



MIDWEEK CONNECTION AT MCN

February 20, 2019

Worship with Us this Sunday, February 24

The sermon title is *The Singleness of the Eye* and the Scripture is Genesis 1:24-27 and Luke 11:33-37. Joe Culpepper comments, "How often do you look other people directly in the eye when you are talking to them? What is it about the eyes that tells us something about the other person? How does God want us to be attentive to each other's eyes as we seek to live out God's love for others and for ourselves?"

Hymns this Sunday

All Things Bright and Beautiful - HWB 156

Open My Ears, Open My Eyes - STS 5

Open My Eyes - STS 65

Put Peace into Each Other's Hands - STJ 87

Prayers

Please pray for

*Glenn Wilson and his family as his mother Sandra Wilson is in her final weeks of life

Congratulations to

*Keith and Kayla Belzer who are expecting their third child

This Week At 805 S Cottage

Thur Feb 21 Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am

Sun Feb 24 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
Homebuilders (MRC) 7:00 pm

Tue Feb 26 Peace & Justice Committee 5:00 pm

Thur Feb 28 Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am
Outreach Committee 5:00 pm

Serving This Sunday

Greeters	Mike & Stephanie Company
	West: Lois Hochstetler
Welcome Table	Mary Kauffman
Ushers	Darvis, Evan, & Emma King, Nancy Fisher
Sermon	Joe Culpepper
Worship Leader	Holly Zehr
Song Leader	Cindy Ropp
Accompanist	Dorothy Loepp
Scripture Reader	Joe Jantze
Children's Time	Gail Fisher
Technology	Caleb Augspurger
Toddler Nursery	Sarah Nichols
Preschool Nursery	Jordan King



Birthdays and Anniversaries



Jozie Yoder 2/24
Bess Desch 2/27
Marjorie Kasongo 2/28
Lorene Busenitz 3/1
Loren Moshier 3/1
Hannah Brown 3/2
Bryce Nester 3/2



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>



Creating Space for Creative Response Adult CE Class

I would like to make a special invitation to consider attending the last class in the "Creating Space" series this Sunday, February 24. We will be exploring what it means to make a creative response to God's goodness to you. We will be addressing questions like, "What is creativity?" "Is everyone creative?" "How have I responded to God?" "What can I learn from the creative response of others?" If you would like to bring an example of your creative response to God, please do so. —Lynn Reha



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>



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.



61st Annual Illinois Mennonite Relief Sale

March 15-16 at the Interstate Center in Bloomington.

The deadline for ordering pie crusts is Monday, February 25th.

*Sign-up sheets: volunteers are needed for the Dutch Market, serving pancakes and the chicken/fish meals.

*Each church is asked to donate 5 or more NEW ITEMS FOR THE AUCTION. Let us know as soon as possible.

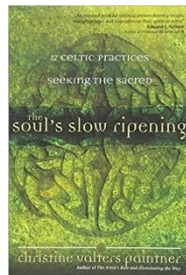
*Relief Sale booklets & posters: help distribute them around town, in offices, restaurants, banks, libraries etc.

*Dutch Market needs more pies, sweet rolls and tea rings. All food products must be made from scratch.

*SUGAR FREE and GLUTEN FREE food items are also needed.

Help is needed for the RECYCLING of cardboard, drink containers, syrup bottles and applesauce cans. The Schroeer's have done this for many years. Since Juergen will have a knee replacement on March 4, Meredith needs help. Helpers are needed for Friday morning to pick up and set out the recycling bins, and for one hour on Friday evening. On Saturday a helper is needed 9-10, 11-12, 1-2, and two helpers from 3-5. Put your name on the sign-up sheet. For more information call the Schroeer's, 309-452-8700.

Questions? Ask or call Gerry Schrock (452- 7345) or Roelie Homan (662-6426)



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.



Q&A and Discussion Events

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.



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!



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.



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](#).

Voice of the Day

"Together we can walk boldly toward a vision of a more inclusive and equitable future, one in which there are no more 'others' – one in which there is a place for all of our beloved communities." **Deepa Iyer**



Building Use

HAAQG Sewing Mentoring

February 21, 6:00 pm

Overeaters Anonymous

February 23, 10:00 am

Al-Anon

February 25, 7:00 pm

Cantus Novus

February 26, 7:00 pm

Crosswinds Church

February 27, 5:00 pm

Overeaters Anonymous

February 27, 5:00 pm

Today's Chuckle



Father: What you want to be in your life?

Son: A Doctor.

Father: What skills do you have of a doctor?

Son: Doctor's handwriting.

