

MIDWEEK CONNECTION AT MCN

September 26, 2018

## Worship with Us this Sunday, September 30

Mara Weaver Boshart will be preaching this Sunday. The sermon title is *The Whole Body of Christ* and the Scripture is Romans 12:1-21. Mara comments, "The sermon will focus on Paul's plea with the Roman church to understand the unity, particularly of Jews and Gentiles in Christ's church. Using Paul's exhortation, I will explore what it means for us to live into the true unity and embodied love that God has envisioned for the church as the Body of Christ."

### Hymns This Sunday

Here in this Place - HWB 6  
How Good a Thing It Is - HWB 310  
One is the Body - STJ 72  
The Lord Lift You Up - STJ 73

## Prayers

### Please pray for

\*Margaret Hopkins' brother Charles as he recovers from surgery  
\*D. Paul Miller as he recovers from surgery  
\*Roger Clemmons as he continues to heal from knee replacement surgery

## This Week At 805 S Cottage

Thur Sept 27      Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am

Sun Sept 30      Pre-Service Prayer 9:00 am  
                          Worship 9:30 am  
                          Christian Education for Children 10:45 am  
                          Christian Education for Adults 11:00 am  
                          MYF & JMYF Youth Groups 5:00 pm



Mon Oct 1 Personnel Policy Committee 5:30 pm

Thur Oct 4 Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am

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## Serving This Sunday

Greeters	Julie Musselman & Lucy Unzicker
Welcome Table	West: Gerry Schrock
Ushers	Darvis King
	Andy & Beth Reeser,
	Ben & Caroline Roeschley
Sermon	Mara Weaver Boshart
Worship Leader	Henry Dick
Song Leader	Cindy Ropp
Scripture	Julie Musselman
Children's Time	Gerry Schrock
Accompanist	Dorothy Loepp
Technology	Wesley Hershberger
Toddler Nursery	Janet Wilson
Preschool Nursery	Ian Unzicker



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## Birthdays and Anniversaries



Shannon Neely 9/30  
Cole Waggoner 9/30  
Pam Dick 10/2  
Juergen Schroeer 10/2  
Phil Stalter 10/2  
Michele Franks 10/3  
Keith Unzicker 10/4  
David Harnish 10/5  
Xander Doblosky 10/6  
Katie Driscoll 10/6  
Theresia Kasongo 10/6

Happy 43<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary to Phil and Laura Dick on October 1  
Happy 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to Rebecca Houtsma and William Hunter on October 1  
Happy 8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to Mike and Odie Evans on October 2  
Happy 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to Lee and Mary Alice Hertzler on October 4  
Happy Anniversary to Emmanuel Kasongo and Tania Kimbembe on October 6

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## Apartment Needed

If anyone has or knows of a 1 bedroom apartment that would be available in early September, please contact John Bertsche.

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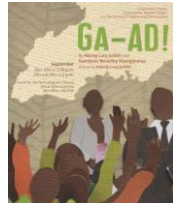
## Would you provide a Sunday night meal for our youth groups?

Eating together has been an important part of our fellowship together! We anticipate needing food for 25 people and will aim to eat at 6:15 PM.

Thank you for your help with this--it is very much appreciated!

Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e094faaa87-youth>

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## The Illinois State University School of Theatre and Dance

Their fall production season launches with *Ga-AD!* by Adong Lucy Judith and Nambozo Beverley Nzengiyunva. *Ga-AD!* runs September 26 through 29 at 7:30 p.m. and September 29 and 30 at 2 p.m. in the Center for the Performing Arts Theatre on the campus of Illinois State University.

This Friday, September 14 from noon-1 p.m., there will be a free Colloquium with director and playwright Adong Lucy Judith in the Center for the Performing Arts Theatre. On Wednesday, September 26, there will be a pre-show reception at 6 p.m. in the Center for the Performing Arts Lobby and a post-performance talkback with playwright and director Adong Lucy Judith.

*Ga-AD!* is part of an exciting community and cultural exchange with playwright Adong Lucy Judith, who has a six-week residency at Illinois State while directing her play. Adong comes to campus from Uganda, where she is the founder and artistic director of Silent Voices Uganda, a nonprofit performing arts company that 'gives voice' to social issues affecting underprivileged groups. As both a Fulbright Scholar and TED Fellow, Adong Judith creates art that provokes meaningful conversations about taboo issues.

