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MIDWEEK CONNECTION AT MCN

March 6, 2019

## Worship with Us this Sunday, March 10

The sermon title is *Safety and Adventure* and the Scripture is Luke 4:1-13. Pastor Tim Schrag comments, "At times, the [over]-valuing of safety over adventure can lead to a less-than-abundant life. Satan promises Jesus means of staying in control, and Jesus declines. What might that mean for us?"

### Lenten Season Worship

Throughout scriptures for Lent, there is a theme of our human need and how God longs to fulfill and satisfy us as nothing else can. We can find ourselves lost, thirsty or alone. God hears our cries and as the artwork suggests, God provides for us. Confession is a key spiritual practice during Lent - both confession of our sin and brokenness to God, as well as our confession of faith in God. In our confessing, we discover that we are always held in God's love, and God provides abundant forgiveness. The worship visuals - rocky, barren, and dry wilderness landscape - symbolically set a scene that evokes our deepest spiritual longings as we prepare during Lent for the celebration of Jesus' resurrection at Easter.

### Hymns this Sunday

Praise Him, Praise Him! - HWB 100  
Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness - STS 1  
Jesus, Tempted in the Desert - STS 36  
We Are Often Tossed and Driv'n - STS 72

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## Prayers

**Please pray for**

\*Shannon and Spring Neely as Spring's grandfather has been in the last week hospital

\*Al Dick who is recovering from surgery that repaired a tendon in his arm last week

\*Juergen Schroeer who had a successful knee replacement on March 4

\*Jo Ropp who was in the hospital this week after a fall, has returned to McLean County Nursing Home, in Room 451

\*Wilber and Delores Bauman as Delores is experiencing low levels of oxygen and pulmonary rehabilitation has been deemed unsafe. Her care has been moved up to hospice level to better manage her health. Hospice comes every two weeks, and friends and relatives have been coming in to support her and Wilber. They welcome communication!

Wilber and Delores Bauman

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**This Week At 805 S Cottage**

Thur Mar 7	Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am
Sun Mar 10	Pre-Service Prayer 9:00 am Worship 9:30 am Christian Education for Children 10:45 am Christian Education for Adults 11:00 am JMYF & MYF Youth Group 5:00 pm Junior Choir 6:00 pm Youth Choir 6:45 pm Adult Choir 7:30 pm
Mon Mar 11	Mennonite Women 9:30 am Financial Stewardship 4:30 pm
Tue Mar 12	Church Board 5:30 pm Wellness Committee 5:30 pm
Wed Mar 13	Pastoral Council 6:00 pm
Thur Mar 14	Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am Apple Pie Baking 6:30 am Pastor Peer Meeting 9:00 am Outreach Committee, Jobs Partnership Gathering at Heartland Community Church
Fri Mar 15	IL Mennonite Relief Sale
Sat Mar 16	IL Mennonite Relief Sale



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**Serving This Sunday**



Greeters	Rick and Annette Harnish
Welcome Table	West: Shannon Neely
Ushers	Mary Ann Watkins
Sermon	Larry & Louise Reeser, Mark Roeschley, Kristen Satchwell
Worship Leader	Pastor Tim Schrag
Song Leader	Pastor Jane Roeschley
Accompanist	Barry Weaver
Scripture Reader	Elsa Raab
Children's Time	Pastor Jane Roeschley
Technology	Adam Augspurger
Toddler Nursery	Amy Reiman
Preschool Nursery	Jeremy Haab



## Birthdays and Anniversaries

Al Dick 3/13  
Darrel Miller 3/13  
Ellen Culpepper 3/15  
Carroll Miller 3/15

Happy 38<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to Larry Schrader and Elfriede Massier on March 14



## 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.



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## All Sharing and Prayer Requests to Pastor Tim During Lent

Please write out or send by email to Pastor Tim all items for sharing and prayer for Sunday worship. There is no open microphone sharing during Lent.

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## 61st Annual Illinois Mennonite Relief Sale

March 15-16 at the Interstate Center in Bloomington.

DISPLAY TABLE is Sunday, March 10. Bring your quilts, knitted & crocheted items & other homemade things.

Looking for a place to work? There is urgent need in the following areas

### CHICKEN & FISH SERVING LINES:

Friday, 4:10-5:40 P.M. need 8 people

### PANCAKES & SAUSAGE SERVING:

Saturday, 5:30-8:30 A.M. need 8 people

8:30-10:30 a.m. need 8 people

10:30-12:30 p.m. need 2 people

### DUTCH MARKET:

Friday: stocking 2:00-4:00 p.m. need 2 people

6:30-9:00 p.m. need 3 people

checkout 4:00-6:30 p.m. need 4 people

6:30-9:00 p.m. need 10 people

Saturday: stocking 7:00-9:00 a.m. need 1 person

11:30-2:00 p.m. need 3 people

checkout 11:30-2:00 p.m. need 2 people

### ICE CREAM SERVING:

Friday: 4:00-6:30 p.m. need 2 people

Saturday: 9:30-12:00 need 2 people

12:00-2:00 p.m. need 3 people

### ASSIST TREASURER - Ben Roeschley

Friday: 4:00-6:00 p.m. need 2 people

6:00-8:00 p.m. need 4 people

Saturday: 9:00-11:00 need 4 people

11:00-1:00 p.m. need 4 people

"MEET THE MENNONITES" booth needs a few people.

\*DISTRIBUTE BOOKLETS, POSTERS & YARD SIGNS around town.

\*BAKED GOODS: we can use more baked goods: pies, breads, rolls & tea rings. Also sugar free and gluten free items. All baked goods, plants, auction items etc. have to be brought to the church by FRIDAY, March 15 at 9:00 a.m.

