



MIDWEEK CONNECTION AT MCN

February 13, 2019

## Worship with Us this Sunday, February 17

The sermon title is Tending Our Roots and the Scripture is Psalm 1:1-6. Jennifer Roberts comments, "The Psalm talks about meditating on God's law as a delight. Often, when we hear the word 'law,' we think of rules. But the word 'law' here is really 'Torah,' which is about more than rules; it is about the Israel's salvation story. Meditating on the story of God's work in the world and in our lives helps nourish and strengthen our faith."

### Hymns this Sunday

The God of Abraham Praise - HWB 162

Obey My Voice - HWB 163

What Does the Lord Require - HWB 409

The Lord's My Shepherd - STS 99

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## Prayers

### Please pray for

\*Craig Ohmart's sister and family, as her lung cancer has returned

\*Grace for Craig Ohmart's new new coworkers whom are adjusting

\*Ron Ropp's brother Paul whose cancer has returned in his brain and spine

\*Dorothy and Leroy Loepp, Dorothy's mother-in-law, Leonna Loepp is home from the hospital and looking forward to celebrating her 105th birthday

\*Evelyn Bertsche who has returned home from the nursing home

\*Rita Munkakusi Ngongo who had a successful surgery Wednesday morning in Peoria (today)

\*Jo Ropp has been moved to a private room and is in Room 330 at McLean County Nursing Home

### Condolences to

\*Dorothy and Leroy Loepp, Dorothy's sister-in-law Shirley Harms passed away Friday, February 8

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## This Week At 805 S Cottage

Thur Feb 14      Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am  
Pastor Peer Meeting 9:00 am

Sun Feb 17      Pre-Service Prayer 9:00 am  
Worship 9:30 am  
Christian Education for Children 10:45am  
Christian Education for Adults 11:00 am  
JMYF & MYF Youth Group 5:00 pm  
Junior Choir 6:00 pm  
Youth Choir 6:45 pm

Thur Feb 21      Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am



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## Serving This Sunday

Greeters	David & Abby Warfel
	West: Mark Alsene
Welcome Table	Wilma Dyck
Ushers	David Voegtlin & Connie Reeser-Hall, Randy, Holly & Jaron Zehr
Sermon	Jenny Roberts
Worship Leader	Marge Weaver
Song Leader	Barry Weaver
Accompanist	Denise Hedberg
Scripture Reader	Lois Hochstetler
Children's Time	Chris Culbertson
Technology	Caleb Augspurger
Toddler Nursery	Caeli Haab
Preschool Nursery	Lucy Unzicker



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## Birthdays and Anniversaries



Bennie Brown 2/18  
Emari Stalter 2/18  
Shannon Unzicker 2/18  
Kristi Stalter 2/21

Happy 48<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to Loren and Deanna Moshier on February 20

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## Redbird Musical Adventures: Concerts for Families

The ISU Music Department Faculty Quartet is having a concert geared towards school-aged children. They will demonstrate the instruments and perform a piece.

Date: Saturday, Feb. 16, 2019

Time: 11:00 am

Place: University Galleries

Cost: Free

More information at: [finearts.illinoisstate.edu](http://finearts.illinoisstate.edu)

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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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## Is There A Lesson? Viewing

The 2019 Illinois Mennonite Relief Sale Pre-Sale activity this year is a video presentation of: "Is There a Lesson? 45 Years on the Anabaptist Trail with John Ruth." This will be Sunday evening, February 17, at 6:00 P.M. in the First Mennonite Church of Morton. This special documentary, authored by Dr. John Ruth of Harleysville, PA., draws on more than 40 years of his photography while leading 60 tours on four continents. Dr. Ruth, an ordained minister, served as a pastor for 43 years. He also received a PH.D. from Harvard and was a college English professor. Admission to this special event is free, but there will be a free-will offering with all funds benefiting Mennonite Central Committee.

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## Roofing Update for Mennonite Church of Normal

NEWS FLASH: The roofing project may begin next week!!!! This is earlier than anticipated! The job will require some weeks to complete depending upon the weather. There will be equipment on location; some parking will be compromised. Thank you to those who offered the \$9,600 in gifts for the roofing fund late last year.

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## Q&A and Discussion Events

Last week's event featuring Debra Sutter from First Mennonite Church of Champaign/Urbana was recorded and can be accessed [here](#), and also on our website. Thank you to all that attended! Please save the following dates: on March 3, a panel of people from the LGBTQ community, all people of faith, will be here to share their stories and answer questions. On April 7 everyone is invited to gather for both small and large group discussion. We will reflect on policies and statements as we discern the next steps together. Both events will be immediately following Sunday School and lunch will be provided.

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## Feeding the Hungry, Together

Join faithful people from all over central Illinois to repackage rice for local food pantries. The Delegate Church Association of Advocate BroMenn Medical Center and Advocate Eureka Hospital, in partnership with the McLean County Interfaith Alliance, is gathering faith communities for a 90-minute rice repackaging project.

**When:** 6 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, February 20, 2019

**Where:** Bloomington High School cafeteria, 1202 East Locust St., Bloomington. (Park in the North lot along Empire Street. Enter at the Senior Café doors.)

