

This Sunday worship is at Camp Menno Haven.

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MIDWEEK CONNECTION AT MCN

August 3, 2016

Worship with Us this Sunday, August 7 at Camp Menno Haven

This Sunday our worship is at Camp Menno Haven. Our worship will be outdoors and the theme of the worship is Finding Joy in Creation/Connecting with Creation. If you have any difficulty hearing, please sit near the front. After worship, enjoy Sunday lunch prepared by the camp staff and then outdoor activities. See below for more information about the day.

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### Prayers and Condolences

*Please pray for increasing health for*

Mother and Father of Andy Hedberg

Cory Culbertson's mother, Karen Culbertson

Rachel Zehr

Ruth Haney's mother

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### This Week At 805 S Cottage

Thur Aug 4	Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am
Sun, Aug 7	Worship at Menno Haven 10:00 am
	Staff Meeting 9:30 am
Tue Aug 9	Worship Committee 5:00 pm
	Church Board 6:30 pm
Wed Aug 10	Peace & Justice Committee 5:15 pm

Thurs Aug 11      Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am  
Outreach Committee 5:00 pm  
Youth Ministry 6:00 pm

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## Serving This Sunday

Worship Leader      Joelle Friesen  
Lydia Hedberg, Adam Augspurger  
Musicians            Caleb Augspurger, Nathan Miller &  
others

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## Birthdays and Anniversaries

### Happy Birthday to

Marjie	Baum	7-Aug
Rachel	Zehr	8-Aug
Kristy	Hoffman	9-Aug
Peter	Roth	9-Aug
Linda	Kettering	10-Aug
Ruth	Haney	12-Aug
Kristen	Sand	12-Aug



### Happy Anniversary to

Mark & Jane Roeschley on August 7 (40)  
Rick & Connie Satchwell on August 7 (40)  
Steve & Deb Stenger on August 10 (42)  
Lotus & Judy Hershberger on August 11 (54)  
Phil & Kristy Hoffman on August 11 (9)  
Gail & Nancy Fisher on August 12 (49)

**WELCOME!** Carrie, Travis, and Emari Stalter are thrilled to announce the arrival of a healthy baby girl, Peighton Marie, born Tues, Aug 2. Grateful grandparents are Gail and Nancy Fisher.

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## Condolences

Pastor Matt Hickman and family are grieving the accidental death of their one-year-old nephew. They will be in Indiana Thursday through Saturday where Pastor Matt will be leading the funeral service.

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## Camp Menno Haven Sunday

This Sunday, August 7, starting at 10:00 am, we gather at Camp Menno Haven for **worship** and fun activities. We hope everyone can join us. There is no worship planned for 805 S Cottage that day. We will worship outside. If you have any difficulty hearing, please arrive early and sit near the front.

**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 ask everyone be responsible for their food costs, which are as follows: adults \$11, children ages 4-10, \$5.50, children ages 3 and under, free. (If these costs are prohibitive, please notify the church office, as funds are available.) We hope that you can come! *Leanne Schertz for*

## Fellowship Committee

**Want a longer Camp Menno Haven experience?** Try tent camping on Saturday, August 6. Have extra time for activities, cook your supper and sleep under the stars near other MCN'ers. The Culbertson family has volunteered to answer questions about this wonderful camping experience. We hope you will try it!

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## Office Hours Change

Beginning the week of August 1-5, the church office will be open Monday-Thursday 8:30 am-4:30 pm. Please note the change; Lynn Reha, Administrative Assistant will not be available on Fridays. The “deadline” for the Midweek Connection remains noon on Wednesday and Bulletin announcements need to be in by noon on Thursday. Thanks for noting this change and submitting announcements in a timely manner.

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## Relief Sale Quilts

Thank you to everyone who helped contribute to the quilt buying project for the Illinois Mennonite Relief Sale. We were able to purchase 15 Quilts at the Wisconsin Amish School Auction. They will be sold at the 2017 Relief Sale. *Larry & Louise Reeser.*



## Thank You

Central, Northeast, Northwest, Southwest & North Main Cluster Volunteers for helping maintain flower beds! A number of volunteers from different Clusters have helped maintain the flower beds around the church. Those sections are looking GREAT! More assistance is needed; please contact Lynn or your Cluster Leader if you can help. Pictured is Lee Hertzler, one of our landscape volunteers with his bike trailer.



