will not refuse to do something that I can do." **Edward Everett Hale**

Today's Chuckle



They had been up in the attic together doing some cleaning. The kids uncovered an old manual typewriter and asked her, "Hey Mom...what's this?"

"Oh...that's an old typewriter," she answered, thinking that would satisfy their curiosity.

"Well what does it do?" they asked.

"I'll show you," she said and returned with a blank piece of paper. She rolled the paper into the typewriter and began striking the keys, leaving black letters of print on the page.

"WOW!" they exclaimed, "that's really cool...but how does it work like that? Where do you plug it in?"

"There is no plug," she answered. "It doesn't need a plug."

"Then where do you put the batteries?" they persisted.

"It doesn't need batteries either." she continued.

"Wow! This is so cool!" they exclaimed. "Someone should have invented this a long time ago!"