

# ***THE MIDWEEK***



## **WORSHIP**

### **THIS SUNDAY 9:30 A.M.**

We consider three biblical worship experiences from Nehemiah 8:1-12; Luke 4:16-30; and Revelation 7:9-12.

The sermon, *Two Worship Services*, will respond to very basic questions about worship: what, why, and how do we prepare? Why did one worship experience result in national renewal, and the other in attempted murder of the preacher? As you read Neh. 8, note that this worship experience followed the same order we use today at MCN.

### **Looking Ahead:**

PEACE IS PATRIOTIC, LUKE 4:21-30.

PLEASE CLICK [HERE](#) FOR MEETING, ZOOM, AND OTHER RECORDINGS

PLEASE CLICK [HERE](#) FOR LAST WEEKS MUSIC AND UPCOMING WORSHIP MATERIALS AS THEY BECOME AVAILABLE

## *IMPORTANT DATES:*

Worship  
Sunday, 9:30 am

Upcoming  
Celebration:

July 4th at MCN!

After Worship  
Structure Learning  
Opportunities to  
begin in July!



**Mennonite  
Church  
of Normal**

A congregation of  
Mennonite Church USA

# After Worship

IN JULY

**July 4** Biblical foundations for the new structure and pastoral staffing model.

**July 11** Rethinking small groups

**July 18** MCN testimonies: spiritual gift discernment and small groups

**July 25** Mennonite Congregational Structures: a historical overview

## This Week at MCN

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

### Thursday:

6:30 am Next Man Bible Study

### Saturday:

Central District  
Conference

### Sunday:

9:30 a.m. Worship

### Monday:

6:30pm Staff Meeting

### Tuesday:

5:00p.m. Peace & Justice  
Committee

### Wednesday:

9:30 a.m. Men's Bible  
Discussion

# Worship

VIA LIVESTREAM AND IN PERSON

Both in person worship and live stream worship are available for congregants to attend each Sunday at 9:30. Please see further details about in person gathering expectations on Page 4. All doors will be open on Sunday.

Please click [HERE](#) for detailed instructions about the livestream option.

Please click on the link below to connect to the worship livestream directly :

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQdxexzd60K3Y8iLZlaA6Yg>

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

CELEBRATING LIFE'S MOMENTS AT MCN

Emily Hershberger	06/25
Joshua Wagoner	06/25
Annette Harnish	06/26
Carolyn Roth	06/26
Alena Culbertson	06/28
Clara Unzicker	06/29

Don & Ramona Augspurger	06/25
Wayne & Lois Hochstetler	06/27



# Milepost 70

## PATIENCE

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*For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. 1 Cor. 13:12*

The Christian life is a journey of faith. What we see in any given season, is a tiny fraction of the complete picture. It's an unfolding process. What the Children of Israel experienced in Egypt and the wilderness, was quite different from the Promised Land. But it was the route they had to take. As the Disciples followed Jesus, their grasp of what it was all about, was limited, and yet it was necessary preparation to be able to continue Jesus' ministry after Pentecost.

I heard a helpful analogy last week, from Steve Stenger. Two architects known for their creative designs 100 years ago, counseled their clients to wait until the last "board" was in place, to assess their creations. They stressed that it won't look right or make sense during the construction process. In fact, if it does look right in the middle of construction, that means effort has been wasted on cosmetics, which will complicate the final result.

MCN is in the early stages of implementing a new way of being church together. As of now, the Vision Team has only 3 of its 5 members. It could be fully functioning by late-July. The Pastoral Team Search Committee could be functioning by early August. The new Commissions and an interim Pastoral Team might be functioning by late August. Why so long? Because discerning the right people for the right roles, takes time. Inviting feedback from the congregation, takes time. And when called by the congregation, individuals need time to discern whether that call matches their inner call.

Transitioning from the old to the new, is complicated, but the structure itself is not. Transitioning from a church on Zoom, to being both in-person and virtual, is also complicated. During July, we will use the after-worship hour, to provide biblical background for the vision priorities and the new structure. It will be in a conversational format, to help all of us to better understand this new way of being church together. Watch for additional information about resuming Christian education options in August or September.

-Gary Martin

# *Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) Update from Paradise, California:*

LOIS AND WAYNE CHECK IN WITH US!

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We are both doing well. Long days and challenges, but we still enjoy what we are doing. The work is going well; we finally have permits to begin work on 4 houses, with several more in process. This week we prepared 3 houses to have concrete poured for foundations and slabs.

The devastation and ruin from the fires here are tremendous. So many lots are empty, with driveways leading to a settled spot in the ground. Businesses are gone; some are rebuilding, but many have decided to move away. The place has a strange feel to it, but yet we find pockets of hope and resilience. And many folks we meet are quite interested in what we are doing, and thank us very sincerely. God is at work in this place!

