

**Worship with Us This Sunday,
February 19, 2017**

The Scriptures for this Sunday are Matthew 13:53-57a, Matthew 14:6-14, and Matthew 15:1-2. The title of the sermon is *The Importance of Hand-Washing*.

Prayers and Condolences

Please pray for Blessing Hickman and the Hickman family. The surgeon has decided to go a different route than the invasive surgery which had been planned. Next Wednesday the surgeon will do the first in a series of manual manipulations followed by casting.

Our condolences go out to Aldine Combs and Vera Ruth Zimmerman on the death of their brother Eldon Zimmerman, 90, who passed away recently. Services are Saturday, February 24 in Birmingham, AL.

We offer sympathy to Gerry Schrock whose aunt Sarah Stoltzfus passed away on February 15 in West Liberty, OH.

This Week at 805 S Cottage

Wed Feb 15	Peace & Justice Committee 5:00 pm Hospitality Inservice 7:00 pm
Thur Feb 16	Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am IMC Pastor-Peer Meeting 9:00 am Outreach Committee 5:00 pm Youth Ministry Committee 6:00 pm
Sun Feb 19	Pre-Service Prayer 9:00 am Worship 9:30 am Christian Education for Children 10:45 am Christian Education for Adults 11:00 am Junior High Youth 5:00 pm Senior High Youth 5:00 pm Junior Choir 6:00 pm Youth Choir 6:45 pm
Thurs Feb 21	Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am

Serving This Sunday

Greeters	South: Barry and Marge Weaver West: Terry Wiebenga
Welcome Table	Wilma Dyck
Ushers	Adam Augspurger, Caleb Augspurger Nancy Fisher, Mark Roeschley
Worship Leader	Rochelle Augspurger
Song Leader	Cindy Ropp
Accompanist	Dorothy Loepf
Scripture	Pascal Ngongo
Children's Time	Shelly King
Sermon	Pastor Tim Schrag
Technology	Rick Harnish
Toddler Nursery	Elsa Raab
Preschool Nursery	Charlotte Hedberg

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to

Kristi Stalter on February 21

Happy 46th Anniversary to Loren & Deanna Moshier on February 20th

Homebuilders

Sunday, Feb 26, 2017 at 7:00 PM at the MRC Community Building. The speaker is Charlotte Alvarez who is a staff attorney for the Immigration Project. She will give an overview of the Immigration Project work, talk about some of the difficulties including the recent ban and respond to questions. All are invited.

Can You Help with a Furniture Donation?

Aime & Zizi Fataki will be moving into their own apartment on Feb 18. We as a church would like to help them by providing gently used furniture and household effects, as well as moving strength on the day of

the move. Please contact me if you have pieces of furniture you can give them (as soon as you reasonably can), so we have an inventory. We will go to Recycling Furniture For Families for other items we need. You will also have an opportunity to give gift cards for thrift stores, Habitat ReStore, and Walmart. Thank you for your neighborliness. *Lois Hochstetler* 300-533-9613 loishoch@icloud.com

Illinois Young Adult Events

February 19, Illinois young adults are welcome to come to Jennifer's house near Roanoke for games and snacks starting at 3pm. Call or message Jennifer if you need directions: 309-253-7342

March 19, Young adults with gather near Morton around 3pm. Contact Leah at 309-339-3719 or leahroseroth@gmail.com for directions.

April 30, Young adults are welcome to meet at Great Oaks Camp in Lacon, IL to try out their new high ropes course from 2-6pm. Please RSVP at www.GreatOaksCamp.org <<http://www.GreatOaksCamp.org>> under the "Open House RSVP" button.

Ash Wednesday Worship Wednesday, March 1, 7 pm

As we enter into the season of Lent, our Ash Wednesday Meditative Service is a time of scripture & singing, confession & reflection, and the opportunity for marking with ashes.

