

# THE MIDWEEK



## WORSHIP

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

"A Hazard of the Profession!" On this Labor Day weekend, we will reflect on how our profession of faith brings with it certain hazards. What for you are the hazards of being a Christian? What risks do you take on when you profess your faith? Most Christians are not persecuted in North America, but what do you experience as risky behavior that comes with your profession of faith? Scripture Texts are I Peter 3:13-17 and Matthew 5:14-16. The sermon will be given by Joe Culpepper. Masks are required in the building. The service will be live streamed on Youtube at this [link](#).

**Those who are serving September 5:**  
**South Greeters:** Paul and Mary Ann Watkins  
**West Greeter:** Mary Dyck  
**Welcome Table:** Mary Ann King  
**Ushers:** Unzicker Family

### Looking Ahead:

The sermon on Sept. 12 , "Wisdom shouts! Are we listening?," will be based on Proverbs 1:20-33, and James 3:1-12.

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

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

*Important Dates:*

After Worship:  
Fellowship



# This Week at MCN

A BRIEF LOOK AT THE CHURCH CALENDAR:  
THE FULL CHURCH CALENDAR IS AVAILABLE AT  
[NORMALMENNONITE.ORG](http://NORMALMENNONITE.ORG)

## Thursday, 2nd:

7:30 pm Vision Team

## Friday, 3rd:

8:30 am Christian Education Committee

## Wednesday, 8th:

9:30 am Wed Morn Book Group



**What:** Mennonite Colleges and Universities Fair

**When:** September 19<sup>th</sup> @ 4:00 pm

**Where:** Mennonite Church of Normal

**Who:** Area Youth Groups and MCN JMYF & MYF



# After Worship

This week you're invited to stay for fellowship after the worship service. If you missed last week's discussion on "Church Types," you can watch it at this [link](#).

## Melika & Ross Hershberger

SUPPORT GROUP

Melika Hershberger has begun her studies at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary for pastoral ministry. This is a major undertaking for both Melika and Ross. We are in the process of establishing a support group for them during this study time. If you are interested in being part of this effort please contact Elfriede Massier.

## SALT Support Group

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A support group is forming to support Clara Unzicker as she serves with SALT (Serving and Learning Together), which is part of Mennonite Central Committee, for the year. If you are interested in joining this group, please contact Lauren Satchwell.

# Birthdays & Anniversaries

CELEBRATING LIFE'S MOMENTS AT MCN



# Practical Steps to Becoming a Welcoming Congregation

MENNONITE CHURCH USA

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Pastors Amy Yoder McGloughlin, of Frazer Mennonite Church, and Joanne Gallardo, of Berkey Avenue Mennonite Fellowship, led this seminar at MennoCon21. Read more at this [link](#) for tips on welcoming LGBTQ people into church fellowship, including how to continue to be welcoming after the discernment process is over.

## Worship Volunteer Opportunity

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

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The Worship Committee is offering you the opportunity to allow us to recognize and embrace the unique ways in which you can serve others in and before the worship services. We offer this survey for you to choose where you are interested in serving. There are also "other" boxes for you to elaborate on how your individual way of serving can be made beneficial for all. This survey will give the commissions a better idea of whom to contact. Whether you've been serving in the past months, or past years, or maybe you are now discerning you might a calling to serve in these ways, please fill this survey out. Or maybe you have served in years past but would like to serve in a different capacity now. Here's your chance to tell us! Thank you so much! Contact the church office at [church@normalmennonite.org](mailto:church@normalmennonite.org) for the link to survey.



## Expanding MCN's Reach

OUTREACH COMMISSION

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## How Do We Relate to Land We Steward?

MENNONITE CREATION CARE NETWORK

On Tuesday, September 7, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. CST join Mennonite Creation Care Network for a timely discussion with input and fellowship relevant to people working in faith-based settings. September's topic: What is your relationship with the land your congregation or other institution stewards? How might we work at that relationship? You'll have a chance to meet Andrew Hudson, an AMBS student who reflects deeply on these questions. register [here](#).

## CPT Virtual Charity Auction

CHRISTIAN PEACEMAKER TEAM (CPT)

In celebration of 35 years of peacemaking and community building, Christian Peacemaker Teams is excited to announce their first virtual silent auction! Imagine sitting in your own home as you and your family take a private guided tour of the Grand Bazaar in Sulaimani, Iraq or the underground hip-hop graffiti scene of Amman Jordan! The CPT virtual auction is a great way to support the future of CPT peacemaking while engaging in unique experiences. Here's more information and a [link](#) to participate in the auction.

# *Vision Team Update*

BARRY WEAVER

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- The Vision Team discussed plans to call two co-chairs of the Pastoral Team Search Committee (PTSC). Those individuals have been contacted and are considering the call.
- The Vision Team continued the process of identifying and calling individuals to serve on the Interim Pastoral Team. Two individuals have agreed to serve; another is considering the call.
- The Vision Team plans to host an after-worship session on September 19 to provide an overview of the long-term Pastoral Team ministry description. There will be time for Q&A. This session is intended to talk with the congregation about the roles and responsibilities of the Pastoral Team and how this model differs from the "lead pastor model."
- We have collected the new congregational structure documents for you to view. Ask the office staff at [church@normalmennonite.org](mailto:church@normalmennonite.org) to view the Structure Documents.

## *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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# *Our Members in Care Facilities*

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

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## *Staff Contact and Building Open Hours*

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Building Open: Monday – Friday, 2:00-5:00 p.m.

Gary Martin: Transitional Pastor, 574- 238-5475, [gmartin5@comcast.net](mailto:gmartin5@comcast.net) , In Normal:  
September 11-16, 18-19, 25-26; October 2-3

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

Denise Hedberg: Interim Admin Assistant; [church@normalmennonite.org](mailto:church@normalmennonite.org) or 309.452.6622

Bryan Oyer: custodian

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

## *Directory*