## School

### Kits

School kits are Mennonite Central Committee's (MCC) most requested item. They are given primarily to refugee and displaced children, helping students and teachers add some normalcy to disrupted lives. 25,513 were shipped last year to Jordan, Iraq, Syria, Ethiopia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Lebanon, Burundi, Ukraine, Haiti, Russia, Democratic People's Republic of Korea (North Korea), U.S., Serbia and El Salvador. If you would like to help, take a cloth bag (s) available in the Atrium, specially prepared by MCN Mennonite Women and fill it with



- 4 spiral or perforated notebooks (8.5" x 10.5", 70 sheets)
- 8 unsharpened pencils

- 1 ruler (flat, flexible plastic; indicating 30 cm and 12")
- 12 colored pencils (in packaging)
- 1 large pencil eraser

Return full bags to the Red Tub in the Atrium. MCN Mennonite Women will deliver them.

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## Apartment Needed

Michelle Franks and her daughter Isabel are looking for an apartment to rent beginning October 1. Please contact them at 309-205-0111 or [Michele.franks@gmail.com](mailto:Michele.franks@gmail.com)

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## Building Use

Thursday, August 4 HAAQG Board Meeting 5:30 pm

Thursday, August 8 5:30-9:00 pm Illinois Prairie Chapter of Wild Ones

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## Mennonite Central Committee Sponsored Event at MCN: Loss of Turtle Island

Loss of Turtle Island event: You're invited to take part in the Loss of Turtle Island participatory learning experience at Mennonite Church of Normal (805 S. Cottage Ave.) on Sunday, August 28. This interactive activity depicts the historic relationship between European settlers – including Mennonites – and the Indigenous nations, the original inhabitants, of the land we now call the United States of America. The learning experience begins at 3:30 p.m., followed by a potluck dinner at 6:00 p.m. Please RSVP to Krista Dutt at 312-623-4227 or [KristaDutt@mcc.org](mailto:KristaDutt@mcc.org). More information at [mcc.org-il-turtle-island](http://mcc.org-il-turtle-island).

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## Innovation Disruption : Can the Church be Good News for LGBT Youth?

September 23-24, 2016 at Menno Haven Camp & Retreat Center

This event is for pastors, youth pastors, youth volunteers, parents, grandparents, friends and anyone else who engages LGBT (lesbian, gay, bi-sexual and transgender) youth. At Innovative Disruption you will learn about adolescent development - which is applicable to understanding all teens - and the unique pressures that LGBT youth face, as well as practical ways to accompany youth as they move closer to Jesus.

Our presenter is Chris Schaffner, founder of Conversations on the Fringe. He's been working with hurting children, teens, and adults for over 20 years. He is a sought after conference speaker and blogs at [conversationsonthefringe.com](http://conversationsonthefringe.com) <<http://conversationsonthefringe.com>> . Chris is a regular presenter at the Youth Specialties National Youth Workers Convention, Faith Forward Conference, and Group's Simply Youth Ministry conference. He wrote a recent article for the

Summer 2016 edition of Group magazine entitled 7 Keys to Counseling LGBT Kids. Check it out to get a taste for Chris' approach."

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## Partners in Healing



Mennonite Church of Normal joins 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 Operating Room at Advocate Eureka Hospital.

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.

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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 Ministers Michael Danner & Kim Litwiller's weekly message to IMC churches. Also, the latest copy of [Missional Crossroads](#) is available.



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## Voice of the Day

Our vocation is not simply to be, but to work together with God in the creation of our own life, our own identity, our own destiny... This means to say that we should not passively exist, but



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participate in His creative freedom, in our own lives, and in the lives of others, by choosing the truth. To put it better, we are even called to share with God

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work of creating the truth of our identity. We can evade this responsibility by playing with masks, and this pleases us because it can appear at times to be a free and creative way of living. It is quite easy, it seems, to please everyone. But in the long run the cost and the sorrow come very high. To work out our own identity in God, which the Bible calls "working out our salvation," is a labor that requires sacrifice and anguish, risk and many tears. It demands close attention to reality at every moment, and great fidelity to God as He reveals Himself, obscurely, in the mystery of each new situation. *Thomas Merton*

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### Today's Chuckle

Bugs Bunny's son, Bugs Jr., was being a "holy terror." He wrote on the walls of the burrow with Magic Marker, set a trash can on fire, and teased his little sister. So, Bugs took Junior aside and said, "What's going on, Junior? Why are you acting this way? To which Junior replied, "Chill out, Dad, I'm just having a bad hare day."