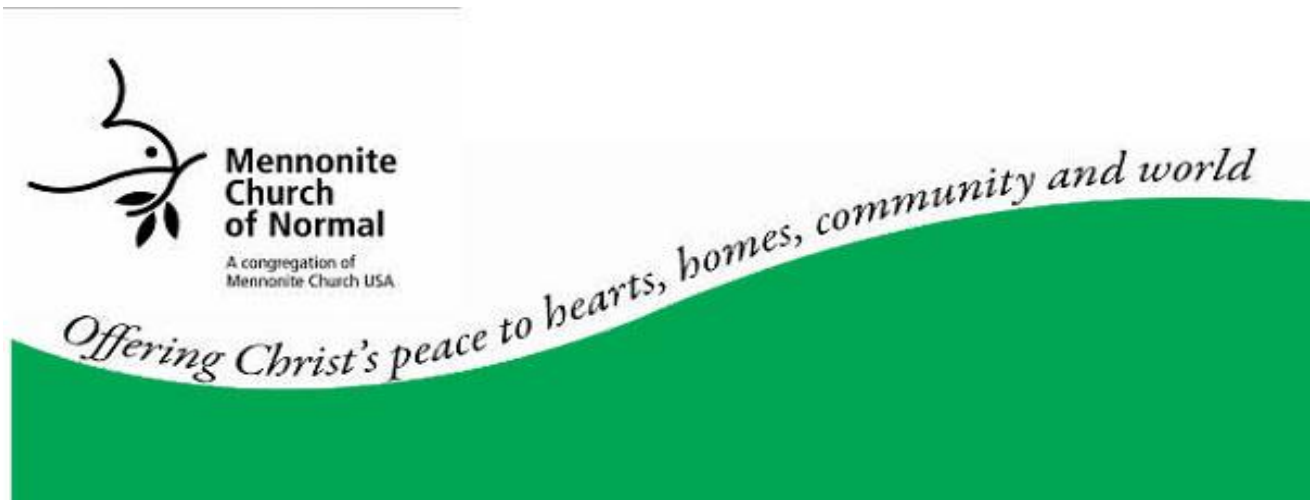


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MIDWEEK CONNECTION AT MCN

July 11, 2018

Worship with Us this Sunday, July 15

This Sunday, reflections will be shared by some of the high school youth who served with MCC's Sharing with Appalachian People (SWAP) program July 2-7. The high school youth have planned the service and will be using Scripture passages, Isaiah 58:5-8 and 1 Peter 4:8-10. There will be a mix of worship songs this Sunday, including; Here I Am to Worship, Gravity of Love, Will You Let Me Be Your Servant, Beautiful Things, I'll Fly Away, and "Seeds" Sending Song.

Prayers

Please pray for

- *Sara Williams and her children as her husband whom was Normal West's choir teacher passed suddenly, last Monday
- *Hazel Yoder who was moved to Meadows from Mercy Creek and is still recovering from a pelvic fracture
- *Ron and Leanne Schertz as they transition to their new home in Goshen, IN
- *Children and youth at camp, especially those who might be homesick
- *Stephanie Nester's family as her Grandma is recovering from hip surgery, her aunt is recovering from a knee replacement, and her cousin will be undergoing surgery this week. Prayers for those recovering as well as those providing recovery support

We give thanks for

- *Safe work sites and travel for the adults and high school students serving with Sharing with Appalachian People (SWAP) last week
 - *Thank you all for your prayers, food and many evidences of love shown me when I broke my wrist. Blessings to you! -Wilma
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This Week At 805 S Cottage

Thur Jul 12 Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am
 Outreach Committee 5:00 pm

Sun Jul 15 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 16 Personnel Policy Task Force 5:30 pm

Tue Jul 17 Church Board 6:30 pm
 Financial Stewardship Committee 6:30 pm

Thur Jul 19 Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am



Serving This Sunday

Greeters	Steve and Deb Stenger
	West: Mary Dyck
Welcome Table	Mary Ann Watkins
Ushers	Lotus Hershberger, David & Abby Warfel, Tshitshi Tshiseleka & Jeremie Dedetemo
Sermon	MYF SWAP Reporting
Worship Leader	Matt Culbertson
Song Leader	Youth Musicians
Scripture	Youth
Children's Time	Chris Culbertson
Accompanist	Youth Musicians
Technology	Rick Harnish
Toddler Nursery	Emily Petri
Preschool Nursery	Nancy Fisher



