



MIDWEEK CONNECTION AT MCN

August 1, 2018

Worship with Us this Sunday, August 5

Lynnette Miller will be preaching and the sermon title is *Dusting Off Ritual*. The Scripture is Romans 12:1 and Romans 6:3-11. There are three baptisms this Sunday as well as a new membership. Communion will be served.

Hymns this Sunday

This is My Father's World - HWB 154

My Life Flows On - HWB 580

In the Bulb There is a Flower - HWB 614

Prayers

Please pray for

*Ron Ropp's brother, Paul Ropp is recovering from a successful brain surgery to remove a malignant tumor and will be going through radiation

*Bryce Nester recovering from foot surgery yesterday

*Calm and preparations for those being baptized; Carolyn, Charlotte, Jonah, Evan, Sam

*Tim and Sue Schrag for continued traveling mercies

This Week At 805 S Cottage

Thur Aug 2 Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am

Sun Aug 5 Pre-Service Prayer 9:00 am
Worship with Communion 9:30 am
Christian Education for Children 10:45 am



Christian Education for Adults 11:00 am

Mon Aug 6 Church Board Meeting with Youth 7:00 pm

Tue Aug 7 Wellness Committee 5:30 pm

Wed Aug 8 Pastoral Council 6:00 pm

Thur Aug 9 Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am
Outreach Committee 5:00 pm

Serving This Sunday

Greeters	Erin or JB Pannon-Delaffon with Clara Ponnou-Delaffon
West: Welcome Table	Marcia Rossi
Ushers	Aldine Combs
	David Voegtlin & Terry Wiebenga
	Linda & Roger Clemmons
Sermon	Lynette Miller
Worship Leader	Pastor Jane Roeschley
Song Leader	Barry Weaver
Scripture	Joe Warfel
Children's Time	Louise Reeser
Accompanist	Chris Culbertson
Technology	Randy Zehr
Toddler Nursery	The Haab Family
Preschool Nursery	Amy Reiman



Birthdays and Anniversaries



Marjie Baum 8/7
Kristy Hoffman 8/9

Happy 42nd Anniversary to Mark and Jane Roeschley on August 7
 Happy 42nd Anniversary to Rick and Connie Satchwell on August 7
 Happy 44th Anniversary to Steve and Deb Stenger on August 10
 Happy 56th Anniversary to Lotus and Judy Hershberger on August 11
 Happy 11th Anniversary to Phil and Kristy Hoffmann on August 11



Menno Mover's Help Needed

The Harnish's are looking for some help all day Thursday, August 2 to help move and pack up their house.

Please call Gabriella if you would be willing and able or can think of someone who could help.

Gabriella 309-423-2700



Communion Sunday

This Sunday, August 5th, we will celebrate Communion in worship here at MCN. In preparation, we are all encouraged to engage in self-examination - both of our relationships with God, and with others.



Menno Haven Sunday - August 12!

RSVP's have been extended until Thursday, August 2 at 12:00 pm!

Individuals are responsible for their lunch costs at the following rates:

Age 0-3, free

Age 4-10, \$5.50

Adult, \$11.00

Payment for the meal needs to be check or cash, payable in the lunch line.

On August 12, starting at 10:00 am, Gather at Camp Menno Haven for worship, baptisms, fellowship, time in nature, and fun! Joe Culpepper will be sharing about his TransAmerica Bike Tour and Wesley Hershberger will be leading worship.

If you need a ride, or if you can offer a ride, please contact the church office.

There is no worship planned for 805 S Cottage that day.

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. Leo will bring worms for fishing. We hope that you can come!

Want a longer Camp Menno Haven experience? Try tent camping on Saturday, August 11. Have extra time for activities, cook your supper and sleep under the stars near other MCN'ers. We hope you will try it!

RV/Tent Campground Fees

Site with Water and/or Electric hookup: \$15.00 per person, per night Maximum of \$45.00 per family, per night

Site without hookup: \$12.00 per person, per night Maximum of \$36.00 per family, per night



Retirement Plans

Pastor Tim Schrag and Pastor Jane Roeschley have shared their retirement plans with the Church Board. Pastor Tim will retire on September 1, 2019, and Pastor Jane will retire on November 30, 2019. The Church Board has been planning for this transition for some time and is working closely with conference leadership to consider the appropriate next steps. As plans develop, the congregation will be kept informed.



