

Homebuilders April 23 7:00 pm *Eight Days in KwaZulu-Natal* by Deanna and Loren Moshier

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MIDWEEK CONNECTION AT MCN

April 19, 2016

Worship with us this Sunday, April 23

The sermon title is *The Corrupt Generation, Then and Now* and the scripture is Acts 2:14a, 36-41. Pastor Tim Schrag asks, "How do you think Peter would characterize us today, compared to Acts 2:40? What earned them the title of a 'corrupt generation'?"

The hymns are *Low in the Grave He Lay* (HWB 273), *I Know That My Redeemer Liveth, Alleluia* (STJ 41) *My Faith Has Found a Resting Place* (STJ 43) and *The Lord Bless You and Keep You* (STJ 76).

Prayers

We pray for Laura Dick's colleague who is faced with tough decisions for a critically ill baby.
We rejoice with Cal and Vivian Hubbard over last week's good health report for Cal.
We pray for Syrians and Egyptians who are caught in the violence of war and hatred.

This Week At 805 S Cottage

Thur Apr 20	Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am Christian Education Committee 6:45 pm
Sun April 23	Pre-Service Prayer 9:00 am Worship 9:30 am Christian Education for Children 10:45 am Christian Education for Adults 11:00 am Relief Sale Board 2:30 pm Junior High Youth 5:00 pm Senior High Youth 5:00 pm Junior Choir 6:00 pm Youth Choir 6:45 pm

Homebuilders 7:00 pm
Tue Apr 25 Staff Meeting 10:30 am
Thurs Apr 27 Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am
Cluster Leaders 7:00 pm

Serving This Sunday



Greeters	South: David & Abby Warfel West: Deborah Spacek
Welcome Table	Mary Ann King
Ushers	David Voegtlin & Nancy Fisher Randy, Holly & Jaron Zehr
Sermon	Pastor Tim Schrag
Worship Leader	Pastor Jane Roeschley
Song Leader	Glenn Wilson/Clara Unzicker & Group
Scripture	Helen Brandon
Children's Time	Cory Culbertson
Accompanist	Chris Culbertson
Technology	Adam Augspurgen
Toddler Nursery	Kristy Hoffman
Preschool Nursery	Charlotte Hedberg

Birthdays



Mary Dyck April 23
Christopher Hubbs April 24
Alyssa Company April 25
Ben Roeschley April 25
Marianne Israel April 26
Bryan Oyer April 27

Happy 48th anniversary to Grant and Dorothy Zehr on April 26



April's Home Builders Meeting - Sunday April 23 7:00 PM at MRC Community Building. Deanna and Loren Moshier will be making a presentation entitled: Our Eight Days in KwaZulu-Natal: A Most Fascinating Province in South Africa.



Grabill-Homan Community Peace Prize This year's annual award will go to community activist Mike Matejka. The ceremony will be on April 24, 5:30 p.m. in room 118 of the ISU Alumni Center , 1101 North Main,Normal.

CE Class on Trauma and Healing

The Wellness Committee is developing an Adult Christian Education Class on Trauma and Healing. Please take this 2 minute [survey](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MXVMWDL) to help them plan a class that best meets the congregation's needs. Thank you! <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MXVMWDL>

Mennonite Central Committee News

Stories about Peace-making in Columbia

Sunday, April 23, at 6:00 p.m. Metamora Mennonite Church

Invitation to hear from MCC Colombian partner on April 23. Juana Alicia Ruiz is an Afro-Colombian community leader of Mampuján, a rural community on the Caribbean Coast of Colombia. Mampuján was forcefully displaced by paramilitary armed forces in 2000 and has since been working to rebuild their community. MCC, working in the region through an Anabaptist organization, Sembrandopaz, began the work of trauma healing with the evangelical church of Mampuján by teaching traditional quilting techniques and opening safe spaces for storytelling. This work evolved into the creation of large, community-made tapestries that tell the stories of violence and displacement, as well as the resilience and hope of Mampuján. This community process has grown in the past decade to now function as an organization called Women Weaving Dreams and Flavors of Peace, of which Juana is the leader. On Sunday, April 23, at 6:00 p.m., area churches and community members are invited to Metamora Mennonite Church (1393 Mennonite Road in Metamora) to hear Juana speak. She will share some of the group's handiwork as well as the stories of the healing and peace that they are working to bring to Colombia's violent history.

Sexual Assault Awareness Month Resources

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month and Mennonite Central Committee U.S. is offering four booklets that could help you and your congregation create a community of care for those affected by sexual violence and to find ways to act against it.

- Understanding sexual abuse by a church leader or caregiver
- Abuse: Response and prevention - A guide for church leaders
- Created Equal: Women and Men in the Image of God
- Pornography: Lies, Truth and Hope.

To order these free booklets, email resources@mcc.org or call toll free, 888.563.4676.



Jewish and Palestinian Voices for Peace

At the invitation of the Outreach and Peace and Justice Committees, there will be a Jewish and Palestinian Voices for Peace program at MCN at 7:00 PM Sunday, May 14. This is being coordinated by Jonathan Brenneman, a Mennonite Church USA Voluntary Service Worker whose assignment it is to educate members of Mennonite Church members about peace opportunities in Israel/Palestine. The speakers will be Steve Sherman representing [Jewish Voices for Peace](#), and [Jonathan Kuttab](#), a Palestinian Mennonite Human Rights Lawyer. Please use the links to [Jewish Voices for Peace](#) and [Jonathan Kuttab](#) for more information.

Lost and Found

Please check the Lost and Found (under the south Mezzanine stairs) for items you may be missing. The remaining contents will be donated during the week of April 24-28.

Camp News



Menno Haven The 2017 Women's Retreat, "Made in the Image of God", is less than a month away. Scheduled to speak is Asia Frye, an AMBS ministry candidate who will be coming to us from Hillsboro, KS. In addition, Kim Litwiller from East Peoria MC will be leading worship

and Janice Yoder from First Mennonite in Morton will be our song leader. Participants can choose to attend either one, two, or all three days of this retreat. Last year's retreat, with over 100 women in attendance, was a wonderful time of worship and reflection, and the planning committee is excited for the biblical insight and encouragement that Asia is preparing for us. Forms can be found on the table in the narthex. The early registration deadline has been extended to April 21st, and we encourage all interested women to sign up as soon as possible. Thank you. --Shannon Unzicker

Camp Friedenswald We need your help to get ready for summer! Join us Saturday, May 13 from 9 am - 4 pm, for a special Volunteer Day at Camp Friedenswald. Help us move back into the renewed facilities and to make final preparations for summer. A variety of tasks will require a range of skills, including yours! [Register online](#) or by calling 269-476-9744. Overnight accommodation available.

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.

Voice of the Day



By this time they were nearing Emmaus and the end of their journey. Jesus acted as if he were going on, but they begged him, "Stay the night with us, since it is getting late." So he went home with them. As they sat down to eat, he took the bread and blessed it. Then he broke it and gave it to them. Suddenly, their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. *Luke 24:28-31*



Building Use

Head Start Parent Night

4:30 in the Atrium April 27

Today's Chuckle



On one particular Sunday, the pastor was emphasizing the importance of everyone giving their tithes and offerings. He went on to challenge the people to give enthusiastically because 2 Corinthians 9:7 says in it that "God loves a cheerful giver."

As the plate was passed, a little boy in the second pew, quickly slipped off his neck tie and placed it into the offering plate. His mother, absolutely mortified, asked him what in the world he thought he was doing.

The boy replied, "The pastor said put your ties in the offering plate and do it joyfully. I love that man!"