



Midweek Connection at MCN

Aug. 7, 2019

Worship with us this Sunday, Aug. 11

Menno Haven Sunday

Serving this Sunday

Greeters

West:

Welcome Table

Ushers

Sermon

Worship Leader

Song Leader

Accompanist

Scripture Reader

Children's Time

Children's Song Leader

Technology

Toddler Nursery

Preschool Nursery



This Week at MCN

Thursday, Aug. 8

6:15 am Next Man Bible Study

Sunday, Aug. 11

Menno Haven Sunday

Tuesday, Aug. 13

9:30 am Staff Meeting

1:30 pm Worship Committee

5 pm Peace & Justice Committee

5:30 pm Church Board

Prayer Requests

From Aug. 4

--Laura Dick asked for prayers in conjunction with the mass shootings. She said we must respond to bigotry, hatred and fear with love, compassion, empathy and understanding.

--Pastor Tim asked for prayers for Sophie Charles and Henry Dick and their young children as they move to Portland, OR.

--Margaret Hopkins asked for prayers for her son-in-law as he undergoes a re-check following brain surgery and prayers for family members traveling to be with him and support him.

--Andy Hedberg asked for prayers for his wife Denise as her arthritis pain prevented her from attending activities including church.

--Ron Ropp announced his wife Jo would appreciate visits and to let Ron know about them so he can re-enforce them when he visits her.

--Pastor Tim gave an update on Steve Stenger saying he is now home but faces rehab. Once rehab is over he expects his health to be better than before the surgery. He welcomes visits but requests to be called first.

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

Mark & Jane Roeschley (43) Aug. 7

Rick & Connie Satchwell (43) Aug. 7

Steve & Debbie Stenger (45) Aug. 10

Lotus & Judy Hershberger (57) Aug. 11

Phil & Kristy Hoffman (12) Aug. 11

Gail & Nancy Fisher (52) Aug. 12

Birthdays

Marjie Baum Aug. 7

Kristy Hoffman Aug. 9

Peter Roth Aug. 9

Ruth Haney Aug. 12

Join us at Menno Haven!

Church Family and Service at Camp Menno Haven this Sunday! Saturday campers, please check in at the camp office upon arrival. Sunday worship service at 10:30 am in the lodge. Lunch at noon. Please be prepared to pay (cash or check) for camping and lunch in the lunch line. Afternoon - many choices of activities!

Spending Plan Review Information Sessions Announced

Where does your donation go? What programs and outreach are being supported by our Spending Plan? The Board has asked the Financial Stewardship (FS) Committee to review our Spending Plan, and make recommendations for any changes, especially in outreach. The FS Committee would like to give you information about our current Spending Plan, and some research into the spending plans for similar churches. The FS committee will be taking questions and suggestions, also. That information session is planned for noon Aug. 18 and will be repeated at 11 a.m. and at noon on Sept. 8.

Memory Book for Tim and Sue Schrag

Thank you to all who submitted pages for the Memory Book. The book has been put together and there is still room in the book for additional pages. If you took a blank page and have not yet submitted it, please bring it to the church office and put in the box on the table designated for Memory Book sheets. Additionally, there is still time to pick up a blank page, complete and return it to the church office.

If you have questions, please talk with Stephanie Company or Mary Ann Watkins

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



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>

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!

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.
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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.



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 Tim's final sermon as pastor of 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 opportunity to bid farewell to the Schrags.

Sunday, Sept. 1 Doug Luginbill, 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 at noon and there will be special gifts and words of appreciation presented to Tim and Sue. This will be our final farewell to Schrags.

For those who plan to make a monetary gift in honor of Tim's retirement you may do so through normal giving methods to the church office. Please note that these gifts must be received no later than Sunday, Aug. 25.

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.

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!



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

Jesus challenges us to love others as we would love ourselves. True love for God is not complete without true love and compassion for others.

- Anissa Danielle Gibbs



Building Use

Wednesday, Aug. 7

5 pm Overeaters Anonymous

Saturday, Aug. 10

10 am Overeaters Anonymous

Monday, Aug. 12

5:30 pm Al-Anon

5:30 pm Wild Ones Board Meeting

7 pm Wild Ones Meeting

Tuesday, Aug. 13
6 pm Cantus Novus

Today's Chuckle

It was a particularly tough football game, and nerves were on edge. The home team had been the victim of three or four close calls, and they were now trailing the visitors by a touch-down and a field goal. When the official called yet another close one in the visitors' favor, the home quarterback blew his top.

"How many times can you do this to us in a single game?" he screamed. "You were wrong on the out-of-bounds, you were wrong on that last first down, and you missed an illegal tackle in the first quarter."

The official just stared.

The quarterback seethed, but he suppressed the language that might get him tossed from the game. "What it comes down to," he bellowed, "is that you STINK!"

The official stared a few more seconds. Then he bent down, picked up the ball, paced off 15 yards, and put the ball down. He turned to face the steaming quarterback.

The official finally replied, "And how do I smell from here?"