Electronic Sign at the Mennonite Church of Normal (MCN)

Question: How important is the Electronic Sign to the mission of the MCN?

Some history: In 2009 we purchased the Electronic Sign for about \$42,000 with a five year warranty. Since 2014 we have spent an additional \$26,000 on the sign mostly to replace non-functioning light modules for about \$600 each. About one-half have been replaced to date. Currently there are at least four that are not functionally correctly. What do we do?

Options: 1. Replace the four modules and continue as we have been. 2. Accept a bid to replace the complete set of lights with different set for \$16,000 with a five year warranty. 3. Abandon the Electronic Sign, that is, shut it off and move to a more fixed sign without the ability to change the message easily.

Again, how important is the sign to the mission of the MCN?

Responses: Send to Lynn at officemanager@normalmennonite.org and/or Lotus at ldhershb@ilstu.edu.



Urgent Help Needed by MDS Puerto Rico

August 11-18. Masonary, plumbing, electrical and finishing skills preferred. Call Deanna Frey at MDS, 800.241.8111 for info, MDS will cover the cost of the air fare, up to \$700.



Family Literacy Child Care -- School Year Volunteer Needed

Our summer volunteers for the Family Literacy Child Care, 12:30-2:00 pm each Wednesday are heading back to school. We need 2 (or 3) volunteers who could serve 1-2 times per month. Please talk to Pastor Jane.



School Supply Kits

Mennonite Women will start collecting supplies for school kits, and will be collecting them during the months of

July and August. The supply list, including two new items, is below.

- 4 spiral or perforated pages notebooks (ONE SUBJECT) notebooks (8.5x10.5 inches and 70 sheets)
- 8 new UNSHARPENED pencils
- 1 ruler (flat, good quality, must indicate 30 cm)
- 12 colored pencils (in packaging)
- 1 large eraser
- 2 new black or blue ballpoint pens
- 1 small metal pencil sharpener (one or two holes)

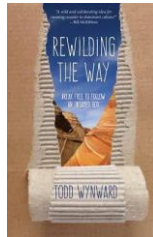
There are bags provided in the Atrium.



Midwest Food Bank Volunteer Opportunities

August 20, 6pm - 8pm

Come join us in a fun evening of service to others at Midwest Food Bank! Anyone 10 yrs or older is welcome. We are limited to 20 individuals. Sign up at [Signup Genius](#) or contact the church office.



How Then Shall We Live?

A week-long immersion in the wild to bring out the deep wisdom, fierce joy and sacred strength of men. Come wade into the wilds of New Mexico! Highlights include homemade meals in an adobe hacienda, visiting Taos Pueblo, plunging into the waters and canyons of the Rio Grande Gorge, wilderness solos, songs and campfires, morning meditations and biblical analysis in wild places—all designed to open radically new possibilities for men seeking a wilder way of fierce love for God, humanity and our precious earth. Guided by Todd Wynward for adventurous men 18+ in Taos, New Mexico, September 8-15, 2018. For registration information on this Mennonite Men experience, visit www.mennonitemen.org.



Partners in Healing

MCN has been asked to pray for the Medical-Oncology Specialty Unit at Advocate BroMenn in 2018. Located on 5 West, Advocate BroMenn's 39-bed Medical-Oncology Specialty Unit serves patients with conditions such as congestive heart failure, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, pneumonia, gastrointestinal problems, cancer, open wounds and sickle cell anemia.

The staff, patients and families who serve or need the services very much appreciate your prayers. In the coming weeks, more specific prayer requests will be shared.



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 Minister Michael Danner's weekly message to IMC churches.

Voice of the Day

"The peacemaker has a single vocation: to keep the vision of oneness, of wholeness, of unity, of God's unconditional love for all, alive in the marketplace." **Mary Lou Kownacki, OSB**



Building Use

HAAQG Board Meeting

August 2, 5:30 pm

Crosswinds Church

August 8, 5:00 pm

Today's Chuckle



A customer in a New York restaurant gushed to the chef: "Your veal parmigiana is superb! I spent a month in Italy, and yours is better than any I had over there."

"Naturally," the chef said. "Over there, they use domestic cheese. Ours is imported!"