



MIDWEEK CONNECTION AT MCN

July 25, 2018

## Worship with Us this Sunday, July 29

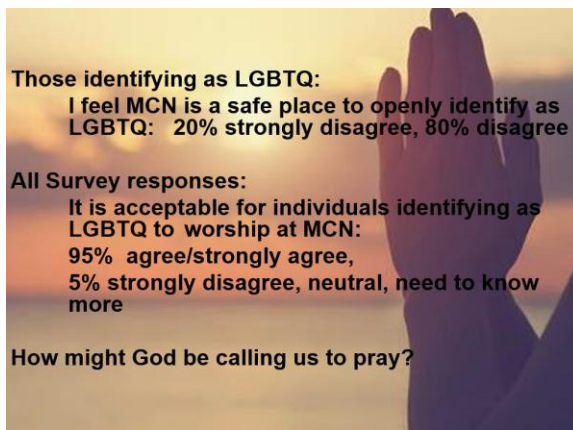
The sermon title is *Living Daylights*, and the Scripture is Psalm 46. Holly Zehr comments, "In this week's sermon, we will explore the role of fear as both a wall against and a door to deeper faith. Prepare for this sermon by asking yourself, 'What am I afraid of?'"

### Hymns this Sunday

I Sing the Mighty Power of God - HWB 46  
My Hope is Built - HWB 343  
Don't Be Afraid - STJ 105  
God Will Take Care of You - Screen

## Prayers

Please pray for



Pastor Jane and Lauren, Youth Ministry Leader, shared about the disconnect between the 95% of the Congregational Perspectives Survey respondents that are accepting of LGBTQ persons in MCN worship and the 100% of the LGBTQ respondents who do not feel safe to openly identify at MCN. How might God be calling us to pray?

## Condolences

Our condolences go to Erin Ponnou-Delaffon and her family. Her grandfather, Renald Landry passed away Saturday, July 21 in Maine.

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## This Week At 805 S Cottage

Thur Jul 26	Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am
Sun Jul 29	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 Jul 30	Personnel Policy Task Force 5:30 pm
Wed Aug 1	Process Design Team 7:00 pm
Thur Aug 2	Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am



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## Serving This Sunday

Greeters	Lee & Mary Alice Hertzler West: The King Family
Welcome Table	Mary Dyck
Ushers	Adam Augspurger, The King Family, Pascal Ngongo
Sermon	Holly Zehr
Worship Leader	Marge Weaver
Song Leader	
Scripture	Nathan Miller
Children's Time	Alena Culbertson
Accompanist	Dorothy Loepp
Technology	Randy Zehr
Toddler Nursery	Miriam Kennell
Preschool Nursery	Sarah Nichols



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## Birthdays and Anniversaries



Mike Company 7/29  
Mark Roeschley 7/29  
Connie Yoder 7/30  
Moses Dick 7/31  
Leo Desch 8/1

Happy 59<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to John and Kay Reimer on August 1

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**Last week to register!**

## **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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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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It will be time soon for the Leadership Selection Committee to provide the Offering My Gifts forms. If you serve in a church role and know of a task that you think it would be helpful to list on Offering My Gifts, please let Lauren or Pastor Jane know. For example, those who help in the Church Library just reported some tasks they would like to put on Offering My Gifts that people could do to serve in the Library.

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Pastor Tim Schrag and Pastor Jane Roeschley have shared their retirement plans with the Church Board. Pastor Tim will retire on September 1, 2019, and Pastor Jane will retire on November 30, 2019. The Church Board has been planning for this transition for some time and is working closely with conference leadership to consider the appropriate next steps. As plans develop, the congregation will be kept informed

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*Welcome!*

The Leadership Selection Committee has appointed Andy Hedberg to fill the vacancy on the Church Board. He will begin meeting with the Church Board on their next scheduled meeting, August 14, 2018.

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# Welcome Back!

Sue Byler and her family will be here on Sunday, July 29. For those who would like to reconnect with them, there will be a lunch at the MRC Community Building at 12:30pm. Bring sandwiches and finger foods to share.

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In two Sundays, August 5th, we will celebrate Communion in worship here at MCN. In preparation, we are all encouraged to engage in self-examination - both of our relationships with God, and with others.

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## Coming Soon - Menno Haven Sunday!

On August 12, starting at 10:00 am, Gather at Camp Menno Havn for worship, fellowship, time in nature, and fun!

If you need a ride, or if you can offer a ride, please contact the church office.

There is no worship planned for 805 S Cottage that day. **Activities** include the pool being open for swimming, open gym at the Eagle Wing Activity Center, and use of canoes and kayaks on the lake, which is also available for fishing. We hope that you can come!

**Want a longer Camp Menno Haven experience?** Try tent camping on Saturday, August 11. Have extra time for activities, cook your supper and sleep under the stars near other MCN'ers. We hope you will try it!

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## School Supply Kits

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 are bags provided in the Atrium.

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## Lifetouch Directory Update

There have been some staffing changes at Lifetouch that have contributed to a delay in receiving a timely proof of the new directory. Instead of the projected July/August timeline, we are more likely to receive new directories in September. Thank you for your patience in this process!

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## MCC Great Lakes is seeking a Program Director

Based in Goshen, Indiana, the Program Director will supervise at least four employees and give oversight to programs in material resources, young adult engagement, immigration, peacemaking and other MCC priorities within the Great Lakes region. For a full job description, visit [mcc.org/gl-program-director](http://mcc.org/gl-program-director). Individuals interested in this position should send a cover letter and current resume when they apply online by August 13. For more information or questions, contact Amber Falcón at 574-534-4133 or [AmberFalcon@mcc.org](mailto:AmberFalcon@mcc.org).

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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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## 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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## 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

"I think your heart needs to be broken, and broken open, at least once to have a heart at all or to have a heart for others." **Richard Rohr**

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## Building Use

Music Recording

July 28, 9:00 am

HAAQG Board Meeting

August 2, 5:30 pm

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## Today's Chuckle



When I went to get my driver's license renewed, our local motor-vehicle bureau was packed.

The line inched along for almost an hour until the man ahead of me finally got his license.

He inspected his photo for a moment and commented to the clerk, "I was standing in line so long, I ended up looking pretty grouchy in this picture."

The clerk looked at his picture closely. "It's okay," he reassured the man, "That's how you're going to look when the cops pull you over anyway."