



**Mennonite  
Church  
of Normal**

A congregation of  
Mennonite Church USA

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

May 13, 2015

## MIDWEEK CONNECTION AT MCN

### Today's Chuckle

What do you call a fake noodle? *An impasta.*

Did you hear about the hungry clock? *It went back 4 seconds.*

Why did the belt get arrested? *He held up a pair of pants.*

### Happy Birthday!

Kay Reimer—May 16  
Emily Kettering—May 17  
Lucy Unzicker—May 18  
Rick Harnish—May 19  
Sam Warfel—May 19  
Tanya Kimbembe—May 20

### Happy Anniversary!

Blair and Connie Reeser-Hall—May 12 (20 years)

### Prayer Requests

Prayer is requested for:

- \*Earthquake victims in Nepal
- \*Roelie Homan as she deals with back pain
- \*Aldine Combs as she recovers from surgery
- \*Hickman family in the adoption process
- \*Jerry Musselman

*If you have a prayer concern for which you would appreciate the prayers of your church family, please call the church office at 452-6622 or email [Lynn](mailto:Lynn).*

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### Worship with us this Sunday, May 17

Pastor Tim Schrag asks us to consider this: What basis did Jesus have for trusting Peter? What basis did Peter have for being 'hurt'? The scripture is John 21: 1-22 and the title of sermon is *Moving on in Grace.*

### Serving this Sunday

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| Greeters          | South— Rachel Zehr; Esther Brown<br>West— Ardys Serpette      |
| Welcome Table     | Gerlof Homan  |
| Ushers            | Steve Stenger; Meredith Satchwell<br>Mike & Stephanie Company |
| Worship Leader    | Holly Zehr  |
| Accompanist       | Chris Culbertson  |
| Song Leader       | Cindy Ropp  |
| Children's Time   | Pastor Jane Roeschley   |
| Scripture         | Larry Schrader  |
| Sermon            | Pastor Tim Schrag   |
| Technology        | Rick Harnish  |
| Toddler Nursery   | Erin Ripley   |
| Preschool Nursery | Darvis King   |

### MCN Events This Week at 805 S Cottage, Normal

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| Wed May 13   | Peace & Justice 5:15 pm  |
| Thurs May 14 | Next Man Bible Study 6:16 am<br>Youth Ministry 6:00 pm<br>Pastoral Council 6:00 pm |
| Sat May 16   | Cemetery Work Day 8:00 am  |
| Sun May 17   | Pre-Service Prayer 9:00 am<br>Worship 9:30 am<br>Christian Education 11:00 am      |
| Tues May 19  | Staff Meeting 9:30 am  |

### Condolences

We extend sympathy to the family of Alta Litwiller. She passed away on May 12 at the age of 103.  
Visitation: 3-6 pm Mon, May 18 at Mennonite Church of Normal  
Internment: 9:30 am Tues, May 19 at East Lawn Memorial Gardens  
Memorial Service: 10:30 am Tues, May 19 at Mennonite Church of Normal

### Upcoming Church Events

**MCN Cemetery Work Day May 16.** The cement has been poured and main work will be finishing the redesign. Please see Ron Ropp with any questions. See below for details about the Cemetery Meditation Center Dedication on Sunday, May 24.

**Congregational Work Session** The Church Board is planning a Congregational Work Session at 1 pm on Sunday, May 17. Please make your own lunch arrangements. Resources which are attached to this email include the following: a letter from Lotus Hershberger describing the agenda items, and the Resolutions (5 separate attachments) which are to be brought to the MC USA delegates.

Normal join with other churches in the area to pray for various sections of Advocate Bro Menn Medical Center and Advocate Eureka Hospital. This month MCN is asked to pray for the Cardiopulmonary Rehabilitation area at Advocate BroMenn.

### Voice of the Day

How can one come to possess great faith? Now listen, here is the answer to that: First, the blade, then the ear, then the full corn in the ear. Faith must grow by soil, moisture, and exercise. *Smith Wigglesworth*

### Illinois Mennonite Conference

[Click the link](#) to read the current *Heart, Soul, Mind & Strength*, IMC Conference Minister Chuck Neufeld's weekly message to IMC churches. Also, the latest copy of [Missionary Crossroads](#) is available.

Please call the church office if you or someone in your family is hospitalized. Due to HIPAA regulations, persons may be hospitalized for several days before your pastors are aware of a need for pastoral care.

### Help People In Nepal

Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) is requesting donations to support its response to the 7.8-magnitude earthquake that shook Nepal April 25. Focusing its initial emergency response on hard-hit rural communities, MCC is providing food, tarps, blankets and cooking pots and utensils. A longer-term response will be determined as

**Fine Arts Celebration Sunday, May 31, 2015** Young people who are high school age or younger are invited to share their gifts with the congregation. The featured fine arts include art, music, dance, literature, and other talents. Forms to register the fine arts offerings are available on the table in the Entrance. See Cindy Ropp with any questions.

**Save the date!** The annual Student Mutual Aid Program [SMAP] fundraiser will be held Sunday June 7 at 5pm, 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.

**Cemetery Meditation Center Dedication Sunday May 24.** Everyone is invited to see the new Meditation Center at the MCN Cemetery from 2:30-3:30. A short dedication program will be held at 3:00 pm. Please see Ron Ropp for additional information.

