



MIDWEEK CONNECTION AT MCN

April 10, 2019

Worship with Us this Sunday, April 14

The sermon title is *The Bottom Line(s)* and the Scripture is Luke 19:28-40 and Philippians 2:5-11. Pastor Tim Schrag comments, "The segment of Jesus' life we call Passion Week spans an incredible range of events and emotions. It begins with the Triumphal Entry (Palm Sunday), and ends with the crucified Jesus entombed on Black Saturday. It is profitable to read the story of this week, in its entirety, and in each Gospel account."

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 bulletin 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

All Glory, Laud, and Honor - HWB 237
Hosanna, Loud Hosanna - HWB 238
Stay With Me, The Night Has Come - Screen
How Shallow Former Shadows - Screen

Prayers

We give thanks for

*JB and Erin's nephew Gabriel is healing and growing stronger

This Week At 805 S Cottage

Thur Apr 11 Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am
Pastor Peer Meeting 9:00 am
MCC Sale Evaluation 7:00 pm

Fri Apr 12 Family Fun Night 5:30 pm

Sat Apr 13 Menno Haven Work Day 8:00 am

Sun Apr 14 Pre-Service Prayer 9:00 am
Worship 9:30 am
Christian Education for Children 10:45 am
Christian Education for Adults 11:00 am
Cantus Novus Spring Concert 3:00 pm
JMYF & MYF Youth Groups 5:00 pm
Junior Choir 6:00 pm
Youth Choir 6:45 pm
Adult Choir 7:30 pm

Tue Apr 16 Piano Tuning 12:30 pm
Worship Committee 2:00 pm

Thur Apr 18 Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am
Maundy Thursday Service 7:30 pm



Serving This Sunday

Greeters	Larry & Louise Reeser
	West: Wilma Dyck
Welcome Table	Mary Kauffman
Ushers	Shannon Neely, Ardys Serpette, Eric & Chellie Miller
Sermon	Pastor Tim Schrag
Worship Leader	David Harnish
Song Leader	Barry Weaver
Accompanist	Dorothy Loepp
Scripture Reader	David Harnish
Children's Time	Chris Culbertson
Technology	Wesley Hershberger
Toddler Nursery	Courtney Yoder
Preschool Nursery	Jordan King



Birthdays and Anniversaries

Mary Engel 4/14
Caeli Haab 4/14
Caroline Roeschley 4/15
Noah Company 4/16
Blair Hall 4/16
Wayne Hochstetler 4/18
Roelie Homan 4/18
Phil Hoffman 4/20
Gaby Hubbs 4/20



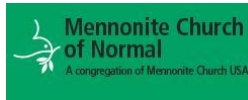
All Sharing and Prayer Requests to Pastor Tim During Lent

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.



Communion

Communion will be celebrated in worship on Easter Sunday, April 21. In preparation, we are all encouraged to engage in self-examination—of both our relationships with God, and with others.



Congregational Updates Announced in Worship April 7, 2019

We as a congregation have been richly blessed by the talents and hard work of two members who have stepped up and provided leadership in two specific areas of ministry.

Chris Culbertson has served as leader to the youngest of us and their families. Leading the ministry of our children and families through Christian Education and beyond, Chris has carefully and enthusiastically provided strong leadership in programming and in supporting the Christian Education committee.

Lauren Satchwell has served in dual roles as the Administrative Assistant, and as leader of our Youth Ministry program. She has provided consistency and follow-through in the front office and strong leadership in working with our youth, sponsors, and the Youth Ministry Committee.

Both Chris and Lauren agreed to serve in their respective roles for a specified length of time. Chris' work will end June 30 of this year, and Lauren indicated a desire to work through MCUSA convention which occurs July 2-6 this summer.

Last Monday, April 1, Lauren submitted her resignation for the Administrative Assistant position effective this

coming Thursday, April 11. We have known from the beginning of her work with us that she was actively seeking work which aligned with her schooling and training. We are thrilled for her that she has accepted a new position locally with American Buildings Company.

