



MIDWEEK CONNECTION AT MCN

July 17, 2019

Worship with us this Sunday, July 21

Sermon will be "Not Ashamed" by Holly Zehr. Scripture readings: Mark 8: 27- Mark 9:1 and Romans 1:16.

Serving this Sunday

Greeters

Mark Roeschley & Connie Satchwell

West: Mark Alsene

Welcome Table

Mary Kauffman

Ushers

Juergen Schroerer & John & Kay Reimer

Sermon

Holly Zehr

Worship Leader

Darrel Miller

Song Leader

Glenn Wilson

Accompanist

Dorothy Loepp

Scripture Reader

Sophie Charles

Children's Time

Chris Culbertson

Children's Song Leader

Shelly King

Technology

Caleb Augspurger

Toddler Nursery

Mary Ann Watkins

Preschool Nursery

Adam Reiman



This Week at MCN

Thu July 18

Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am



Sun July 21	Worship 9:30 am Children's Sunday School 10:45 am Christian Education for Adults 11:00 am
Tue July 23	Staff Meeting 9:30 am Peace & Justice 5 pm Church Board 5:30 pm

Prayer Requests

From June 30

Cal Hubbard shared a joy over a new grandson, Max.
Bev shared a joy - a new great niece.
Duane Nester shared a joy that they adopted two children six years ago.

From July 14

Tim Schrag asked for condolences for the Eric Augspurger family. Eric's memorial service will be at MCN on July 27 at 11 am.
Tim also shared a joy that Lee Hertzler will celebrate his 90th birthday and that Tim and Sue have a new granddaughter named Susanna.
Phil Dick asked for prayer for the immigrants.
The Warfel family thanked everyone for their time at MCN. They are moving away.
Doris Shoemaker shared a joy that Ken's knee is much better and he is walking again.
Steve Stenger asks for prayers while he waits to have open heart surgery scheduled.
Jason and Abby Reel and their children Amos and Leslie visited MCN and said it was great to be back.



Anniversaries

Reuben & Courtney Yoder July 17
Ben & Caroline Roeschley July 18
Ron & Leanne Schertz July 18
Eric and Chellie Miller July 22
Rick & Annette Harnish July 24

Birthdays

Lois Hochstetler July 18
Lee Hertzler July 20
David Voegtlin July 20

Rich Willmarth July 21
Glenn Busenitz July 22
Emma Lovellette July 23
Claire Dyck July 24

Hymnal order

Would you like your own Voices Together new hymnal? Or wish to order one in honor of someone for the church?

We are taking orders now for the new hymnals (coming fall of 2020) so that we can qualify for the best discounts. With discounts and shipping, we are planning on \$22 per hymnal, a savings of \$2. Please fill out the Order Form in your mailbox and return, with your check (put "hymnals" in the subject line) by September 1, 2019. <http://voicestogetherhymnal.org/products/catalogue/voices-together-pew-edition/Special> Music for Worship

We are looking for singers and those who play instruments to enhance our worship this summer with special music. All levels welcome--from beginners to long-timers. Contact Pastor Jane and she'll work out a date with you.



Welcome, Laurie Vial, Office Manager
To email Laurie use church@mennonitenormal.org.

Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 9-4
Friday 9-12, 1-4

Deadline for Midweek Connection and Bulletin is noon on Wednesday.

Donations for Amish Auction

It is time to donate to our yearly project for MCC. As in the past, we will be collecting donations to purchase quilts at the Amish Auction in Wisconsin on July 27. These quilts will be sold for a profit at our MCC Sale next March 2020.

This is one way to help the Amish, and also to increase our donation to the sale. If you wish to donate to this project, please label your donation for Wisconsin Quilt Purchase. We will collect donations until July 21. Thank you for considering helping with this MCC project. Contact Larry and Louise Reeser for more information.