### Opportunities to Serve

**Habitat Home For The Tshiseleka Family, Two Ways To Help** The Tshiseleka family is going to have a new home! It will be a Habitat home at 907 W Jefferson, Bloomington. There are two ways for you to help.

1) Volunteer to be part of a Habitat building blitz Tuesday - Friday June 2-5 at 8 am-noon or 1-4 pm. You can sign up to volunteer for the blitz at the [Volunteer section of the Habitat for Humanity McLean Co website](#). After you have registered as a Habitat Volunteer, you may go to the calendar of building sites and select options for the address. Or phone the church office at 309-452-6622.

2) Provide child care during the Saturdays in which Tshitshi and Ginette are providing their required 500 "Sweat Equity" hours. To indicate when you can give child care, please go to the [Mennonite Church of Normal scheduling site](#) or phone the church office at 309-452-6622. They will need to work Saturdays throughout the summer.

### Volunteering around MCN

- **Missing the petunias?** We are looking for a volunteer to plant annuals in the canopy flowerbeds. Please contact Lynn in the Church Office at 309-452-6622 or at [church@normalmennonite.org](mailto:church@normalmennonite.org)
- **Mulchers wanted.** We need to put a load of mulch around our new and old plantings. Volunteers are requested to get several loads of mulch and/or spread it. Please contact Lynn in the Church Office or Paul Watkins (309-662-1927).

### Beyond MCN

**Sister Care Seminar Lombard Mennonite Church** will be hosting a Sister Care Seminar on May 15-16, beginning at 7 PM in the evening. Women of all ages are invited, and lodging is available in host homes or local hotels. Cost is \$45, which includes a noon meal on Saturday. Registration forms are on the table in the Entrance. Talk to Shannon Unzicker or Melika Hershberger for more information about Sister Care, a ministry of Mennonite Women USA.

**Rally Day Monday, May 25** at Camp Menno Haven There will be a 5K Run/2KWalk and color fun run starting at 9am with the Summer Program Dedication at 11am. Menno Haven will provide their traditional barbeque chicken and drinks. Please bring a covered dish, salad or dessert to share and your own tableware. Everyone is invited to enjoy the campus and facilities as we celebrate the beginning of a new summer camp season! For more details, see the poster on the Entrance bulletin board or contact Lotus Hershberger.

**Central District Conference 2015 Annual Meeting** will be held June 11-13, 2015 on the campus of the Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Elkhart, Indiana. The theme is Transformed through Text and Table. If you are interested in attending as a delegate, please see Lotus Hershberger.

**Healthy Habits for a Healthier You Tues, June 9th, 6:00-7:30pm** Alzheimer's Association Office 207 S. Prospect, Suite 1, Bloomington To register: Call 309.662.8392 No cost to attend but space is limited to the first 20 people who register.

**CDC Golf Central District** opens its Annual Meeting this year with a Golf Outing for fellowship and fund raising. We tee off on June 11, at 11:00 at Black Squirrel Golf Club in Goshen. Two-person teams will play a modified Ryder Cup Format (6 holes best ball, 6 holes alternate shot, and 6 holes stroke play). For information or to register, check the church office; go to the CDC website ([http://centraldistrict.mennonite.net/Annual\\_Mtng/Golf\\_Outing](http://centraldistrict.mennonite.net/Annual_Mtng/Golf_Outing)); or contact Don Blosser ([donwb@goshen.edu](mailto:donwb@goshen.edu)). Get a golf partner, register, and join us for an interesting, enjoyable round of golf with friends. Women, men, youth, seniors of all golfing skill levels are invited to join the

MCC and its partners assess the situation. Donations can be made at [mcc.org/nepal-earthquake](http://mcc.org/nepal-earthquake) or by calling 888-563-4676. Checks may be sent to MCC U.S., PO Box 500, Akron, PA, 17501-0500.

### Building Use

**Pastor Peer Meeting** will meet in the Classroom 4 on Thursday, May 14 from 9:00 am-noon.

### Head Start Graduation

The Sanctuary and Atrium will be used by Head Start from 5:30-6:30 pm on May 20<sup>th</sup>.

excitement of the day. But you must register before June 8.

**MCC's Sharing With Appalachian People (SWAP)** program still has openings available for groups this summer and fall. Put your faith in action by volunteering for a week in Kentucky or West Virginia with SWAP's home repair ministry serving low-income families. Visit [swap.mcc.org](http://swap.mcc.org) for more information, or call the SWAP office at 606-633-5065 or email [AppalachiaPC@mcc.org](mailto:AppalachiaPC@mcc.org).

### Of Note

**New MCN Website Launch** A new version of the MCN website was launched on Monday, May 11. Featured will be new pictures, a Newsroom feature and a refreshed look. The Newsroom feature allows us to post immediate events. The Midweek Connection will be available there also. The website is at the same address, [www.normalmennonite.org](http://www.normalmennonite.org)

**Pictorial Directory** If your free 8 x10 portrait was not delivered to your home by mail, it may have been delivered to the Church Office. Please look in the Church Office on Sunday for your portrait.

**Funding for Young Persons Attending Mennonite World Conference** Thank you to all who have already contributed to the fund to send six youth/young adults to Mennonite World Conference. So far, \$2293 has been donated. \$5000 is our goal. Donations can be included in regular Sunday offering, if the amount is clearly marked for Mennonite World Conference. Again, thank you for support our young people to attend this important event.

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