



MIDWEEK CONNECTION AT MCN

February 27, 2019

Worship with Us this Sunday, March 3

The sermon title is *Precious Partners* and the Scripture is Philippians 1:5-7; 4:10-20. Pastor Tim Schrag comments, "The idea of 'partnership' appears throughout the letter to the Philippian believers. It continues to be a very important consideration for Mennonite Church of Normal. What kinds of partnerships do we have, within MCN and beyond?" Communion will be served this Sunday.

Hymns this Sunday

Come, Come Ye Saints - HWB 425
One Is The Body - STJ 72
Come and Fill Our Hearts - STJ 59
He Leadeth Me - HWB 599

Prayers

Please pray for

- *Glenn Wilson and his family as his mother Sandra Wilson is in her final weeks of life
- *Wayne and Lois Hochstetler as they prepare to serve with Mennonite Disaster Service in Wharton, TX
- *Juergen Schroerer who will have knee surgery March 4
- *Ken Clements' son Michael who suffered a stroke while teaching in India and for his wife and four children

This Week At 805 S Cottage

Thur Feb 28

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



Sun Mar 3 Pre-Service Prayer 9:00 am
 Worship 9:30 am
 Christian Education for Children 10:45 am
 Blood Pressures Taken 10:45 am
 Christian Education for Adults 11:00 am
 LGBTQIA Panel Discussion 12:00 pm
 JMYF & MYF Youth Group 5:00 pm

Thur Mar 7 Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am

Serving This Sunday



<p>Greeters</p> <p>Welcome Table</p> <p>Ushers</p> <p>Sermon</p> <p>Worship Leader</p> <p>Song Leader</p> <p>Accompanist</p> <p>Scripture Reader</p> <p>Children's Time</p> <p>Technology</p> <p>Toddler Nursery</p> <p>Preschool Nursery</p>	<p>Lee & Mary Alice Hertzler</p> <p>West: Joe Culpepper</p> <p>Marge Weaver</p> <p>Adam & Caleb Augspurger, Andy & Beth Reeser</p> <p>Pastor Tim Schrag</p> <p>Darvis King</p> <p>Barry Weaver</p> <p>Chris Culbertson</p> <p>Joe Warfel</p> <p>Joe Culpepper</p> <p>Adam Augspurger</p> <p>Kristy Hoffman</p> <p>Beth Reeser</p>
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Birthdays and Anniversaries



Lily Driscoll 3/3
 Jeremy Haab 3/3
 Amy Reiman 3/4
 Connie Satchwell 3/6
 Olivia Petri 3/7
 Laura Dick 3/8
 Andy Reeser 3/9



61st Annual Illinois Mennonite Relief Sale

March 15 & 16 at the Interstate Center.

Volunteers are still needed in the following areas:

MEAT PROCESSING at Bittner's in Eureka: Thursday 8 a.m. & 12 noon.

INTERSTATE CENTER SETUP: Thursday between 8:00 - 2:00 p.m.

DUTCH MARKET:

PIE CRUSTS: the deadline for ordering pie crusts is Thursday, Feb. 28. The Outreach Committee will pay for the pie crusts, but if you want to pay for your order, put it in the offering.

9" pie crust in a pan \$1.00; 10.5" rolled pie crust \$0.75, 9" rolled pie crust \$0.50.

Friday - stocking: 2-4 p.m. & 6:30-9:00 p.m.

checkout lanes : 4-6:30 p.m. & 6:30-9 p.m.

Saturday - stocking 7-9 a.m. & 11:30-2:00 p.m.

checkout lanes 11:30-2 p.m.

CHICKEN & FISH SERVING LINES (2 lines):

Friday - 4:05-5:30 p.m.

4:10-5:40 p.m.

PANCAKES & SAUSAGE SERVING:

Saturday - 5:30-8:30 a.m., 8:30-10:30 a.m., 10:30-12:30 p.m.

ICE CREAM SERVING:

Friday - 4-6:30 p.m. & 6:30-9:00 p.m.

Saturday 8:30-11 a.m. & 11 - 2:00 p.m.

ASSIST TREASURER:

Friday - 4-6 p.m. & 6-8 p.m.

Saturday - 9-11 a.m. & 11-1 p.m.

PEACE & JUSTICE & MEET THE MENNONITES booths need people

RECYCLING: Friday morning & Saturday 9-10, 11-12, 1-2, 3-5 p.m. Call Meredith Schroer (452-8700) for more information.