Regarding her work with the youth, Lauren shared with youth, parents, sponsors, and the Youth Ministry Committee last week:

“I want to assure you that there will be no interruption to Youth Ministry programming. When I signed on to be a sponsor in June 2017, and then the Youth Ministry Leader in January of 2018, the understood term of these assignments was always through Convention of 2019, which I plan to fulfill. As you know, there are many unknowns regarding staffing needs for our church in the future. I will be conversing with the Church Board about their needs moving forward and in no way want to stifle an opportunity for the Youth Ministry program going forward, but also do not want to leave without a clear succession plan.”

There will be a time for the congregation to more formally offer thanks and congratulations to both Chris and Lauren later as the end of their work nears.

For now, the Board is actively seeking out short-term and long-term solutions, and, as always, we welcome congregational input. Should you have questions, concerns, or suggestions, do not hesitate to contact a Board member. As always, we ask for your prayer support as we work through the many changes that we are embracing in the coming months.

Because we are using substitutes and interim assistants for fill in for Lauren while we seek a permanent replacement for her, please be patient about changes or interruptions in the way the office usually communicates. Thanks for your understanding.



Family Fun Nights are on the way . . .

Fridays April 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 if you have any questions.



Student Mutual Aid Program (SMAP) College Student Care Packages Extended One Week!!!

Things to include: Gift cards, cash, notes, gum, etc.

Things to not include: Baked goods, small puppies, other perishable items.

MCN currently has 12 students in college: Emma Lovellette, Rachel Ropp, Chris Haab, Caitlin Haab, Meredith Satchwell, Ryan Miller, Nathan Miller, Clara Unzicker, Josh Friesen, Alena Culbertson, Nathan Valverde, and Lydia Hedberg.

Thank you for supporting our college students!



Midwest Food Bank Volunteer Opportunity

April 12, 6pm - 8pm

Come join us in a fun evening of service to others at Midwest Food Bank! Anyone 10 yrs or older is welcome. We are limited to 20 individuals. Sign up at [Signup Genius](#) or contact the church office.



Join us Saturday, April 13 from 8 - 4 for Menno Haven's Spring Work Day!

Come volunteer, meet others that love camp and enjoy a meal. For more information see the posted flyer above the entry table and [here](#) or call Menno Haven at 815-646-4344.



Cantus Novus Chorale

Spring Concert April 14, 3:00 pm

Several MCN members are part of the Cantus Novus community singing group. This is a four-part, 30 member chorus which presents a concert each Spring and Fall. Our Spring concert will be on Sunday, April 14 at 3:00 here at MCN. The music will include Eric Whitacre's Five Hebrew Love Songs and David von Kampen's Three Nebraska Lyrics. There is no charge for the concert, although donations are welcomed.



Self-Guided Prayer Stations for Maundy Thursday Evening and All Day Friday

The evening of April 18, Maundy Thursday and all day Good Friday, April 19, there will be six self-guided prayer meditation stations available for persons to come visit for a time of spiritual reflection in the atrium. Come between 5:00-8:00 pm on Maundy Thursday with a 7:30 pm Communion and Footwashing Service. Or stop by on Good Friday anytime between 9:00 am-5:00 pm to spend time in personal reflection and prayer. All welcome.



Good Friday Art Show

What's So Good about Good Friday art show is April 19, at the Second Presbyterian Church from 11am-8pm.

This art show centers on the power of Jesus' crucifixion, death, and resurrection to accomplish something beautiful. *"Then Jesus again spoke to them, saying, 'I am the Light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the Light of life.'" (John 8:12)* Second Presbyterian Church also invites people to their Tenebrae at 8pm that evening, April 19.



MCN Easter Breakfast

Everyone is invited to come early to church on Easter Sunday, April 21 for our traditional Easter Breakfast. This is always a joyous time of greeting church friends and visiting family. Serving is scheduled from 8:00 to 8:45 a.m.

Please RSVP below and also see where you might sign up to help with set up or clean up, and/or to bring a breakfast casserole or breakfast bread (coffee cake, muffins, cinnamon rolls, etc.) Everything else will be provided. Serving will begin promptly at 8:00 a.m. [Click here for the SignUpGenius Link](#). Signup sheets are also on the bulletin board in the Atrium, or see Kristen Satchwell to sign up or with questions.

