

THE MIDWEEK



WORSHIP

THIS SUNDAY 9:30 A.M.

The Scripture for this Sunday is Psalm 23 & John 16:32-33. Pastor Ron Ropp will be preaching the sermon *A Turbulent World*. He comments, "Good does not always keep us from being confused or frustrated by changes or losses in our lives. In the world we have tribulation. But we seek to follow Him who has overcome the world."

The service will be live streamed on YouTube at this [link](#).

Those who are serving October 17th:

South Greeters: Rick and Annette Harnish

West Greeter: Terry Wiebenga

Welcome Table: Marge Weaver

Ushers: Cal and Vivian Hubbard

Infant Nursery: Shannon Unzicker and Holly Zehr

Preschool Nursery: Gabriella Harnish

Gather Round Sing-Along: Holly and Randy Zehr

Important Dates:

This Sunday:

After Worship:

Christian Education
for Children and
Youth

The Adult Christian
Education Class,
Salt and Light



Please Click [here](#) for meeting, zoom, and other recordings

Please click [here](#) for upcoming worship materials
as they become available.

This Week at MCN

A BRIEF LOOK AT THE CHURCH CALENDAR:
THE FULL CHURCH CALENDAR IS AVAILABLE AT
NORMALMENNONITE.ORG

Wednesday, Oct 13

7:00 pm Discipling Commission
7:30 pm Vision Team

Thursday, Oct 14

6:30 am Next Man Bible Study
2:00 pm Women's Book Group

Monday, Oct 18

1:30 pm Community Life Commission

Tuesday, Oct 19

7:00 pm Interim Pastoral Team

Wednesday, Oct 20

9:30 am Men's Bible Discussion
9:30 am Wed. Morning Book Group
7:00 pm Pastoral Team Search Committee

Interim Pastoral Team Update

This week we continue with our three-part sermon series on the Psalms, focusing on orientation, disorientation, and reorientation. Please remember that the Interim Pastoral Team calls us to a time of prayer as a congregation, asking that God bring healing, reconciliation, and revival to our church body. Ron Ropp brings the sermon on disorientation as we reflect on ways we have experienced confusion, loss, and grief during the Pandemic and through a number of congregational transitions.

IPT continues to relate to their respective commissions, helping to assess their needs. They have also planned for the next sermon series which will focus on the Biblical theme of rest for the four weeks before Advent.



Birthdays & Anniversaries

CELEBRATING LIFE'S MOMENTS AT MCN

Structure Documents

Updated structure documents, including ministry descriptions, vision statement with commission assignments for the goals, structure changes, and a list of individuals called to serve in the new structure, are available at this [link](#).

Lost and Found

There are a lot of items under the stairwell, please check the lost and found the next time you are in the building. If you have lost an emerald ring, please let the church office know. Thanks!

Update from the Vision Team

Vision Team met on Wednesday, October 13:

- Vision Team received regular reports from Spiritual Gifts Discernment Team (SGDT), Pastoral Team Search Committee (PTSC), and the Interim Pastoral Team on current activities and discussed where support is needed.
- Vision Team plans to review and provide feedback to the PTSC on the working draft of the Congregational Information Form used in the pastoral team search process.
- Vision Team will meet next on October 27.

Update on MCN Finances from Financial Stewardship

Spending Plan status

Sept Income: \$20,269.20

Sept Expenses: \$25,078.54

For Sept: Income – Expenses = -\$4,809.34

Status at the end of September

Total income: \$246,920.00

Total expenses: \$263,913.88

Total income -expenses = -\$16,993.88

Two other notes:

1. For those of you who have yet to make Required Minimum Distributions from an IRA account, MCN would welcome Qualified Charitable Distributions from this source. See your Financial Advisor if you have questions.
2. In Sept we received gifts from 23 units electronically and from 28 units by envelope.

Thank you for your continued support of the Spending Plan!

New Series on Hulu

On Wednesday, a 10-episode series, *Dopesick*, began on Hulu. Based on a true story, *Dopesick* chronicles the epicenter of America's struggle with opioid addiction, from the boardrooms of Purdue Pharma, to a distressed Virginia mining community, to the hallways of the DEA. Part of the story concerns the work initiated by a handful of US State's Attorneys in southwest Virginia. Michael Keaton, Rosario Dawson, Peter Saasgaard, Will Poulter, and John Hoogenakker headline the series. Hoogenakker plays Randy Ramseyer, Assistant US State's Attorney. Randy Ramseyer is my brother and it is with pride that I invite you to watch. Please know that Hollywood takes a great deal of license, so some details of my brother will most certainly not be accurate. However, the series, based on the critically acclaimed book by the same name, promises to be a thoughtful and moving drama about the tragedy of the opioid crisis. If you'd like more information, please reach out to me. Cindy Ropp

Pastoral Team Search Committee

It is not too late to fill out the checklist from the Midweek Update on October 1st. There will be paper copies available at church Sunday morning. Thank you.

Your Pastoral Team Search Committee

Sharing Joys & Concerns

MCN IS ASKED TO BE IN CONTINUED PRAYER FOR FOR THE CRITICAL CARE UNIT OF
CARLE BROMENN MEDICAL CENTER—OUR PARTNER IN HEALING FOR 2021

Prayer Requests and Announcements

Prayer requests and/or announcements should be submitted prior to the service. You may contact Lynette Miller via phone or email with your submissions throughout the week and she will relay them to the appropriate worship leader.

Outreach Commission

Beyond Mennonite Church of Normal

World Food Day – October 16

Sponsored by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

With the theme "Our actions are our future- Better production, better nutrition, a better environment and a better life" World Food Day 2021 will be celebrated around the world. "Collective action across 150 countries is what makes World Food Day one of the most celebrated days of the UN calendar. Hundreds of events and outreach activities bring together governments, businesses, NGOs, the media, and general public. They promote worldwide awareness and action for those who suffer from hunger and for the need to ensure healthy diets for all." Learn more [here](#).

Please pray for God's blessing, mercy and justice for the more than 800 million people from our own communities and around the world who are chronically hungry.

For our part in becoming aware of and promoting steps to alleviate hunger, MCN will be partnering with Midwest Food Bank to prepare food/boxes for distribution.

Midwest Food Bank volunteer opportunity

Tuesday, November 9, 2021 5:00-7:00pm

Please join us for a fun evening of service with your church family at Midwest Food Bank!
Anyone 5 years and older is welcome. Masks will be required.

Sign up [here](#)!

Our Members in Care Facilities

PLEASE REMEMBER THESE MEMBERS IN YOUR PRAYERS. SEND A CARD IF
THE SPIRIT LEADS YOU!

Staff Contact and Building Open Hours

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