*Ga-AD!*, inspired by the poem *The Loneliest Journey is the Journey of a Faithful Woman*, is a play-poetry hybrid that explores the role of women in a Pentecostal church in modern-day Uganda. Faith, a loyal servant of God, has suffered a car accident and entered into the afterlife. Looking back, Faith questions her actions and her relationship with the charismatic and greedy Apostle Jeremiah.

Cindy Ropp is directing the choir within the play!

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## Solar Installation Project, Sept 2018

The Board of the MCN at its meeting on Sept 11, 2018, approved the Solar Installation Project, Sept 2018, as

brought by the Financial Stewardship Committee. There will be a congregational vote following worship on Sept 30 on the following resolution:

RESOLUTION: The Board of the MCN recommends that the Congregation approve the Solar Installation Project, September 2018, which includes the replacement of the current roof with a standing seam metal roof and the installation of solar panels on the south and west facing areas of the roof.

Information about this project is available on the congregational website at [Solar Installation Project, September 2018](#). There are paper copies on the table in the entryway.

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## Home Sweet Home Thanksgiving Collection

This is the last week for the Widow's Cruse to be dedicated to the Thanksgiving Meals for Home Sweet Home Ministries. Please bring the following items during the Sundays in September.

Toilet paper	Laundry detergent
Canned fruit	Boxed pie crust mix
Canned cranberry sauce	Stuffing mix
Canned French Fried onions	Boxed potatoes
Turkey gravy packets (no jars)	Boxed meals
Canned cream of mushroom soup	
Bath soap/body wash	



## Communion

In two Sundays, October 7th we will celebrate Communion in worship here at MCN. In preparation, we are all encouraged to engage in self-examination - of both our relationships with God, and with others.

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## Is There a Lesson? 45 Years on the Anabaptist Trail

The Mennonite Church of Normal is hosting a showing of the 90-minute documentary film by John L. and Jay Ruth *Is There a Lesson? 45 Years on the Anabaptist Trail with John Ruth and TourMagination* on October 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. 805 Cottage Avenue, Normal, IL 61761. Admission is free.

*Is There a Lesson? 45 Years on the Anabaptist Trail with John Ruth and TourMagination* draws on more than four decades of photography by John L. Ruth on tours on four continents. Supplementary imagery comes from the more than 1,500 participants in tours led by Ruth beginning in 1973. Thematic continuity is woven by onsite commentary videotaped by Ruth's son Jay on a final tour in 2017.

John Ruth is Julie Musselman's cousin! John Ruth was severely injured at the first stop of the tour and will not be in attendance. The film will still be shown as scheduled. More information can be found here:

<https://themennonite.org/daily-news/anabaptist-trail-documentary-showings-scheduled/>

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## Special Delegate Assembly for MC USA

The Church Board is soliciting delegates for a special delegate meeting of MC USA, to take place electronically on November 26, 2018, 7:00pm Central time. This meeting is for the purpose of providing counsel to the Executive Board regarding a proposal to discontinue The Mennonite as an agency of MC USA; The Mennonite and Mennonite

World Review are proposing a merger. Our congregation is allowed 3 delegates. Please contact Wayne Hochstetler via email ([hochwayne@icloud.com](mailto:hochwayne@icloud.com)) or phone (309-533-5486) by October 8 if you have interest in serving in this way.

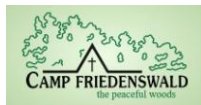
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## Behavioral Health Community Forum

Join us on Monday, October 8, 2018 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in Uptown Normal for our 2nd Annual Behavioral Health Community Forum. All are welcome and attendance is **FREE!** [Click here](#) for the flyer. Please click [this link for an agenda and registration](#).

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## Mennonite Men's Retreat

Mennonite Men's retreat - for men and boys. What does it mean to be a man? We witness toxic masculinity—men being invulnerable, acting tough, abusing power and dominating others. In this retreat, Healthy Masculinity: On Being a Man at Camp Friedenswald October 12-14, men and boys we will see how masculinity means something much more and better. Based on who we are as beloved sons of God, we will reconsider the marks of good men and explore our part in building God's peace. The retreat will be led by Steve Thomas, U.S. Coordinator for Mennonite Men, the men's organization of MC USA. Men may come alone, with a friend, or bring a son, grandson, nephew or mentee. For more information, see the attached [retreat flyer](#) or visit [mennonitemen.org/joinmen](http://mennonitemen.org/joinmen).

