



*Offering Christ's peace to hearts, homes, community and world*

# The Midweek

The Friday Update

Mennonite Church of Normal

March 12, 2021

**Worship this Sunday via Zoom at 9:30 a.m.**

## Lent 2021: Deep calls to Deep

Our theme for the Fourth Sunday in Lent is: "Deep in the wilderness: Called to deep healing." The wilderness confronts us with our vulnerability and exposes our wounds and our needs. We are called to deep healing by trusting in God, who calls us in love.

Joe Culpepper's sermon, "'Deep Healing: Have You Been Bitten by a Bronze Serpent?'" is based on Numbers 21:4-9 & John 3:14-21. This fascinating story from the Israelites' exodus through the wilderness to the Promised Land raises some questions for us. What snake bite experiences have you had in your life? Are you experiencing one now? How has God helped you find in them healing and hope? Join us as we reflect and thank God together! Gary Martin has planned, and will lead the service.



**After Worship Option** There will be only one after worship option: Introduction to Voices Together Stay on the Worship Zoom link. The Mennonite Church of Normal loves to sing, and we have experienced great worship together. Therefore, the Voices Together Introduction Committee invites you to attend a more formal introduction to this wonderful new resource, Voices Together. VT replaces our current hymnals, and we want you to begin to become acquainted with it. Zoom may not be the best platform to do this, but it is the best we currently have. Please join us after the worship service for a time of learning and singing.

This folder contains music from last Sunday [click here](#). Please note that you need to download the music before playing it. Late Saturday afternoon the folder will also include the worship order and sermon slides for this coming Sunday.

**Questions for reflection:** How is God calling you to deep healing? What in your life needs God's healing today?

### Lent Schedule: *Deep calls to Deep*

March 14	Deep in the wilderness: Called to deep healing	Joe Culpepper
March 21	Deep in the earth: Called to deep growth	Gary Martin
March 28	Deep in the current: Called to deep hope	Holly Zehr
Easter, April 4	Deep in the feast: Called to deep living	Gary Martin

**A new small group** focused on discerning passion, spiritual gifts, and callings will begin when enough express interest. The group will begin by sharing life stories, and then focus on helping each other discern gifts. It will meet on zoom, for 6-8 sessions, unless other options become available. The schedule will be determined by those who participate. It's ok to join if you have already participated in one of the new small groups this past year. If interested, please contact Melika Hershberger, at [mfkhersh@gmail.com](mailto:mfkhersh@gmail.com) or 309 888 6241.

## **This week at MCN (All via**

### **Zoom)**

#### **Saturday**

9:30 a.m. Worship Rehearsal

#### **Sunday**

9:30 a.m. Worship

10:30 a.m. Voices Together Introduction

#### **Monday**

4 p.m. Worship Committee

6:30 p.m. Structure Evaluation Task Group

#### **Tuesday**

6 p.m. Vision Statement Group

#### **Wednesday**

6:30 p.m. Pastoral Council

#### **Thursday**

6:30 a.m. Next Man Bible Study