Birthdays and Anniversaries



Terry Wiebenga 7/17
Lois Hochstetler 7/18
Lee Hertzler 7/20
David Voegtlin 7/20
Rich Willmarth 7/21

Happy 19th Anniversary to Darin and Katie Driscoll on July 17

Happy 8th Anniversary to Reuben and Courtney Yoder on July 17
Happy 3rd Anniversary to Ben and Caroline Roeschley on July 18
Happy 59th Anniversary to Ron and Leanne Schertz on July 18



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.



Documentary on Mr. Rogers

"Won't You Be My Neighbor?" is an excellent documentary that chronicles the life of Mr. Rogers and his impact on children, television, and society at large. It is currently showing at the Marcus Wehrenberg Theater in Bloomington and is receiving rave reviews. It is a trolley ride down Memory Lane if you were a child in the 60s-2001 or a parent during these years.

Fred Rogers believed each person is of value, whatever their age. This documentary focuses on the importance of kindness. His hallmark was to deal with people with respect and kindness, most especially with children. By the end of the film, the viewer is inspired to follow his example by striving to make a difference in our currently fractured world.

Marcus Theater will provide a group rate of \$6.00 per person if any of us is interested in going together. It will be showing the next few weeks. It seems like a special opportunity for many different groups within our church—clusters, Sunday School classes, committees (like Christian Education, Youth Ministries, Peace and Justice or Wellness, etc), or simply a social outing with friends.

Check the [theater's website](#) for showtimes.

Here are some links to check out:

[Trailer on YouTube](#)

[An article from the Washington Post](#)



Reports from Delegates to Central District Annual Conference,

June 21-23, Goshen,

by Lotus Hershberger, Lois Hochstetler and Wayne Hochstetler.

Central District Conference annual meeting is a big family reunion of caring people from across the eastern USA. We had a great conference space at College Mennonite Church with adequate room for the varied activities and business meetings. There was a very positive atmosphere as we learned more about particular congregations,

welcomed new member congregations, and celebrated God's work among us. Highlights were reconnecting with friends, Jonathan Larson's storytelling, and Cyneatha Millsap's seminar of consciousness-raising about the great efforts of Black communities to keep their young men safe.

At CDC I heard compassion for the oppressed and about projects some of sister churches have to try to make a positive difference. The singing and worship times were great.

Although there was only routine business to conduct, it was a heartwarming, uplifting experience. Sharing experiences and getting to know others in table groups, attending interesting seminars on current topics, and participating in well planned and engaging worship experiences makes one very aware of the value of conferences. I wish others from our congregation could experience some of this.

An exciting development for CDC are the conversations with Allegheny Conference, in which various methods of affiliation are being explored. If these conversations are fruitful, they may result in a new model of conferences relating to each other. This has the potential of providing some new definitions of membership in MCUSA.



The Illinois Chamber Music Festival

This summer's concert series will be held July 8 - 28 in Westbrook Auditorium, IWU, free and open to the public!

SUNDAY, JULY 8 at 7:30 pm

Shostakovich -- Five Pieces for 2 violins and piano

Lutoslawski -- Epitaph for oboe and piano

Gounod -- "Viens, Mon Couer"

Mahler -- Piano Quartet

THURSDAY, JULY 12 at 7:30 PM

Dvorak -- Piano Trio in F minor

Franck - Sonata for violin & piano

Martini - Madrigal for violin & viola

SUNDAY, JULY 15 at 3:00 PM

Children's Concert

TUESDAY, JULY 17 AT 7:30 PM

Piazzolla -- "Winter" from Four Seasons of Buenos Aires

Gaubert - Aquarelle No. 1

Shostakovich - Piano Quintet

SUNDAY, JULY 22 AT 3:00 PM

Schubert - Fantasy in F minor for piano 4-hands

Beethoven - Cello Sonata No. 3

Brahms- Sextet in Bb Major

MONDAY, JULY 23 AT 7:00 PM

Music for Food Concert

Mennonite Church of Normal

THURSDAY, JULY 26 AT 7:30 PM
Brahms - Piano Trio in C Major
Luhmann - Ergo for English horn & piano
Borodin - Piano Quintet



Music for Food Concert by IWU Chamber Festival Musicians

July 23, 7 pm, here at MCN
Bring canned food for our Widow's Cruse.
<https://musicforfood.net/>



Process Design Team Update

The Process Design Team is compiling results from the Congregational Viewpoints Survey recently conducted. Preliminary results will be made available to the congregation on Sunday, July 15. Thank you for your participation.