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## Menno Haven Camp and Retreat Center's Summer Registration

It's almost summer time and registration is LIVE! Woo! We are so excited to see what God is doing this Summer. The Kingdom Mysteries have been Revealed! Now what?! Now, it is time for the festivities to begin! Summer 2019 is our time to jubilate and we are celebrating a year of joy, hope, and the promise we have in Christ! "#AYEAROF" is our theme this summer. Every holiday has a reason to be celebrated, and we are ready to put those reasons into action!

We also have some new things this summer! Night Owl Camp where campers can see Summer in a whole new light and the combination of Junior High and Adventure into Junior High Camps with Trailblazer and Adventure tracks. See our website <http://www.mennohaven.com/summer-camps1.html> for more details about Summer 2019 and camp dates.

Register and pay in full before March 13, 2019, to receive a \$15.00 discount and by May 1, 2019, to receive a free t-shirt.

Please keep in mind that MCN provides camperships as well as service passports to assist with the cost. If you have already registered, and would like reimbursement, please let the church office know.

Email me at [jeremiah@mennohaven.com](mailto:jeremiah@mennohaven.com) or call our office at 815-646-4344 if you have any questions.



### 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.



### Mennonite Economic Development Associates (MEDA) Gathering

Thursday, March 28, 7:00pm -- You're invited to the home of Eric and Chellie Miller to network with others, learn more about MEDA, and explore the opportunities that await through participation in a local network hub (formerly known as a MEDA chapter).

Members of MEDA staff will be on hand to provide an update on MEDA's work throughout the world, while local advocates will lead a discussion on the creation of a group of MEDA supporters in Central Illinois. Dessert and refreshments will be provided.

Please RSVP, text or call, to Eric (309.831.6585) or Ben Roeschley (815.848.5738) by Mon, March 25.



### 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.

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## Process Design Team Discussion

Last week's event featuring a panel of LGBTQIA Christians was recorded and can be accessed [here](#), and also on our website. Thank you to all that attended!

Save the date - Sunday, April 7th, everyone is invited to gather for both small and large group discussions. We will reflect on policies and statements as we discern the next steps together. 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](mailto:snking2002@yahoo.com).

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## Family Fun Nights are on the way . . .

Fridays April 5, 12 and 26th. Come for food, fellowship and fun as we explore the miracles of our mighty God. We'll begin at 5:30 with a meal and finish by 7:30 each night. Friends are welcome! Contact Chris at [chrisculbertson22@gmail.com](mailto:chrisculbertson22@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

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## 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!

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## 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.

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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>



## Returning Citizens Care Kits, Sponsored by the Outreach Committee

For the months of March and April we will be collecting Returning Citizens Care Kits for persons returning to our community from prison. Kits for men and/or women are need to share with Jobs Partnership and Labyrinth Outreach services, two organizations in our community offering reintegration services to persons formerly incarcerated. Gently used backpacks or small duffel bags are also needed in which to pack the kits. Bring to the red tub in the atrium, or a donation may be made to MCN, for use by the Outreach Committee to purchase the items on your behalf. Contributing partial kits, or just some of the items is more than okay.

### Returning Citizen Care Kit - Men (New Items Only)

- 1 bottle of lotion (maximum 13-24 oz.)
- 1 bottle of shampoo (minimum 12 oz.)
- 1 large bar of soap (minimum 4 oz.)
- 1 tube of toothpaste (minimum 6 oz.)
- 1 toothbrush
- 1 disposable razor
- 1 small package of Q-tips
- 1 deodorant (minimum 2.25 oz.)
- 1 pair of underwear (briefs)\*
- 1 pair of crew socks\*
- 1 crewneck t-shirt\*

\*Note: Clothing items must be new and are accepted in two sizes: men's large and extra large. Please choose one of these sizes and purchase underwear, socks and t-shirts in the same size.

### Returning Citizen Care Kit - Women (New items only)

- 1 bottle of lotion (maximum 13-24 oz.)
- 1 bottle of shampoo (minimum 12 oz.)
- 1 large bar of soap (minimum 4 oz.)
- 1 tube of toothpaste (minimum 6 oz.)
- 1 toothbrush
- 1 package of sanitary pads (18-24 count thin maxi)
- 1 package of hair ties
- 1 disposable razor
- 1 small package of Q-tips
- 1 deodorant (minimum 2.25 oz.)
- 1 pair of crew socks\*
- 1 pair of underwear (briefs)\*
- 1 crewneck t-shirt\*

\*Note: Clothing items must be new and are accepted in two sizes: women's large and extra large. Please choose one of these sizes and purchase underwear, socks and t-shirts in the same size.



## 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

"While many fear that deconstruction will lead to nothingness, perhaps we are underestimating the powerful love of God that holds us when we have nothing left to hold." **Kaitlin Curtice, Is The Work of Deconstruction Violent or Fruitful?**

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## Building Use

**HAAQG Meeting**

March 7, 5:30 pm

**HAAQG Workshop**

March 8 & 9, 8:00 am

**Overeaters Anonymous**

March 9, 10:00 am

**Wild Ones Meeting**

March 11, 5:30 pm

**Al-Anon**

March 11, 7:00 pm

**Cantus Novus**

March 12, 7:00 pm

**Crosswinds Church**

March 13, 5:00 pm

**Overeaters Anonymous**

March 13, 5:00 pm

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## Today's Chuckle



The flight attendant watched a passenger try to stuff his hopelessly overloaded bags into the overhead bin. Finally she informed him that he would have to check the oversize luggage.

"When I fly other airlines," he said irritably, "I never have this problem!"

She smiled and said, "Sir, when you fly other airlines, I don't have this problem either."