

THE MIDWEEK



WORSHIP

THIS SUNDAY 9:30 A.M.

As the church year draws to a close and nature winds down to winter, we are invited to contemplate the gift of rest. For the next four Sundays, we will explore the origin and purpose of rest, the resistance of rest, the benefits of rest and Jesus, our Source of Rest.

Rest originated in the mind of God as a gift of love to humankind and all creation. How do we understand this gift and acknowledge its value? Lynette Miller will be preaching the sermon, *The Gift of Rest*, using Genesis 1:31-2:3 and Mark 2:23-28.

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

Please click [here](#) for meeting, zoom, and other recordings
Please click [here](#) for instructions for joining MCN's livestream.

Important Dates:

This Sunday:

After Worship:

Christian Education
for Children and
Youth

The Adult Christian
Education Class,
Salt and Light



This Week at MCN

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

Wednesday, Oct 27

9:30 am Men's Bible Discussion

9:30 am Wed. Morning Book Group

7:30 pm Vision Team (Zoom)

Thursday, Oct 28

6:30 am Next Man Bible Study

2:00 pm Women's Book Group

Monday, Nov 1

1:30pm Community Life Commission

Tuesday, Nov 2

7:00pm Interim Pastoral Team (Zoom)

Wednesday, Nov 3

9:30 am Men's Bible Discussion

9:30 am Wed. Morning Book Group

7:00 pm Pastoral Team Search Committee (Zoom)

Congregational Call to Prayer

The Interim Pastoral Team calls the Congregation to a concerted time of prayer through the month of October. Please pray for healing, reconciliation, and wisdom for our congregation as continue to work through the growing pains of a new structure. Pray for wisdom for our Pastoral Search Team, for the Vision Team, Spiritual Gifts Discernment Team, and Interim Pastoral Team. Pray that God will call all who are needed to do the work God has in store for MCN. If it's hard for you to remember this prayer time, consider adding it to a digital calendar or timer. You could also incorporate it into the prayer your family already does before meals or bed.



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](#).

Periodical Orders for 2022

As a congregation, we qualify for group subscriptions to Anabaptist World, a monthly magazine to help readers glorify God, grow in faith, and become agents of healing and hope in the world (\$39), for 12 issues sent to your home beginning 1/22. And Rejoice, a quarterly devotional published by MennoMedia (\$33.50) delivered to your home. If you would like to order the Upper Room, (\$8) a copy will be placed in your mailbox every other month. Please email the church office at Church@normalmennonite.org with your order. Please have your order in by November 11, 2021.

Interim Pastoral Team Update

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You Are Invited

Offering Envelopes

Please let the church office know if you would like more offering envelopes and if so, how many. Email church@normalmennonite.org or call 309-452-6622. Thanks!

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

Bertsche "Book Sale"

Much loved and longtime MCN members, Evelyn and John Bertsche, had an extensive personal library. Their children, Cynthia and Dan, entrusted Meredith and Juergen Schroeer to organize a way to distribute their books to the MCN church family. There are also some books from our former pastors Jane Roeschley, Tim Schrag, and Don Nester. The results will be in the church atrium for these two Sundays.

Come take a look at the books, take what you want and leave a donation in the basket! All proceeds will go to MCC which was dear to the Bertsches' hearts.

Outreach Commission

Beyond Mennonite Church of Normal

Midwest Food Bank

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](#)!

The REALLY Alternative Gifts Fair 2021

This year, Outreach Commission would like to see how much The Mennonite Church of Normal can support Mennonite Central Committee (MCC). Can we raise \$6,000 in two months? We think we can!

How it Works: This year for a variety of reasons, we are directing everyone to MCC's extensive website. Click [here](#) to see all the ways we can support the work of MCC. On a budget? No problem, stop by for a stocking stuffer. Have a price range? MCC can keep you on track. Have a special interest? Choose Food, Peace, Education, Water, and *many* other initiatives to check out.

Next Steps: The person gifting will receive an email with a tax-deductible acknowledgment. The person gifting can select to send an e-card to the recipient with information about their gift. When you have loaded up your cart, please email Lauren Satchwell to let us know how much you have donated, so we can help track our goal! Happy shopping!

Melika is at Seminary!

Mama Bears

A group of moms who have LGBTQIA+ children meet bi-monthly (right now on Zoom) for support and allyship. Any “mama bears” are welcome to be in touch to join us. For more information, contact Connie Satchwell.

Worship Commission Update

Worship Commission is waiting for a new chair before continuing the good work we began last month on our Philosophy & values for worship. We reaffirmed the decision to have only Worship Leaders share Joys & Concerns through Christmas, then we will reevaluate in the new year. We will also be evaluating livestream vs Zoom for the best effectiveness as a digital format. Thanks to Denise Hedberg for her good work on the Voices Together team & getting us started as a new Commission. We look forward to helping create vital Worship experiences, & we appreciate the leadership of the Interim Pastoral Team in selecting helpful worship series themes for our congregation in this new phase of our transition.

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

Directory

THIS [LINK](#) WILL TAKE YOU TO OUR CURRENT DIRECTORY. IT TAKES A BIT TO DOWNLOAD. IT LISTS EVERYONE WHO IS A MEMBER, ACTIVE NONMEMBER AND COLLEGE STUDENTS. IF YOU DO NOT WANT TO BE LISTED OR HAVE UPDATES, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE.