

THE MIDWEEK



WORSHIP

THIS SUNDAY 9:30 A.M.

Holly Zehr will be preaching this Sunday.

Emerging from the fog, confusion, and grief of disorientation, we discover a new orientation, a new song, a new understanding of God's work in us.

Learning this new song isn't automatic. It's a process. Re-orientation comes with requirements. Psalms 90 and 98 model the response to reorientation.

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

Those who are serving October 24th:

South Greeters: Roger and Linda Clemmons

West Greeter: Connie Satchwell

Welcome Table: Mary Jantze

Ushers: Jon and Janell Friesen

Infant Nursery: Spring Neely and Shannon Unzicker

Preschool Nursery: Stephanie Nester

Gather Round Sing-Along: Devon Tracy

Important Dates:

This Sunday:

After Worship:

Christian Education
for Children and
Youth

The Adult Christian
Education Class,
Salt and Light



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

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

This Week at MCN

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

Wednesday, Oct 20

9:30 am Men's Bible Discussion
9:30 am Wed. Morning Book Group
6:00 pm Worship Commission
7:00 pm Pastoral Team Search Committee

Thursday, Oct 21

6:30 am Next Man Bible Study
2:00 pm Women's Book Group
6:00 pm Administration Commission

Tuesday, Oct 26

5:00 pm Peace and Justice Committee (zoom)
7:00 pm Interim Pastoral Team

Wednesday, Oct 27

9:30 am Men's Bible Discussion
9:30 am Wed. Morning Book Group
7:30 pm Vision Team (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.

Interim Pastoral Team Update

Looking ahead to October 31 we will begin a series on Rest, the 4 weeks prior to Advent.

Thank you

The comforters/quilts displayed at the church were completed for MCC. Thank you to the persons who helped make the blocks that were put together to make two quilts and for the help with knotting the comforters. Let us continue making some more as the need is great.

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

Outreach Commission

Beyond Mennonite Church of Normal

Midwest Food Bank volunteer opportunity

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](#)!

Update from Clara Unzicker, SALT in Bogota Colombia

I have been having a really wonderful time so far in Colombia. I am so thankful for everyone that I have met and how welcome I have felt so far. I'm still settling in to my new life here, so there's lots more to experience."

What has been your best experience so far? "It's hard to find a singular "best experience" so far, but I would say that the biggest blessing and most important part of the experience for me so far here has been my host family. They have been so welcoming and helpful to me as I'm navigating this transition of living in a new country. They are very fun to be around, talk with, and play games with. We live in an apartment building that is occupied only by my host mom's siblings and their families. So, there is always aunts, uncles, and cousins around as well."

What's been a new learning about life or work in Colombia? "A new learning for me, and something that I'm adjusting to is the idea of time here. Being punctual is not as important as it is in the United States, and future plans are often more just "ideas." So I'm learning how to be less worried about whether or not I will be late to something."

Have there been any rough patches? "I am thankful that I have not yet experienced any significant rough patches. The most frustrating and challenging moments so far have been when I feel like I cannot clearly express myself in Spanish or that I have to ask several times for clarification. This can be very frustrating at times."

Is there a way that you have seen God at work? "The biggest way that I have seen God at work was two weeks ago, when we celebrated the International Day of Peace and Pan y Paz at my work, which is a day/event to promote peace within Colombia. During the week, we held workshops for the children promoting peace and non-violence. It was so powerful to see the children, many of whom have heard about, or experienced violence and conflict talk about how they can incorporate peace into their lives. At the end of the week, we held a community event where everyone was encouraged to bring an ingredient for soup. We chopped tons of vegetables and cooked three huge pots over fires outside. Then, we marched throughout the neighborhood with many members of the community, handing out bread. Getting to experience this glimpse of peace and hope within the neighborhood was very special for everyone."

How might we be praying for you? "One big prayer request would be for the children in the community where I work and those who come daily for activities. Most children in the neighborhood do not have in-person school or are not enrolled in school for various reasons. Virtual school has presented many challenges, with lack of access to technology and internet, and many parents are working during the day, unable to assist their children. So, the prayer request would be to keep these children in your prayers. Thanks!"



Clara with her host family



Clara at Work and Church

Getting to Know Mary Ann King



Mary Ann has had the good fortune to live in her hometown all of her life, which has allowed her to develop and maintain long-time relationships with friends and church. She was born at Mennonite Hospital in Bloomington, IL. Her mother was a homemaker, her father worked for the city of Bloomington, and she has a brother who is seven years younger than she.

Her family often visited friends in Flanagan, and she developed close ties to members of the Flanagan Mennonite Church, who always welcomed her with open arms. Those were the days when men sat on one side in church, women on the other, always with proper coverings on their head. Mary Ann has special fond memories of Betty Roeschley, Mark Roeschley's mother, of hosting a bridal shower for Mary Ann when she married Meredith King in 1961. Mary Ann and Meredith raised three daughters during a marriage which lasted about 25 years.

Mary Ann started working for Illinois State Normal University right out of high school. She worked for the head of the Mathematics Department for five years. Her responsibilities included typing all the examinations written by the faculty, then walking across campus to Hovey Hall to have them duplicated.

The next eight years were devoted to raising her children and being a homemaker. Mary Ann also worked for seven years at the Provident Bookstore. This was followed by 25 years as an administrative assistant at Select Capital Agricultural Services. She retired seven years ago and is enjoying retirement.

Mary Ann met George Scott at a Divorced Christians group and they had a fifteen year marriage before he passed. George was a train enthusiast and planned a three-week trip to Europe, including England. While on that trip, she also had the opportunity to visit with one of the foreign exchange students which her family had hosted. Brigitte had lived in Mary Ann's home for almost a year, so it was kind of a family reunion.

Daughter Missy lives in Normal and looks out for her mom. Son Mark lives in Wisconsin, and son Eddy is in California. She enjoys her four grandchildren. Missy's two girls live in Normal, Mark's son and daughter are in Wisconsin.

Mary Ann enjoys activities with a strong circle of friends who have supported each other over the years. This includes working out at Curves, and celebrating special events, including birthdays. One group of high school friends have gotten together once a month for birthday celebrations since 1957. She also enjoys quiet mornings in the comfort of the home she bought seven years ago. When daughter Missy recently suggested her mom consider downsizing Mary Ann made it clear that she plans to stay right where she is. You know a woman who is a member of the venerable Red Hat Society has spunk and makes the best of life. We are glad she is a part of our church family.

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
