



**Mennonite  
Church  
of Normal**

A congregation of  
Mennonite Church USA

*Offering Christ's peace to hearts, homes, community and world*

MIDWEEK CONNECTION AT MCN

July 3, 2018

### **Worship with Us this Sunday, July 8**

Reverend Jim Bortell will bring the sermon this Sunday. The sermon title is *!!!?!?! The Scripture is Psalm 19:1, Selections from II Corinthians chapters 3 and 4, and Romans 11: 33-34A. Reverend Bortell comments, "The sermon is about paying attention to God in every moment of our lives."*

#### **Hymns this Sunday**

Let the Whole Creation Cry HWB 51  
For the Beauty of the Earth HWB 89  
I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light STJ 95  
All Things Bright and Beautiful HWB 156

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#### **Prayers**

Larry Reeser's brother Don passed away on Wednesday, June 27. Services will be Saturday, July 7, 11:00 at Christ Lutheran Church in Crossville TN.

#### **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
  - \*Adults and teens at Serving with Appalachian People this week
  - \*Kids at camp, especially those who might be homesick
  - \*Meredith and Juergen Schroeer as they travel to the West Coast for adventures with family
  - \*Cindy Ropp's mother who is traveling to Brownsville, TX to advocate for immigrant children and Cindy as she helps care for her father while her mother is traveling
  - \*All those working with refugee children
  - \*Lizzie, daughter of Pam and Mark Hodel, who is faces many difficult situations as she tries to help people seek asylum
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## This Week At 805 S Cottage

- Thur Jul 5 Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am
- Sun Jul 8 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 Jul 10 Wellness Committee 5:30 pm  
Process Design Team 7:00 pm
- Wed Jul 11 Pastoral Council 6:00 pm
- Thur Jul 12 Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am  
Outreach Committee 5:00 pm



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## Serving This Sunday

Greeters	Paul & MaryAnn Watkins
West:	Ardys Serpette
Welcome Table	David Voegtlin
Ushers	Caleb Augspurger, Pascal Ngongo, David & Gabriella Harnish
Sermon	Rev. Jim Bortell
Worship Leader	Mike Company
Song Leader	Wayne Hochstetler
Scripture	Rita Munkakusi Ngongo
Children's Time	Darrel Miller
Accompanist	Chris Culbertson
Technology	Rick Harnish
Toddler Nursery	Alena Culbertson
Preschool Nursery	Matt Culbertson



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## Birthdays and Anniversaries



Emma King 7/8  
Sue Schrag 7/8  
Gail Wilber 7/8  
Adam Augspurger 7/10  
Lotus Hershberger 7/12  
Cindy Ropp 7/12

Happy 19<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to Andy and Denise Hedberg on July 10  
Happy 26<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to Jon and Janelle Friesen on July 11  
Happy 11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to Heath and Helen Brandon on July 14

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**PLEASE  
NOTE:**

Due to Pastor Tim's sabbatical, Pastor Jane will usually be in the office Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays for July and August. **Would you like a visit from Pastor Jane?** Pastor Jane is available on Wednesdays in July and August for pastoral visits -at the church office, in your home or to meet for tea/coffee. Please be in touch with her to schedule a visit. 815.848.5978.

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### Process Design Team Survey and Update

**Survey Time Extended! The opportunity to complete the MCN Congregational Viewpoints Survey has been extended through Sunday July 8.** Results of the survey will be available after the Design Team meets to compile them on July 10.

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](#)

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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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Starting on Sunday, July 8, the Mennonite Women will start collecting supplies for school kits, and will be collecting them during the months of July and August. The supply list, including two new items, is below.

- 4 spiral or perforated pages notebooks (ONE SUBJECT) notebooks (8.5x10.5 inches and 70 sheets)
- 8 new UNSHARPENED pencils
- 1 ruler (flat, good quality, must indicate 30 cm)
- 12 colored pencils (in packaging)
- 1 large eraser
- 2 new black or blue ballpoint pens
- 1 small metal pencil sharpener (one or two holes)

There will be bags provided in the Atrium.

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Hazel Yoder's new address is 1501 Mercy Creek Drive, Apartment 212, Normal, IL, 61761.  
Home phone is 309-268-1439, cell phone is 309-531-1984, email is the same: [hyoder2@gmail.com](mailto:hyoder2@gmail.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](#) 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 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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“The weakness of power is that when power is confronted by the authority of truth, it is no match for the power of weakness that bears the mark of truth.” **Paul Lehman**

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### **Building Use**

### **Organ Tuning**

July 5, 10:00 am

### **Wild Ones**

July 9, 5:30 pm Board Meeting

7:00 pm General Meeting

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### **Today's Chuckle**



Johnny: "Do you think Noah did a lot of fishing while he was on the Ark?"

Sonny: "No. How could he, with just two worms."