**Who can volunteer:** Volunteers of all ages are welcome!

**What else:** Feel free to bring your favorite rice recipe to share with other volunteers. Email it before the event and we'll assemble a packet of recipes for each attendee.

**RSVP:** The Rev. Christine McNeal, BCC, senior staff chaplain and coordinator for church relations at Advocate BroMenn and Advocate Eureka. [christine.mcneal@advocatehealth.com](mailto:christine.mcneal@advocatehealth.com) or 309.268.3504

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## Menno Haven's Work As Worship Event

On February 22 join thousands of Christian business professionals across the country for a 1-day livestream event to hear from experts on connecting your faith and work. Many people spend a great deal of time at work, and yet they don't see how their work intersects with their faith.

We might spend two hours of our week at church or in a small group. This kind of worship is biblical and a vital rhythm in the life of a Christian. But during the other 166 hours of our week, we have just as much potential to worship the God who created us. Our time at church and small group should launch us out into the world - and into the places where we work - prepared to take the hope of Jesus with us.

Menno Haven Camp & Retreat Center, 9301 1575 East St, Tiskilwa, IL

February 22, 2019

7:00 am - Registration & Light Breakfast

7:30 am - 2:30 pm - Sessions with a break for Lunch

Registration Cost: \$30

Contact the Menno Haven Office at 815.646.4344 if you would like information on spending the night before/after this event.

<http://www.mennohaven.com/work-as-worship.html>



## Homebuilders

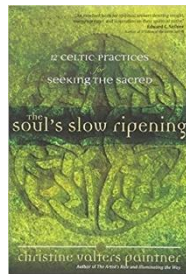
February 24, 7:00 pm at the MRC Community Building  
Midwest Fiber Recycling

They are the largest, single stream recycling operation in the area.

Come and hear what they do, see a video on how they do it, and have a chance to ask questions.

Marie Streenz will be the speaker.

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## New Adult CE Class Coming in March

### Celtic Wisdom for Seeking the Sacred

Celtic monks in the British Isles during the 600-900's sought to imitate the Desert mothers and fathers of early Christianity. Drawing on that desert tradition, spiritual practices from Celtic Christians are valued as helpful to us today, as pilgrims on a spiritual journey. Using the book, *The Soul's Slow Ripening* by Christine Valters Paintner, each class session will include an exploration of a Biblical text, an introduction to a Celtic saint and the opportunity to learn about particular Celtic spiritual practices such as encircling prayer, soul friendship, walking the rounds, pilgrimage or more. The class will be led by Pastor Jane. Cost of the book (available at the first class) is \$12.50.

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## Ted & Co. Presents

In partnership with Mennonite Disaster Service, Ted & Co presents the original play, *The Jesus Stories: Faith, Forks & Fettuccine*, in conjunction with a unique auction of buckets, filled with baked goods and other homey items, and fund the tools MDS needs to help restore communities ravaged by natural disaster. All proceeds from the auction benefit the continued work of MDS rebuilding homes and hope for families in need.

Sunday, March 3, 2019 @ 6:00 pm  
Metamora Mennonite Church  
1393 Mennonite Rd, Metamora, IL

Admission pay-what-you-can. Suggested donation \$10/person  
Please come prepared to bid on the auction items!



## 61st Illinois Mennonite Relief Sale March 15 and 16

61st Illinois Mennonite Relief Sale, March 15-16 at the Interstate Center in Bloomington. The sign-up sheets and supplies will be available on Sunday. If you want to order pie crusts please put your name on the order form. The Outreach Committee will pay for the crusts. The Dutch Market likes more baked goods, especially pies. If you have any items for the auction, please let us know as soon as possible. Be watching the Midweek for deadlines and updates. We are known for our shoofly pies and so much more! Questions? Ask Gerry Schrock (452-7345) or Roelie Homan (662-6426).

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## Partners in Healing

MCN has been asked to pray for the Administration at Advocate BroMenn and Advocate Eureka Hospital in 2019. These executives make decisions each day of great importance to patient care. 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

"Life is not what you alone make it. Life is the input of everyone who touched your life and every experience that entered it. We are all part of one another." Yuri Kochiyama

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## Building Use

**HAAQG Sewing Mentoring**

February 14, 6:00 pm

**Overeaters Anonymous**

February 16, 10:00 am

**Al-Anon**

February 18, 7:00 pm

## Heartland Head Start Parent Meeting

February 19, 5:30 pm

Cantus Novus

February 19, 7:00 pm

Crosswinds Church

February 20, 5:00 pm

Overeaters Anonymous

February 20, 5:00 pm

HAAQG Sewing Mentoring

February 21, 6:00 pm

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## Today's Chuckle



A little boy came home from the playground with a bloody nose, black eye, and torn clothing. It was obvious he'd been in a bad fight and lost. While his father was patching him up, he asked his son what happened.

"Well, Dad," said the boy, "I challenged Larry to a duel. And, you know, I gave him his choice of weapons."

"Uh-huh," said the father, "that seems fair."

"I know, but I never thought he'd choose his big sister!"