School Kits

Last year MCC shipped 78,035 school kits to Jordan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Iraq, Zambia, Ukraine, Somalia, Burkina Faso, Canada and the U.S. During the months of July and August Mennonite Women will be collecting supplies for school kits. Bags will be provided by Mennonite Women and you can find them in the back of the sanctuary with the list of supplies needed. They will be collected in the red tub. The list of

supplies are as follows:

4 spiral or perforated page ONE SUBJECT notebooks (8.5x10.5 in) 70 sheets.(DO NOT BUY 5 SUBJECT NOTEBOOKS)

8 new unsharpened pencils

1 ruler (flat, good quality; must indicate 30 cm; inch markings optional)

12 colored pencils (in package)

1 eraser (such as pink pearl)

2 new black or blue ballpoint pens

1 small ALL METAL pencil sharpener (MENNONITE WOMEN WILL SUPPLY THE SHARPENERS; THEY CAN BUY THEM IN BULK THROUGH AMAZON). Plastic case pencil sharpeners are not accepted because they are poor quality and do not last long.

Mennonite Arts Weekend

Will be Feb. 7-9, 2020 - a celebration of Mennonite artists. The 2020 celebration is also a milestone in that it is the 15th, having met biennially since 1992.

They are interested in knowing if there might be a person from Mennonite Church of Normal who would be a point person. If you are passionate about the arts please consider volunteering to be the "point person" and tell Pastor Jane.

Disaster Relief at Hardin, IL

Sisters and brothers,

We are all aware of what a devastating month May was for Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, Iowa. East of the Mississippi, we also experienced storms causing tornadoes, floods, and other damage. Since February, Illinois has been experiencing localized flooding along the Mississippi and other river systems. By the end of May, Illinois, and much of the midwest had experienced the wettest twelve month period on record. As you know, many of our farmers have only been able to get into their fields to plant in the last three weeks or so.

One area in Illinois where widespread flooding occurred was Hardin, IL, between the Mississippi and the Illinois Rivers. Hardin has been flooded for months and the waters have finally subsided.

Illinois Baptist Disaster Relief is taking the lead. The work will primarily involve much out, demolition of drywall and fixtures, and sanitizing the exposed studs and sheathing in homes. Thirty or more homes were affected. The IBDR will be working in Hardin from July 5th through the month of July. They are looking for both day volunteers as well as those who can stay over longer.

Housing is being provided in the local school. Food, tools, and equipment will be provided. If interested, please contact Ronn Frantz at ILMDSunit@gmail.com or 773/401-4165.

Shalom, Ronn Frantz

For Your Calendar!

Everyone is invited to Menno Haven Camp on August 11 (no service that day at MCN) for our annual Sunday at Camp. Scheduled events include a worship service at 10:30, followed by lunch in the dining hall. The camp offers many activities (swimming, boating, hiking, fishing, gymnasium, etc.) and refreshing spots to rest and converse. For those who wish to arrive early or stay late, campsites are available.

This is a wonderful place to be immersed and refreshed in God's creation!

More details and registration coming soon.



Retirement Celebration for Tim and Sue Schrag

Please join the Church Board as we celebrate the retirement of Pastor Tim Schrag and thank him for his many years of service to Mennonite Church of Normal.

Sunday, August 25, 2019 will be Pastor Tim's final sermon with our congregation.

A cake and punch reception will be served during the fellowship time between the Church Service and the Sunday School hour. This time together will give the congregation opportunity to bid farewell to the Schrags.

Sunday, September 1, 2019 Doug Lukanbill, Central District Conference Minister, will be preaching. Pastor Schrag will be officially retired but he and Sue will be in attendance that day. A fellowship meal will be served on this day and there will be special gifts and words of appreciation presented to Tim and Sue. This will be our final farewell to the Schrags.

Personal Expressions of Gratitude

Other personal expressions of gratitude are welcome. If you are interested in making a monetary gift in honor of Tim's retirement you may do so through the normal giving methods to the church office. Please designate "Tim's retirement gift."

If you have questions contact: Stephanie Company or Mary Ann Watkins



Summer Sunday School for Pre-K-Elementary

Summer is finally on its way, and we wanted to let you know what our Summer SS program will look like.

For Summer Sunday School, we have a schedule of the events in this google doc: [MCN Summer SS 2019](#)

If you would like to sign up for an open slot, either teaching or helping, that would be much appreciated! Just add your name in the document. The upper grades are going to do a Science with Jesus curriculum and the lower grades will do a 3 week mini-unit on Jesus as our shepherd and a 6 week unit on the days of creation.

There are three special events to take note of:

1. July 14th - Trip to Sugar Grove
2. August 11 - Menno Haven Sunday
3. August 18 - Share your Passion Fair

We'll supply more details on these events as summer progresses.

