

THE MIDWEEK UPDATE

special structure edition



WORSHIP

THIS SUNDAY 9:30 A.M.

The church at Corinth was confused about Spirit-given gifts. In 1 Corinthians 12, Paul clears things up with two points. The Spirit has given each of us a special way of serving others (v. 7), emphasizing the variety of gifts. In vv. 24b-27, God assembles these Spirit-given gifts in a special way, using the human body metaphor. What are implications for MCN as we pursue the new Vision, and consider structure revisions?

AFTER WORSHIP:

We gather in breakout groups to discuss the proposed Structure Revisions, which were presented last Sunday. Our focus is to gather your questions and comments about the proposal. In response to comments last Sunday, the Structure Evaluation Task Group is changing one name in the proposal: "Church Board," is now "Vision Team." That correction has been made in five documents available at [this link](#): The structure graphic, structure summary, structure details, and two new documents— Ministry Descriptions for the Vision Team, and Spiritual Gift Discernment Team. To prepare for this session, please review the above documents. They are listed above in order of priority, for those who cannot get through them all.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Worship
Sunday, 9:30 am

Menno Haven
Women's Retreat
May 14-15, Sign Up
[HERE](#)

Wednesday May
12th,
Congregant Q&A
pertaining to
structure

May 16th,
Outdoor Fellowship
Opportunity

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**Mennonite
Church
of Normal**

A congregation of
Mennonite Church USA

Projected Structure Process

TIMETABLE

Wednesday, May 12 6:30 p.m.

Q & A with guests from other congregations

Sunday, May 16: 10:30 a.m.

Continued Discussion, and if ready, action on proposal.

Searching for Delegates

FOR CENTRAL DISTRICT CONFERENCE

MCN is still seeking delegates for the Annual Conference meeting on June 26, 2021. The meeting will be held on Zoom. Please reach out to Cindy Ropp or the office if you are interested in being a delegate.



Worship

ON ZOOM

please
e-mail
us at
church@normalmennonite.org
for a zoom invite!

This Week at MCN

ALL VIA ZOOM

Sunday:

9:30 a.m. Worship

10:30 a.m. Proposed Structure Discussion

Monday:

5:00p.m. Financial Stewardship Meeting

Wednesday:

6:30 p.m. Q&A with other congregations

Thursday:

6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study

5:00p.m. Outreach Committee

6:00 p.m. Structure Task Group

Outdoor Fellowship Events

AT MCN

MCN is excited to offer opportunities for congregants to fellowship outdoors this summer! As per CDC recommendations, vaccinated folks may attend small outdoor events without masks while still honoring social distancing, those who are unvaccinated should still wear a mask when attending indoor or outdoor activities. MCN has been doing its best to adhere to the recommendations of the CDC. As events are shared in The Midweek, we will continue to update changing guidelines as the information becomes available!

Senior Celebration

MAY 23RD-CHURCH LAWN

It's time to have some fun together!

Join us for a time of celebration!

Celebrating our seniors, celebrating springtime May 23rd from 3:30-5:00. Lawn games and individually packaged refreshments will be available! Bring a lawn chair and stay awhile!

Current Covid Statistics

IN ORDER TO KEEP THE CONGREGATION AWARE OF WHERE WE STAND IN RELATION TO RE-OPENING THE CHURCH BUILDING, THE WELCOME HOME TASK GROUP WILL FREQUENTLY POST CURRENT STATISTICS FOR MCLEAN COUNTY.

From The Pantagraph Tuesday, May 4, 2021- More than 100 new cases of COVID-19 were confirmed in McLean County over the weekend and hospital capacity tightened on Monday. OSF and Carle BroMenn medical centers reported 48 COVID patients in their care Monday, a 17 patient jump from Friday's 31 patients. Hospital bed capacity remained tight with both intensive care units bed and all total bed capacity at 96%. **McLean County's rolling, seven-day test positivity rate remained below 5%, sitting at 4.2% as of Sunday.**

WE'D LOVE TO HEAR YOUR THOUGHTS ON RESUMING IN PERSON FELLOWSHIP AND RETURNING TO WORSHIP PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO FILL OUT THE SURVEY [LINKED HERE.](#)

To sing or not to sing?

THE EVOLVING LANDSCAPE OF COVID CONSIDERATIONS

Please take a moment to read this informative article from Mennomedia about the evolving nature of singing and important considerations for churches and congregants linked [HERE](#).

Interested in Becoming a Member?

AT THE MENNONITE CHURCH OF NORMAL

Some have started attending in the last year or two, and others have been waiting to “see what happens during transition.” That time has arrived: the Vision Statement provides direction, and Proposed Structure Revisions bring clarity to MCN’s future. Contact Gary Martin, to express interest, or ask questions. (Contact Information Below)

Staff Contact & Office Hours

OFFICE HOURS M-F 9:30-2:30

Gary Martin, Transitional Pastor, 574- 238-5475, gmartin5@comcast.net

Ron Ropp, Pastor of Visitation is providing pastoral care for those who are ill or hospitalized. Barry and Marge Weaver and Wayne and Lois Hochstetler are assisting with visitation with those in care facilities or homebound. This care will be done by phone calls. 309- 452- 8534

Devon Rae Tracy, Office Manager; church@normalmennonite.org or 309.452.6622 will forward to the new church cell phone 217.255.2119.