



MIDWEEK CONNECTION AT MCN

June 20, 2018

Worship with Us this Sunday, June 24

The sermon title is *An Attitude of Forbearance*, and the Scripture is Romans 2:4, Romans 5:6-8, and Colossians 3:12-13. Pastor Schrag will be considering how we might live with each other with integrity and unity, even when believing another is wrong. A very important resource on this topic is a paper by Mennonite theologian Tom Yoder Neufeld, "Binding Loosely or Loose Bindings". It is available upon request from Pastor Schrag.

Hymns this Sunday

When Peace, Like a River - HWB 336

Dona Nobis Pacem - HWB 346

God Be With You - HWB 430

Prayers

Please pray for

*The Process Design Team

*Hazel Yoder, who is having back issues

*Erma Stutzman, who will have rotator cuff surgery in two weeks

We give thanks for

*Lydia Wilson's safe return home

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.

This Week At 805 S Cottage

- Thur Jun 21 Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am
Jobs Partnership Gathering 5:30 pm
- Fri Jun 22 MYF Lock-In 7:00 pm
- Sun Jun 24 Pre-Service Prayer 9:00 am
Worship 9:30 am
Christian Education for Children 10:45 am
Christian Education for Adults 11:00 am
- Tue Jun 26 Peace and Justice Committee 5:00 pm
Youth Ministry Committee 6:30 pm
- Thur Jun 28 Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am
Carpet Cleaning 11:00 am



Serving This Sunday

Greeters	Gail & Nancy Fisher West: Phil & Alexa Hoffman
Welcome Table	Mary Ann King
Ushers	Mary Ann & Paul Watkins Andy & Beth Reeser
Sermon	Pastor Tim Schrag
Worship Leader	Nathan Miller
Song Leader	Cindy Ropp
Scripture	David Voegtlin
Children's Time	Chris Culbertson
Accompanist	Dorothy Loepp
Technology	Caleb Augspurger
Toddler Nursery	Miriam Kennell
Preschool Nursery	Holly Zehr



Birthdays and Anniversaries



Chellie Miller 6/17 (correction)
Emily Hershberger 6/25
Joshua Waggoner 6/25
Annette Harnish 6/26

Alena Culbertson 6/28

Clara Unzicker 6/29

Happy 58th Anniversary to Don & Ramona Augspurger on June 25th

Happy 48th Anniversary to Wayne & Lois Hochstetler on June 27th

*Thank
you* 

Dear MCN Family,

Thank you for all the cards, calls, and prayers sent. I appreciate your support during this time. It has been a difficult road but I am confident that I will be well again soon.

Love, Bethany (Nanny Care-Giver)



Joy Care Jobs Partnership Gathering

John Baldwin, Director of the Illinois Department of Corrections, will speak at the quarterly Joy Care Jobs Partnership gathering on Thursday, June 21 at the Mennonite Church of Normal. The meeting will be from 5:30 - 6:30 pm and Michelle Cook, the Jobs Partnership Coordinator, will provide an update on our prison ministry. We hope this relationship between local church representatives and ex-offenders continues to help us integrate ex-offenders back into our community. This gathering will include representatives of area churches and ex-offenders.



Congregational Vote

A congregational vote will be taken this Sunday, June 24, on the recommendation from the Church Board, as follows:

"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."

Absent ballots are available in the church office. A 2/3 majority vote of members is necessary to accept this recommendation.



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](#)



Habitat Needs Your Help

Many families in McLean County are in need of a safe, decent, and affordable place to live. You don't need to swing a hammer to help Habitat for Humanity build homes for those in need. Come and **volunteer in our office** by answering phones, doing light filing, and helping out the staff. Learn some new office skills or utilize the ones you have while being an effective member of our team!

Call Lindsey to get started at **309-827-3931**.



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



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!



How does your church confront racism?

Watch "Jesus Wasn't White" <https://www.mennonitemission.net/video/Jesus-wasn't-White> and use the discussion questions with your Sunday school class or Small Group.

Thinking about taking a GAP year after high school?

Serve, learn, and develop your leadership skills through Service Adventure. For more information visit www.MennoniteMission.net/ServiceAdventure or contact SusanN@MennoniteMission.net.



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.



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

"The future does not belong to those who are content with today. Rather it will belong to those who can blend vision, reason, and courage in a personal commitment." **Robert F. Kennedy**



Building Use

HAAQG Retreat

June 22 & 23

Music Recording

Thursday, June 28, 4:00 pm

Today's Chuckle



Whenever my aunt went to the doctor, she would complain to me about the long delay she always endured.

One day, when my aunt's name was finally called, she was asked to step on the scale. "I need to get your weight today," said the nurse.

Without a moment's hesitation, my aunt replied, "One hour and 45 minutes!"