Immigration detainee care kits being collected

Mennonite Central Committee Central States is now collecting Immigration detainee care kits. When people who have been placed in immigration detention centers are released, they often have nothing more than the clothes on their backs. Kits containing clothing and hygiene products can help to rebuild their dignity as they are taken to bus stations and airports to reconnect with their families in the U.S. Please visit mcc.org/immigrationkit for all the details of what goes into the kit and how the kits will be distributed. It is one small way we can share Christ's love with our neighbors. All kit supplies and financial donations should be sent directly to MCC Central States 121 E. 30th, PO Box 235, North Newton, KS 67117. To help MCC purchase immigration detainee care kit supplies and cover transportation costs for the kits, checks should be made out to MCC with "CS Kits" in the memo line. Questions? Please contact MCC Central States at 316.283.2720.



Mental Health First Aid Training

You are more likely to encounter someone in an emotional mental crisis than someone having a heart attack. The Mental Health First Aid class teaches a 5-step action plan to offer initial help to people with the signs and symptoms of a mental illness or in a crisis, and connect them with the appropriate care. Mental Health First Aid is for anyone - parents, neighbors, students, first responders, teachers, leaders of faith communities, human resources professionals, and caring citizens.

7/29/19

Adult Mental Health First Aid
OSF St. Joseph Medical Center
(800)661-5151

8/9/2019

Youth Mental Health First Aid (Content Covers Ages 12-18)
OSF St. Joseph Medical Center
(800)661-5151

10/10/19

Youth Mental Health First Aid (Content Covers Ages 12-18)
Advocate BroMenn Medical Center
(800)323-8622

11/4/19

Adult Mental Health First Aid
OSF St. Joseph Medical Center
(800)661-5151

The Wellness Committee invites you to consider attending an upcoming Mental Health First Aid training!



Pipeline to Prison Learning Tour

Join MCC Great Lakes for a week-long Pipeline to Prison learning tour on August 4-9.

Based in Goshen, Ind., the tour will focus on the challenges and complexities of the U.S. criminal justice system and include day trips to South Bend, Elkhart, and Bunker Hill, Ind. Participants will journey from the local community level through the criminal justice system, learning about law enforcement, sentencing, incarceration and re-entry. All who are interested in learning about disparities in the justice system, including those working in or seeking to develop a prison/re-entry ministry, are welcome.

For more information and registration visit mcc.org/gl-pipeline-to-prison or contact Juan Sebastian Pacheco Lozano at JuanPacheco@mcc.org or 574-534-4133.

***Be Thou My Vision* Quiet Retreat**

Aug. 16-18, 2019

Chiara Center, Springfield

Registration form on the Entryway table

Due to church office by July 30

See Pastor Jane for details.



Celtic Pilgrimage 2021 co-led by Jane Roeschley and Karla Minter

Early planning is underway for a Celtic Pilgrimage in June 2021 to the Celtic holy sites of Iona (Scotland), Glendalough (Ireland) and Kildare (Ireland).

Pilgrimage offers an opportunity to travel slowly and mindfully, with the intention of connecting spiritually with God, with fellow pilgrims and with sacred places. There will be significant times for personal solitude and reflection, group sharing, walks, morning/evening prayers, Sunday worship services, speakers and the occasional museum.

Persons will want to be physically fit enough to walk a couple of miles a day and possibly in the rain. Solo travelers will sometimes be assigned to share a twin room.

Estimated fee, not including air fare going or coming, is \$5000 per person. There are 16 places available. If interested, please request an Application from Jane. When registered, a \$500 non-refundable deposit will be due to hold a reservation.



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](#).



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. Both the staff who serve, and the patients and families needing those 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

Though we cannot think alike, may we not love alike?

- John Wesley



Building Use

Wednesday, July 17

Overeaters Anonymous 5 pm

Back to Basics Training 7pm

Saturday, July 20

Overeaters Anonymous 10 am

Monday, July 22

Al-Anon 5:30 pm

Music for Food Concert 7 pm

Wednesday, July 24

Overeaters Anonymous 5 pm

Back to Basics Training 7 pm

Today's Chuckle

A young soldier was up before his commanding officer for a reprimand.

After going through a list of his misdemeanors the CO says, "And another thing, I didn't see you in camouflage practice this morning."

"Thank you, Sir," the soldier replied.