We have enjoyed the weekly volunteers and the things they bring to our project. They have come from Oregon; PA; Sterling, IL; Wisconsin; Ohio; Idaho; Kansas; and New York. We also have long-term volunteers who provide the leadership for the project: Project Director; Office Manager (Wayne); Crew Leaders, (oversight of weekly volunteers); Head Cook; Assistant Cook (Lois); and two Hesston College students who have taken the Disaster Management class. This whole group has worked well together. And Lois is part of a team that has probably prepared the best food I have ever had on an MDS project.

- Wayne & Lois Hochstetler

## *Our Members in Care Facilities*

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

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Alice Swift  
Luther Oaks Apt. 2201  
601 Lutz Road  
Bloomington, IL 61704

Ruth Marquis  
Heritage Health, Apt 111  
700 E. Walnut St.  
Bloomington, IL. 61701

Jo Ropp  
McLean County Nursing Home,  
Apt 328  
901 N Main St.  
Normal, IL 61761

Margaret Hopkins  
Sugar Creek Alzheimer's Unit

Deborah Spacek  
Evergreen Village, Apt 292  
1701 Evergreen Ln.  
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Luther Oaks Assisted Living, Apt  
2110  
601 Lutz Rd  
Bloomington, IL 61704-8624

Ken Shoemaker  
Sugar Creek Alzheimer's Special  
Care Unit  
505 E Vernon Ave.  
Normal, IL 61761

# *Can you help at Menno Haven?*

VOLUNTEER & PAID POSITIONS

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Our Camp Menno Haven offers wonderful experiences all year! Can YOU help make that happen for the campers and visitors this summer? YOU can be youth or adult, paid or volunteer!

Immediate needs:

- male counselor for next week (June 27-July2)
- a female and a male counselor for July 11-16
- kitchen assistant(s), specifically July 11-16,  
also July 19-23 and July 26-30

Volunteers for a day or days are welcome also!

Contact Marge Weaver or [sheena@mennohaven.com](mailto:sheena@mennohaven.com)

## *Sharing Joys & Concerns*

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

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# Welcome Home Task Group

## IN PERSON WORSHIP EXPECTATIONS UPDATE

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The Welcome Home Task Group has considered all the recent changes in Covid-19 guidelines from the State of Illinois and the CDC.

As of July 1, 2021, the following changes will be implemented at Mennonite Church of Normal.

- If you are vaccinated, you are free to not wear a mask in the building.
- If you are not vaccinated, please wear a mask in the building.
- We will continue to socially distance indoors to accommodate those who are unvaccinated or hesitant.

The Task Group will continue to monitor local conditions to ensure that we remain in compliance with State of Illinois guidelines. In the event there would be a significant change in our status locally, the Task Group will communicate any changes in practice that are needed.

As of July 1, outside groups who rent space in the building will be free to resume meeting in our building.

Watch for updates on childcare, Fellowship time, and Christian Education for all ages!



# *Fourth of July Celebration!*

AT MCN

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You are invited to a time of fellowship and fun to celebrate the 4th of July! It will be from 5pm to 8pm on the church lawn. Grills will be provided for those wanting to eat - please bring your own food and table service. Bring games, lawn chairs, friends, and family! You are welcome to stay later to watch fireworks or go to your favorite local spot!

## *Notes of Thanks!*

FROM ELSA RAAB AND VIVIAN HUBBARD

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Thank you for all the prayers, well wishes, cards and meals that you provided during my knee surgery. I appreciate the support that I received from the community. A special thank you to Dorothy Loepp, who so graciously shared her home with me, drove me to appointments, and contributed to my overall healing. I am blessed to be part of this caring church.-Elsa

My angiogram went well, showing no blockages, which is very good news. More testing will be needed to figure out what is going on. Thank you for your support and prayers. Cal and I appreciate it very much.-Vivian

## *Staff Contact & Office Hours*

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

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Gary Martin, Transitional Pastor, 574- 238-5475, [gmartin5@comcast.net](mailto:gmartin5@comcast.net) ,In Normal: June 25-28, July 3-4, 10-15, 22-26

Ron Ropp, Pastor of Visitation is providing pastoral care for those who are ill or hospitalized. 309- 452- 8534

Devon Rae Tracy, Office Manager; [church@normalmennonite.org](mailto:church@normalmennonite.org) or 309.452.6622 will forward to the new church cell phone 217.255.2119.

Bryan Oyer, custodian

Lauren Satchwell, Youth Ministry Leader; [satchwell.lauren@gmail.com](mailto:satchwell.lauren@gmail.com)