



Midweek Connection at MCN

July 31, 2019

Worship with us this Sunday, Aug. 4

Scriptures: Romans 5:1-11, 8:14-16 NIV

Sermon: "Saved from shame"

Pastor Tim says "Jesus does not just save us from sin. Jesus saves us from shame."

Serving this Sunday

Greeters

Roger & Linda Clemmons

Welcome Table

West: Mary Jantze

Ushers

Carol Lou Eisenhardt

Sermon

Adam & Caleb Augspurger, the King family

Worship Leader

Pastor Tim

Song Leader

Joe Culpepper

Accompanist

Cindy Ropp

Scripture Reader

Chris Culbertson

Children's Time

Cindy Ropp

Children's Song Leader

Darrel Miller

Technology

Melika Hershberger

Toddler Nursery

Adam Augspurger

Preschool Nursery

Courtney Yoder

Jordan King





This Week at MCN

Thursday, Aug. 1

6:15 am Next Man Bible Study

Carpet Cleaning

Saturday, Aug. 3

2-4 pm Reimer's Wedding Anniversary Open House

Sunday, Aug. 4

9 am Pre-Service Prayer

9:30 am Worship

10:45 am Blood Pressure checks

10:45 am Christian Education for Children

11 am Christian Education for Adults

Monday, Aug. 5

7 pm Financial Stewardship Committee

Tuesday, Aug. 6

9:30 am Staff Meeting

5:30 pm Church Board

Prayer Requests

From July 28

--Update on Dustin Wyse-Fisher: He has had the MRI to aid the doctor at Northwestern to prepare for his upcoming proton (radiation) therapy. Hopefully, it can begin within the next two to three weeks. The family is grateful for your continuing support and prayers. Gail and Nancy Fisher

--Pastor Jane's mother had knee replacement surgery Monday. Prayers are requested for her.

--David and Gabriella Harnish shared a joy - they are expecting a baby in December.

--Louise Reeser shared a joy - Gerry Schrock was able to purchase 23 quilts at an auction in Pennsylvania. Thank you for all the donations.

--Ron Ropp asked for prayers for Steve Stenger who had open heart surgery on Monday. Update: Steve Stenger's bypass surgery on Monday was very successful. He is progressing well and should be home by the end of the week. His long-term prognosis for a return to full health is excellent.

--Margaret Hopkins asked for prayers for her son-in-law who is having a check-up related to his brain surgery.

--Prayers were requested for Sophie Charles and Henry Dick and their children as they prepare to move to Portland, OR.

Clarification: My injury is only pelvis not femur. This type injury does not require surgery. Weight bearing okay to what I tolerate. Thanks John Stutzman

Visits to Our Members in Nursing Homes

Please remember in your prayers, or with cards or a visit, the following members in nursing homes:

Ruth Marquis - Heartland (on Clinton)

Lloyd Combs - Martin Health Care

Jo Ropp - McLean County Nursing Home (Ron would appreciate mentioning visits to him.)



Anniversaries

John & Kay Reimer (60) Aug. 1

Birthdays

Leo Desch Aug. 1

Peighton Stalter Aug. 2

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.

Thank You

Thank you for all the expressions of sympathy and concern after Eric's death. The care and support is very much appreciated.

-Don, Ramona, J'ne, Adam, and Caleb Augspurger

Books!

Please return to me any books that I've loaned you. Also, notify me if I have books of yours that should be returned.

Thanks, Pastor Schrag

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!

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). Put "Mutual Aid" in memo and place in offering plate on Aug. 4.



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/30E094FAAA87>

-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!

Hodel's daughter, Rebecca, to display artwork

Mark & Pam Hodel's artist daughter, Rebecca, from New York City, will be 'home' in Normal this coming weekend and will be displaying some pieces of her work at the opening of a new gallery at 300 East Grove on Bloomington's 1st Friday - this week, Aug. 2 from 5-8 pm. Welcome!

New Hymnals:

Order One for Yourself or 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 Sept. 1, 2019.

<http://voicestogetherhymnal.org/products/catalogue/voices-together-pew-edition/Special> Music for Worship

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.

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.

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!

Please contact Marge Weaver (margemartinweaver@gmail.com), call or text (309-530-8713) by end of day, Thursday, Aug. 1 if you plan to attend. Lunch charges: \$11/adult, \$5.50/ages 4-10, FREE/ages 0-3. The morning message will come from folks involved with the local Hungry World Farm (former Plow Creek), a new farming ministry feeding stomachs and souls through creation care. A tour of the farm is arranged in the afternoon for those interested.



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.



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



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.

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 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 or contact Juan Sebastian Pacheco Lozano at JuanPacheco@mcc.org or 574-534-4133.



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

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](#).



Office Hours, Deadline

To email Laurie (office manager) use church@normalmennonite.org.

Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 9-4

Friday 9-12, 1-4

Deadline for Midweek Connection and Bulletin is noon on Wednesday.

Voice of the Day

Do not think that love, in order to be genuine, has to be extraordinary. What we need is to love without getting tired. How does a lamp burn? Through the continuous input of small drops of oil. If the drops of oil run out, the light of the lamp will cease, and the bridegroom will say, "I do not know you" (Matt. 25:12). What are these drops of oil in our lamps? They are the small things of daily life: faithfulness, small words of kindness, a thought for others, our way of being silent, of looking, of speaking, and of acting. These are the true drops of love that keep your religious life burning like a living flame.

Mother Teresa



Building Use

Wednesday, July 31

5 pm Overeaters Anonymous

7 pm Back to Basics Training

Thursday, Aug. 1

5:30 pm HAAQG Board Meeting
Saturday, Aug. 3
10 am Overeaters Anonymous
Monday, Aug. 5
5:30 pm Al-Anon
Wednesday, Aug. 7
5 pm Overeaters Anonymous

Today's Chuckle

The oldest computer can be traced back to Adam and Eve.

Surprise, surprise.

It was an Apple.

But with extremely limited memory.

Just 1 byte.

Then everything crashed.



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