

MIDWEEK CONNECTION AT MCN

June 1, 2016

### Worship with Us this Sunday, June 5

The scripture is Psalm 30. Pastor Matt Hickman will deliver the sermon.

Our Scripture Focus this week and throughout the summer will come from the Bible Memory Passages which our children are studying.

Summer Adult CE classes will begin this Sunday. The three classes which will be offered are 1) the Uniform Bible Series led by Darrel Miller; 2) Taking Time for Jesus, led by Melika Hershberger, Angela Liew and Elsa Raab; 3) Strolling Sunday School led by Meredith Schroeer (begins June 12). A flyer with class descriptions was provided in your mailboxes.

### **Please Pray For**

Rachel Ropp, who is traveling to Cambodia on a mission trip with Encounter Ministries.

Walter Bauman's brother Leon who was in a serious car accident.

## This Week At 805 S Cottage

Thur 6/2 Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am

Church Board 6:30 pm

Sun, 6/5 Pre-Service Prayer 9:00 am

Worship 9:30 am

CE for Children & Teens 10:45 am Christian Education for Adults 11:00am SWAP Planning: Youth & Parents 5:00 pm

Wed 6/8 Peace & Justice Committee 5:15 pm

Thurs 6/9 Youth Ministry Committee 6:00 pm



# **Serving This Sunday**

Greeters South: LInda and Roger Clemmons

West: Hazel Yoder

Welcome Table Mary Ann Watkins

Ushers Nancy Fisher, Ardys Serpette



Eric & Chellie Miller
Worship Leader
Song Leader
Accompanist
Scripture
Children's Time
Eric & Chellie Miller
Lynette Miller
Cindy Ropp
Lydia Hedberg
Abby Warfel
Melika Hershberger
Sermon
Pastor Matt Hickman

Technology Rick Harnish Toddler Nursery Carrie Stalter

Preschool Nursery Claire Dyck

### **Birthdays and Anniversaries**

Devon Reed 6/3 Jace Hoffman 6/4 Nicholas Neely 6/9 John Reimer 6/9



Happy 10th Anniversary to Duane & Stephanie Nester on June 3. Happy 66th Anniversary to Ken & Doris Shoemaker on June 3. Happy 54th Anniversary to John & Jan Gundy on June 9.



Student Mutual Aid Fundraiser The annual Student Mutual Aid Program (SMAP) fundraiser will be held Sunday June12 at 5 pm, 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 people pursuing degrees at Mennonite colleges and universities.



#### **Youth Christian Education Transitions**

Each summer beginning in June we have the incoming sixth graders join the junior high Sunday school class, and the incoming freshman join the high school class for Sunday school as a way of beginning to integrate them into the two youth groups. The Youth Ministry and Christian Education Committees decided a few years ago that this is a helpful way to begin building relationships between the existing groups and the incoming students. The transition begins this Sunday. The incoming students will be more fully integrated into the youth groups in the fall.



Fun in the Sun park dates (informal gatherings for play and fellowship) are here. Come for any/all times you can! Click this link for more information and to sign up.

http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e094faaa87-funinthe



Thanks for the cards and best wishes we received for our 50th wedding anniversary.

\*Roger and Linda Clemmons\*



**Free Hostas** 

Anyone who wants one or more of the hostas in our backyard at 113 Eastview Drive, Normal, please help yourselves. Gerlof Homan

## **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 Emergency Department 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.



#### **Conference Newsletters**

<u>Central District Conference (CDC) Focus</u> 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 <u>CDC Reporter</u>.

<u>Click the link</u> 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 <u>Missional Crossroads</u> is available.



## Voice of the Day

"I am the way, and the truth, and the life," says Jesus. And the life we are dazzled by in him, haunted by in him, nourished by in him is a life so full of aliveness and light that not even the darkness of death could prevail against it. Frederick Buechner



# **Building Use**

June 2 5:30pm HAAQG Board Meeting
June 8 Quilt Guild Fabric Sale set-up\*
June 9 Quilt Guild Fabric Sale\*
June 10 Quilt Guild Fabric Sale\*
June 11 Quilt Guild Fabric Sale clean-up\*

\* A Member of the HAAQG is quite ill; her copious store of fabric is being sold to help defray medical expenses.



#### **Today's Brain Teaser**

Can you find the names of 24 books of the Bible in this paragraph? This is a most remarkable puzzle. Someone found it in the seat pocket on a flight from Los Angeles to Honolulu, keeping himself occupied for hours. One man from Illinois worked on this while fishing from his boat. Roy Clark studied it while playing his banjo. Elaine Victs mentioned it in her column once. One woman judges the job to be so involving, she brews a cup of tea to help calm her nerves. There will be some names that are really easy to spot...that's a fact. Some people will soon find themselves in a jam, especially since the book names are not necessarily capitalized. The truth is, from answers we get, we are forced to admit it usually takes a minister or scholar to see some of them at the worst. Something in our genes is responsible for the difficulty we have. Those able to find all of them will hear great lamentations from those who have to be shown. One revelation may help, books like Timothy and Samuel may occur without their numbers. And punctuation or spaces in the middle are normal. A chipper attitude will help you compete. Remember, there are 24 ..books of the Bible lurking somewhere in this paragraph

Thanks to Pastor Jane Roeschley for this week's Brain Teaser.

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