Wesley United Methodist Distribution Ministry - paper goods

In partnership with Midwest Food Bank, every third Saturday of the month from 9:30am-11:30am in the old Chase Bank building across the street from WUMC (502 East Front Street, Bloomington, IL 61701), anyone is welcome to come. Wesley gives away paper products of all kinds (a month supply at a time) - toilet paper, napkins, paper towels, diapers, wipes, feminine hygiene products, paper plates, Kleenex, etc.

Clients will be asked for name, how many family members, and who referred them. Come earlier than later - they tend to run out.



Et Cetera Shop in Eureka

The Et Cetera Shop is looking to get more people involved! There are two ways to become involved: volunteering to work as a clerk or sorter at the shop and/or having one or two people from your congregation serve on our board. The board meets once every other month.

The shop is open 10-4 weekdays and Saturday 10-3. There is always a place for volunteers.

The majority of the proceeds from the shop go to MCC. But we do try to help with needs in the community as well. Presently we are able to send \$15,000 every other month to help MCC with their relief work around the world.

Let the church office know if you would like more information!



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

We have passed all of our rough inspections and 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 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 with interest or names of people to contact.



Community Health Survey

A [community health survey](#) is conducted every three years as part of each community health needs assessment (CHNA) that we do jointly with OSF St. Joseph, McLean County Health Department, and Chestnut's Health Center. They are looking for input from people rural McLean County as well as those populations underserved.

All are encouraged to complete the survey.

You can return written surveys in the mail to:

Sally Gambacorta

Director of Community Health

Advocate BroMenn Medical Center

3024 E. Empire St.

Bloomington, IL 61704

or email to: sally.gambacorta@advocatehealth.com



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.



Opportunities to learn about immigration and respond with MCC

MCC works with the issue of migration around the world and walks with people who migrate, people who struggle not to migrate and people who provide hospitality to migrants in many places.

Learn: Consider participating in the [MCC Migration Learning Tour to Guatemala and Honduras](#) on November 7-17.

Pray: Pray for the migrants who made the difficult choice to leave their home communities in the hope of a better life, for the detained immigrants as they wait in detention and for the border portal agents to execute their job justly and humanely.

Advocate: [Contact your elected officials](#) to express your desire for more humane immigration policies.

Serve: Become an [immigration court watcher](#) through the Interfaith Community for Detained Immigrants.

Give: [Donate](#) money to MCC for ongoing work with issues surrounding immigration.

For more information on how you can get involved, visit mcc.org/immigration.



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. Individuals interested in this position should send a cover letter and current resume when they apply online by July 30. For more information or questions, contact Amber Falcón at 574-534-4133 or AmberFalcon@mcc.org.



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



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>



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

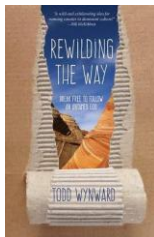
August 17-18, 2018

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!



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

“Do not be afraid to welcome. Offer them the warmth of the love of Christ...I am certain that, as so often in the past, these people will enrich America and its Church.” **Pope Francis**



Building Use

IMC Ministry Leadership Team

July 14, 10:00 am

Today's Chuckle



"You just go ahead," the man in the shopping mall said to his wife. "While you're shopping, I'll browse in the hardware store."

An hour later, she returned and saw him at the checkout counter. The clerk was ringing up the last of a pile of tools and supplies that would fill two wheelbarrows.

"Are you buying all this?" his wife asked incredulously.

"Well, yes," he said, embarrassed. Then waving his arm toward the interior of the store, he added, "But look at all the stuff I'm leaving behind!"