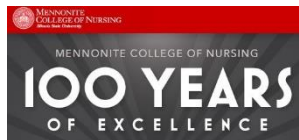


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STAR Adult Literacy volunteer tutors work with their students here at our church and in 14 other public locations in Bloomington-Normal. The STAR Adult Literacy Program needs more volunteer tutors to help adults improve their reading and math skills or to learn English as a second language. For as little as 2 hours a week, you can make a big difference in someone's life. STAR Literacy tutor training is on Saturday, April 27, 2019 from 9 to 4 pm. For more information about becoming a STAR Adult Literacy tutor visit their website at www.starliteracy.org or to sign up for the training call 309-834-9222 or email rlandryroe17@gmail.com.



ISU's Mennonite College of Nursing's Centennial Celebration Gala

Saturday, May 4, 2019

DoubleTree, Bloomington

\$100 per ticket (\$50 of each ticket is considered tax deductible)

You may [register online](#) or call the Alumni Engagement Office at (309) 438-2586. The deadline to register is April 15!



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 needed 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.



Love Crosses Borders

A Mennonite Men immersion experience with immigrants. Love is the greatest of all virtues. But what does love look like in times of cynicism and polarization? Borders are not only social constructs, they're also spiritual ones.

Who's included? Who's excluded? How do we reconcile God's call to welcome the stranger with so much fear-filled rhetoric and policies? What can unwelcomed immigrants teach the Church about love? How can the legacy of the Civil Rights Movement inform and inspire us to a love that crosses borders? July 28 to August 3, Mennonite

Men will provide a week-long immersion experience with immigrants to engage these issues. To register or for more information, visit <https://www.mennonitemen.org/> or contact Steve Thomas at SteveT@Mennonites.org.

View the flyer [here](#).



Do You Have These Items You Could Donate to the Church Library?

Family & Teen DVDs

I Can Only Imagine
Heaven is for Real
Miracles from Heaven
The Case for Christ
Soul Surfer
Amazing Grace
The Shack
Unconditional
Mully

Kids DVDs

A Very Veggie Easter
Jonah / The Pirates (Veggie Tales)
The Star

Contemporary Christian CDs: Youth, Young Adults & Families

Chris Tomlin: Never Loose Sight
Tauren Wells: Hills and Valleys
Zach Williams: Chain Breaker
Mercy Me: I Can Only Imagine
Lauren Daigle: How Can it Be
Lauren Daigle: Look Up Child
Francesca Battistelli: Greatest Hits The First 10 Years
Toby Mac: This is Not A Test
Toby Mac: Elements
Mandisa: Overcomer
Mandisa: Out of the Dark
Jordan Feliz: The River
Britt Nicole: Gold
Hawk Nelson: Miracles
Casting Crowns: The Very Next Thing
Casting Crowns: Only Jesus
Caitie Hurst: How Could I Be Silent



Interested in a Weekly In-Depth Bible Study in B/N?

Consider joining Bible Study Fellowship (BSF) that meets once a week from September to early May. There are two women's groups each week, Tuesday mornings at Eastview and Monday evenings at 2nd Presbyterian; and a men's group on Monday evenings at East White Oak. The study for 2019-20 will be the book of Acts. Register now online at BSF International

https://www.bsfindernational.org/map/search/?place_id=ChIJ8aH5sT9xC4gRbKcMK3mWcP0 Questions? Check with Melika Hershberger, 309.888.6241.



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

"We must measure the sociological performance of our theological convictions." **Christena Cleveland**



Building Use

Overeaters Anonymous

April 13, 10:00 am

Cantus Novus Choir

April 14, 1:30 pm

Al-Anon

April 15, 7:00 pm

Head Start Parent Meeting

April 16, 5:30 pm

Overeaters Anonymous

April 17, 5:00 pm

Crosswinds Church

April 17, 5:00 pm

HAAQG Sewing Mentoring

April 18, 6:00 pm

Today's Chuckle



A 4-year old son was eating an apple in the back seat of the car, when he asked, "Daddy, why is my apple turning brown?"

"Because," his dad explained, "after you ate the skin off, the meat of the apple came into contact with the air, which caused it to oxidize, thus changing the molecular structure and turning it into a different color."

There was a long silence. Then the son asked softly, "Daddy, are you talking to me?"