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## Poverty Simulation

Saturday, October 20 at 9 AM - 12:30 PM

Join in a live role-playing simulation of families trapped in poverty. We hope this eye-opening look into the impossible decisions - between food and clothing, between healthcare and monthly rent - that millions of Americans are forced to make every day will foster empathy and awareness of the needs in our community.

YWCA McLean County

1201 N. Hershey Road, Bloomington, Illinois 61704

We are seeking volunteers and participants! RSVP required!

Volunteer Sign-up: [tinyurl.com/mcleanpovsimvolunteer](http://tinyurl.com/mcleanpovsimvolunteer)

Participant Sign-up: [tinyurl.com/mcleanpovsim](http://tinyurl.com/mcleanpovsim)

Learn more at sponsoring organization websites:

[www.ywcamclean.org](http://www.ywcamclean.org) or <https://bn-mclp.org>.

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## How Would You Respond to Someone Experiencing a Mental Health Crisis?

The **Mental Health First Aid** class teaches a 5-step action plan to offer initial help to people with the signs and symptoms of a mental illness or in a crisis, and connect them with the appropriate care. Mental Health First Aid is for anyone— parents, neighbors, students, first responders, teachers, leaders of faith communities, and caring citizens.

Are you interested in learning to be part of the solution?

Join us for a Mental Health First Aid Class.

**Date: Monday, October 22, 2018 8am to 5pm**

**Location: Heartland Head Start, 1407 W Washington St, Bloomington, IL**

**Fee: \$10.00** (includes course materials, lunch, and snacks)

To register: Call or email Teri at [t.meismer@heartlandheadstart.org](mailto:t.meismer@heartlandheadstart.org) or (309) 662-4880

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### MC USA's Women in Leadership

Register now for **Women Doing Theology**, Nov. 8-10, 2018, to join MC USA's Women in Leadership in building upon a history of Anabaptist theologians, ministers, teachers, activists, creatives and many others gathering to do theological work born out of women's experiences. Find out more and register at

<http://mennoniteusa.org/wdt18>.

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### Mennonite Church Blood Drive

Saturday, November 10

8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Walk-In's Welcome

For appointments, please call the church office or sign up [here](#), after entering sponsor code 0402803. Bring photo ID or your blood donor card, or two other forms of ID.

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### New Hymnal Project

MennoMedia needs your help to make the new Voices Together hymnal a reality by Fall 2020. Before any copies of Voices Together are sold, MennoMedia will invest more than \$700,000. Everence and Mennonite Central Committee U.S. have issued a matching grant challenge of up to \$100,000 to help MennoMedia in this final fund-raising effort. Help ensure that Voices Together will be affordably priced for congregations. Make a gift today and have it doubled! Every voice matters. Every dollar counts. Give at [VoicesTogetherHymnal.org](http://VoicesTogetherHymnal.org) or email Steve Carpenter at [SteveC@MennoMedia.org](mailto:SteveC@MennoMedia.org) for more information. Gifts of \$500 or more entitle the giver to a tribute line in the hymnal.

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## 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.

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## Conference Newsletter

[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](#).

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## Voice of the Day

"It is difficult for Americans to talk to peoples of the developing nations about the need to limit the population and conserve resources, when they as a people have been so prodigally wasteful, and have shown no signs of penitence or self denial." **Edward K. Ziegler**

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## Building Use

**Crosswinds Church**  
September 26, 5:00 pm

**UU Leader Meeting**  
September 29, 8:30 am

**Cantus Novus**  
October 2, 7:00 pm

**Crosswinds Church**  
October 3, 5:00 pm

**HAAQG Meeting**  
October 4, 5:30 pm  
October 5-6, 8:30 am

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## Today's Chuckle



I'm a middle school band teacher, and I match students to instruments by testing them on various mouthpieces. While most children demonstrate aptitude on more than a single instrument, there was one boy who was having difficulty on every one he tried, and he was becoming disheartened.

Finally, he found success on a tuba mouthpiece. He was so happy that he asked to call his mother.

"Mom, guess what!" I overheard him exclaim. "I tested positive for tuba!"