

There are no services at Mennonite Church of Normal on Sunday, August 12. We will meet at Menno Haven at 10:00 am.

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MIDWEEK CONNECTION AT MCN

August 8, 2018

Worship with Us this Sunday, August 12

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 music.

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Prayers

Please pray for

*Spring and Nicholas Neely traveling to Mayo Clinic for test results and follow-up Wednesday

We give thanks for

*The many quilts purchased for the MCC sale

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

*Art Headley expecting to become a grandfather and his 16th year of good health after major heart surgery

*Carolyn Headley's mother receiving positive outcomes from testing after neck pain

*Bryce Nester's successful foot surgery

Congratulations to

*Ron Ropp who was recognized for his great history of support for young livestock exhibitors and 4H fair programs in McLean County at the fair last week

Condolences

*Margaret Hopkins and her family following her 12 year old cousin passing away after extended illness

*Mary Yoder and her family as she mourns the loss of Dr. Michael Yoder whom passed away July 30th in Goshen, IN

This Week At 805 S Cottage

- Thur Aug 9 Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am
 Outreach Committee 5:00 pm
- Fri Aug 10 Process Design Team 6:30 pm
- Sun Aug 12 Worship Service at Camp Menno Haven 10:00 am
- Mon Aug 13 Mennonite Women 9:30 am
 Personnel Policy Committee 5:30 pm
- Tue Aug 14 Financial Stewardship 4:30 pm
 Church Board 6:30 pm
 Youth Ministry Committee 6:30 pm
- Thur Aug 16 Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am



Birthdays and Anniversaries



Ruth Haney 8/12

Happy 51st Anniversary to Gail and Nancy Fisher on August 12
Happy 25th Anniversary to Doug Valverde and Joanna Oyer on August 14
Happy 21st Anniversary to David and Abby Warfel on August 16



Menno Haven Sunday - August 12!

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. Make checks out to Mennonite Church of Normal.

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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



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 ldhersh@ilstu.edu.



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.



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.



FINE ARTS SUNDAY ~ AUGUST 26 2018

Everyone high school age and under is invited to share their time and talents during the Sunday School hour on August 26! Bring the instrument(s) you play to show, bring examples of artwork you have created, or share your hobby! This is a wonderful opportunity for the congregation to learn more about you AND a great way for the younger children in our church to learn about things that might interest them as well! (Adults will still have Sunday School that day but are invited to visit the "Fine Arts Fair" before and after) We hope that most youth and children will sign up to share something! Add your name to the sign up sheet at church or email Shelly King at snking2002@yahoo.com to let us know what you would like to share!



God's Little Acre Preschool which is held at North Danvers Mennonite Church is looking for a teacher for this school year. The school meets September through May and follows the Olympia holiday schedule. The position is part-time, Monday through Friday from 8-noon. A certificate is required as is Christian belief. If interested, call 309-963-4554 or email: northdanversch@gmail.com.



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.



Help Us Help You!

Advocate BroMenn Medical Center, Chestnut Health Systems, McLean County Health Department and OSF HealthCare St. Joseph Medical Center are requesting help from the local community to determine and prioritize health needs. As part of a community health needs assessment, a survey is now available for McLean County residents age 18 and over. The survey takes less than 10 minutes to complete, and all responses are confidential. The survey will be available until August 31, 2018.

Community members may participate in the survey via the links below.

For more information, contact Meridith Nelson, Director of Strategic Planning and Community Health for OSF HealthCare St. Joseph Medical Center, at (309) 665-5735.

Select a link below to participate in the survey:

2018 Survey English - [McLean - Community Health Needs Assessment](#)



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

"Cowardice asks the question: is it safe?
Expediency asks the question: is it politic?
Vanity asks the question: is it popular?

But conscience asks the question: is it right? And there comes a time when one must take a position that is neither safe, nor politic, nor popular - but one must take it because it's right." **Martin Luther King Jr.**



Building Use

Crosswinds Church

August 8, 5:00 pm

Music Recording

August 11, 11:00 am

Crosswinds Church

August 15, 5:00 pm

Today's Chuckle



A story told by a chemistry professor:

A student wished to make some potassium hydroxide solution (aqueous) and decided to throw a large lump of potassium into a bucket of water.

Out of the corner of his eye, the professor observed what the student was about to do and hurried over. After confirming this was what was intended, he asked the student to first to stir the water in the bucket for five minutes before adding the potassium.

Puzzled, the student asked the purpose of this action.

"It will give me time to run away," said the professor.