Summer Clinical Pastoral Education Intern Seeks Lodging

Jeff Boehr is currently a full-time student at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Elkhart, Indiana, and formerly on the staff at Camp Friedenswald. He is in his second year of study in the Masters of Christian Formation program with an emphasis in spirituality. He will be in the clinical pastoral education internship program this summer at Advocate BroMenn Medical Center. He is looking for housing in the area near the hospital, so that he can walk or bike. He would be happy to house sit or use a spare room available. The internship runs from June 5 to August 18. Contact him at 419-236-9150 or jefeboehr@gmail.com or call the church office.

Mennonite Central Committee Great Lakes Board Meeting

MCN is hosting the Board Meeting for MCC Great Lakes on February 24-25. We will be providing lodging and meals for a group of 20-25 people. The request is for overnight housing for 4 people for Thursday-Saturday (3 nights) and for 12 people for Friday night. The hosts will not be responsible for meals. Please contact Marge Weaver by email margemartinweaver@gmail.com if you can help host. We will also need three volunteers to bake 3-4 dozen cookies. Please contact Leanne Schertz if you can bake. Thanks for considering these requests.

Mennonite Mission Network Youth Venture

Explore what God is doing around the world through Youth Venture, a short-term service and learning program of Mennonite Mission Network. Teams of youth and adult leaders will join local ministries in Belfast, Benin, Detroit, and Perú for 2-3 three weeks this summer. These formational experiences are geared for ages 14 – 22. They are often the stepping stones to a lifetime of service and church leadership. Space is filling up fast so apply today! For more information visit mennonitemission.net/YouthVenture <<http://mennonitemission.net/YouthVenture>

Relief Sale

59th Annual Illinois Mennonite Relief Sale, March 17-19, Interstate Center, Bloomington.

Important information:

- * Last year the Relief Sale sold 1100 pies. This year we need 2000 fruit pies. Please sign up for more pies.
- * To save time or if you cannot make good pie crusts, they can be ordered from Arthur. Put your name on the sign-up sheet. A 9" pie crust in a pan cost \$1.00, or 9" rolled crust is \$0.50. The deadline is Sunday.
- *The frozen pie fillings in the freezer are reserved for Ruth, Deb & Gerry who will made 53 apple pies.
- * Also needed are more homemade angel food cakes.
- *Each church is asked to donate 5 new items for the auction. See sign-up sheet for suggestions.
- *Children under 16 years of age are not allowed to serve any kind of food.
- *Help distribute Relief Sale booklets and posters around town.
- *Pick up a yard sign. There are only a few left.
- *Bring your coins to put in the Coins Count Bottle.
- *If you are not able to come to the Sale and would like to make a donation, give your check made out to the Mennonite Relief Sale to Roelie Homan or Gerry Schrock.

Needed: Someone to spearhead the collection of cardboard for recycling at the relief sale. You'd be inheriting a well-thought-through process developed by Juergen and Meredith. It will require a few contacts prior, and several hours of work, mainly on the day of the sale (Saturday, March 18). Some of the MYF youth are interested in collaborating.

Upcoming Events

March 4 Central District Conference Regional Meeting in Champaign

March 17-18 Illinois Relief Sale

March 31-April 1 Illinois Mennonite Conference Annual Assembly

May 5-7 Illinois Mennonite Conference Women's Retreat at Menno Haven

June 22-24 Central District Conference

July 4-8 Mennonite USA Assembly and Convention

Menno Haven Staff Reunion

Did you ever work at Menno Haven? Homecoming for all former staff: June 30 - July 2, 2017. Please contact your family members and others from your congregation that no longer attend to invite them to this gathering. For more information or to register go to website, www.mennohaven.com or call 815-646-4344.

Building Use

Hands All Around Quilt Guild

Thursday, February 16 Quilting Mentoring 6:00 pm

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.

Thought for the Day

The mysteries of faith are degraded if they are made into an object of affirmation and negation, when in reality they should be an object of contemplation. *Simone Weil*

Today's Chuckle

Accordion? That's just a bagpipe with pleats.

Myrrh: A type of perfume or incense; the second gift of the Magi; a great scrabble word when you are out of vowels.

Do not trust atoms. They make up everything.