BOOKLETS, POSTERS & YARD SIGNS - distribute them around town

DISPLAY TABLE of quilts, comforters, crocheted & knitted items etc. will be on Sunday, March 10.

Questions: Ask Gerry Schrock (452-7345), Roelie Homan (662-6426), or Marcia Rossi (212-7195).



Communion

Communion will be celebrated in worship this Sunday, March 3rd. In preparation, we are all encouraged to engage in self-examination—of both our relationships with God, and with others.



New Adult CE Classes Start this Sunday

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 in Room 4 by the Kitchen. Cost of the book (available at the first class) is \$12.50.

Adult Bible Study "Discipleship and Mission" Matthew, Luke, Romans

Written by Elizabeth Soto Albrecht, this study surveys several calls to ministry and the expectations of those called. Calls to service, as recorded in the gospels of Matthew and Luke, are highlighted. We explore Paul's call to ministry, with special attention to the Roman church. On Easter Sunday, we examine Matthew's account of the resurrection. The class will be led by Jenny Roberts and members of the class in the Conference Room, Room 2.



THIS Sunday: Our Panel of LGBTQIA Christians Q&A

This coming Sunday, March 3, please join us as a panel from the LGBTQIA community, all people of faith, will be here to share their stories and answer questions. We will gather immediately after Sunday School and lunch will be provided. If you are in need of childcare during this event please contact Shelly King at snking2002@yahoo.com.



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>



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!



Family Game Night!

Friday, March 8, 6-8 PM at the home of Darvis and Shelly King, 219 Concord Drive, Normal. Bring your favorite games and a snack to share. There will be PB&J fixings and drinks provided. All ages welcome! If you have any questions, please contact Shelly King. An RSVP is welcome but not at all required.



Special Donation for Young Adults to Attend MCUSA Convention

We have strong interest from several young adults to be part of the MCUSA Convention this summer. We'd love to send them all! We welcome any donations to help offset some of the cost for their registration and housing. Put *Menno Convention* in the memo line of your check and give to the office. Thank you!



Menno Haven Camp and Retreat Center's Summer Brochures are Here!

Please see the entry table if you would like one. They can also be found [here](#) or on the [Menno Haven website](#). The early registration deadline is March 13th so register soon! If you have any questions, you can contact Jeremiah at program@mennohaven.com.



Mennonite Church Blood Drive

Saturday, March 23
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.



Illinois Mennonite Women's Retreat

Registration is now open for the 2019 Illinois Mennonite Women's Retreat, April 5-6, at Menno Haven. The presenters will be Hyacinth Stevens, a pastor and Program Director for MCC East Coast, from West Haven, CT, and Alicia Manning, a pastor and educator from Williamsburg, VA. Together they will be leading a two-day

Sister Care Seminar. Brochures are available [here](#) and in the narthex, or register on the [Menno Haven website](#) (under Quick Links, choose "Register for a Program")
Talk with Shannon Unzicker if you have any questions.



Time to Check Under the Steps!

The Lost and Found is filling up, please check to make sure your items won't be donated. Items will be donated after March 17th.



MCC's Sharing With Appalachia People (SWAP) Program Seeks Volunteers

Summer will be here before we know it, so make your summer plans now to join SWAP in Kentucky or West Virginia. Don't miss out on your chance to serve with this home repair ministry while learning about life in Appalachia. Groups or individuals can volunteer to serve for week-long opportunities. For more information about bringing a group to SWAP, visit swap.mcc.org or contact Angela Maggard at AppalachiaAdmin@mcc.org or 606-633-5065.



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

"You alone are enough. You have nothing to prove to anybody." **Maya Angelou**



Building Use

Overeaters Anonymous

March 2, 10:00 am

Al-Anon

March 4, 7:00 pm

Cantus Novus

March 5, 7:00 pm

Crosswinds Church

March 6, 5:00 pm

Overeaters Anonymous

March 6, 5:00 pm

Today's Chuckle



John goes to see his supervisor in the front office.

"Boss," he says, "we're doing some heavy house-cleaning at home tomorrow, and my wife needs me to help with the attic and the garage, moving and hauling stuff."

"We're short-handed, John," the boss replies. "I can't give you the day off."

"Thanks, boss," says John, "I knew I could count on you!"