



Midweek Connection at MCN

July 24, 2019

## Worship with us this Sunday, July 28

Scriptures: Matthew 6:25-34, Philippians 4:6-7 NIV

Sermon: "A lesson for children for all"

Pastor Tim says "I'll share some thoughts about "worrying" the right amount."

## Serving this Sunday

Greeters

John & Kay Reimer

Welcome Table

West: Mark Roeschley

Ushers

Shannon Neely

Sermon

Mary Dyck, Roger & Linda Clemmons, Ardys Serpette

Worship Leader

Pastor Tim

Song Leader

Mike Company

Accompanist

Jenell Ulrich

Scripture Reader

Dorothy Loepp

Children's Time

Wilma Dyck

Children's Song Leader

Helen Brandon

Technology

Phil Hoffmann

Toddler Nursery

Caleb Augspurgen

Janet Wilson

Preschool Nursery

Ian Unzicker





## This Week at MCN

### Thursday, July 25

6:15 am Next Man Bible Study

Carpet Cleaning

### Friday, July 26

Carpet Cleaning

### Saturday, July 27

11 am Augspurger Memorial Service

### Sunday, July 28

9 am Pre-Service Prayer

9:30 am Worship

10:45 am Christian Education for Children

11 am Christian Education for Adults

### Tuesday, July 30

9:30 am Staff Meeting

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## Prayer Requests

From July 21

-- Phil Dick announced that the Peace & Justice Committee is seeking new members. He also asked for prayers for the immigrants.

--Pastor Jane noted that seeing Ken Shoemaker walking is a joy.

--From Pastor Tim "We received communication from a niece of John and Erma Stutzman that John fell last week and broke the upper aspect of his hip and pelvis. No surgery is available. He is in the hospital and will be evaluated for care in his home or at a physio hospital. Erma is doing well and John is in good spirits and hopeful for recovery. Prayers for John and Erma would be appreciated."



## **Anniversaries**

Bennie & Esther Brown (61) July 27

## **Birthdays**

Leanne Schertz July 25

Evelyn Bertsche July 26

Joyce Schmucker July 26

Miriam Brown July 27

Nathan Miller July 28

Marjorie Weaver July 28

Michael Company July 29

Nathan Fataki July 29

Mark Roeschley July 29

Ben Schrag July 29

Connie Yoder July 30

Moses Dick July 31

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## **Concrete work, electrical work**

During the week of Aug. 5 there will be some concrete repairs near the north door. Also there may some planned power outages at the church as electricians were on the interface with the solar panels.

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## **Memory Book Reminder**

This is a reminder that pages for the Memory Book for Tim and Sue Schrag are to be submitted by Thursday, Aug. 1. There is a box on the table in the office where you can leave your completed pages. If you did not pick up a blank page and would like to put one together for the Schrags, blank pages are also available on the table in the office. If you have questions, contact Stephanie Company or Mary Ann Watkins.

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## **Reimers to celebrate 60th!**

John and Kay Reimer invite the congregation to their 60th anniversary open house on Saturday, Aug. 3, 2 - 4 pm at the church, hosted by their children. Your presence will be a wonderful gift!

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## **Mutual Aid Need**

Pastoral Council seeks donations to replenish the mutual aid fund.

Over the past year funds have been used to enable youth and adults to attend camp and retreats, assist those facing housing insecurity, and match those who need a job done with those who need employment. Please consider giving, especially if you have never contributed to the mutual aid fund before. "This service you perform is not only supplying the needs of God's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God." 2 Corinthians 9:12 (see 2 Cor 9:6-11, too)



## Share Your Passion Sunday ~ Aug. 18

Everyone high school age and under is invited to share something on Aug. 18 during the Sunday School hour. Participants can choose to put something on display and/or perform something in the program at 11. Performances might include instruments, singing, theater, etc.; exhibits will be on display all morning also showcasing artwork, hobbies, anything that interests you! We hope that many children and youth will sign up to share something. Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E094FAA87-share> or on the sign-up that will be posted at church. Everyone is welcome to sign up for both a display and something to perform!

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### 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

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### 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:

- 2 new black or blue ballpoint pens
- 1 eraser (such as pink pearl)
- 12 colored pencils (in package)
- 1 ruler (flat, good quality; must indicate 30 cm; inch markings optional)
- 8 new unsharpened pencils
- 4 spiral or perforated page ONE SUBJECT notebooks (8.5x10.5 in) 70 sheets. (DO NOT BUY 5 SUBJECT NOTEBOOKS)
- 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.

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## 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.

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## Join us at Menno Haven!

Everyone is invited to Menno Haven Camp on Aug. 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.

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## 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, Aug. 25** 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, Sept. 1** Doug Lujanbill, 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.

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## 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:

**Aug. 11 - Menno Haven Sunday**

**Aug. 18 - Share your Passion Fair**

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

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## 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!

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## Pipeline to Prison Learning Tour

Join MCC Great Lakes for a week-long Pipeline to Prison learning tour on Aug. 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](http://mcc.org/gl-pipeline-to-prison) or contact Juan Sebastian Pacheco Lozano at [JuanPacheco@mcc.org](mailto:JuanPacheco@mcc.org) or 574-534-4133.

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## *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.

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## 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 Aug. 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](mailto:SteveT@Mennonites.org). View the flyer [here](#).

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## 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.

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## Conference Newsletter

The Central District Conference 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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## Office Hours, Deadline

To email Laurie (office manager) use [church@mennonitenormal.org](mailto: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.

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## Voice of the Day

I refuse to accept the view that mankind is so tragically bound to the starless midnight of racism and war that the bright daybreak of peace and brotherhood can never become a reality... I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word.

- Martin Luther King Jr.





## Building Use

Wednesday, July 24

5 pm Overeaters Anonymous

7 pm Back to Basics Training

Monday, July 29

5:30 pm Al-Anon

Wednesday, July 31

5 pm Overeaters Anonymous

7 pm Back to Basics Training

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## Today's Chuckle

The big-time CEO was scheduled to speak at an important convention, so he asked an employee to write him a punchy 20-minute speech.

When the CEO returned from the big event, he was furious. "What's the idea of writing me an hour-long speech?" he demanded. "Half the audience walked out before I finished."

The employee was baffled. "I wrote you a 20-minute speech," he replied. "I also gave you the two extra copies you asked for."



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