

# THE MIDWEEK



## WORSHIP

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

Just as growing things in the natural world need a time of dormancy in order to produce fruit in the coming year, we, as spiritual beings, also grow best with a rhythm of rest in our lives. In this last sermon of the Rest series, we explore the fruit of rest.

Jane Roeschley will be preaching the sermon, *Fruit of the Sabbath Rest*, using Psalm 116:1-9.

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

### Those who are serving November 21:

**South Greeters:** Larry and Louise Reeser

**West Greeter:** Ardys Serpette

**Ushers:** John and Key Reimer

**Welcome Table:** David Voegtlin

**Infant Nursery During Service:** David Harnish

**Infant Nursery During CE:** Shannon Neely

**Preschool Nursery:** Holly and Adalyn Zehr

**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 instructions for joining MCN's livestream.

## *This Week at MCN*

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

### **Wednesday, November 17**

**7:00 pm** Pastoral Team Search Committee

### **Thursday, November 18**

**6:30 am** Next Man Bible Study

**2:00 pm** Women's Book Group

**6:00 pm** Administration Commission (Zoom)

### **Monday, November 22**

**7:30 pm** Vision Team (Zoom)

### **Tuesday, November 23**

**5:00 pm** Peace and Justice (Zoom)

### **Wednesday, November 24**

**9:30 am** Men's Bible Discussion

**9:30 am** Wed. Morning Book Group

## *School Kits*

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The high school Sunday School class is collecting MCC school kits through the end of the year. Please find a list of items for the school kits [linked](#). If you would like to donate a kit or kits, a bin will be available in the library. For those who wish to make a monetary gift, please see Randy Zehr. The Sunday School class will be procuring bags, so no need to provide them with your donation. Thank you for your support.

## *Structure Documents*

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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](#).



## *Birthdays & Anniversaries*



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CELEBRATING LIFE'S MOMENTS AT MCN

## *Discipling Commission*

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The MC USA Faith Formation Team is again offering access for families and individuals to resources on creative ways to celebrate Advent at home. Below is a link to "Dare to Imagine" materials that cover Advent, Christmas and Epiphany. These can be printed out or read online from any device.

[https://www.mennoniteusa.org/ministry/faith-formation/?ct=t\(FFnewsDec18\\_COPY\\_01\)](https://www.mennoniteusa.org/ministry/faith-formation/?ct=t(FFnewsDec18_COPY_01))

## *Financial Updates*

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## *Sharing Joys & Concerns*

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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

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Prayer requests and/or announcements should be submitted prior to the service. You may contact Lynette Miller via phone or email with your submissions throughout the week and she will relay them to the appropriate worship leader. Email: Lynette.Miller.k@gmail.com Phone: 309-261-7485

## The REALLY Alternative Gifts Fair 2021

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Another week has gone by and we are a week closer to Christmas. Have you selected your Alternative Gifts yet? Are pigs, goats or chickens on your wish list? No? How about sewing machines, swaddling clothes or mosquito nets? Still no? Well, that's okay because there are plenty of other options available on the MCC Christmas Giving Website.

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.

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!

## Calendar Information Update

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Committee and Commission Chairs please add your meetings to the church calendar and indicate if the meeting is in person or zoom by emailing the church. This is to make sure we aren't over our limit of zoom meetings happening at one time.

## A Word from the office

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The office will be closed Thanksgiving Day, November 25th and Friday November 26th. Please have the Midweek and Bulletin submissions to the office by Noon on Monday, November 22!

Thank you!

# Pastoral Search Committee

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Our pastoral vacancies will soon be posted on the [MC USA website](#). If you know a potential candidate, please send the name to [marcirossi@aol.com](mailto:marcirossi@aol.com). The search committee does NOT contact candidates directly. Doug Luginbill, CDC Minister, makes all contacts. Confidentiality is respected.

## Update from Clara Unzicker

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From Clara Unzicker, serving with Mennonite Central Committee in Bogota, Colombia--

In a recent note to her support team, Clara wrote:

"I've been staying rather busy at work. I started teaching a few English classes each week, which I've been enjoying. I'm impressed with the students' commitment to studying and coming to class. It's also been a good way to connect with the kids. After November, I will have a pretty long holiday break.

"My host sister and her boyfriend are the leaders of the [church] 'youth group,' which is for those mostly in their 20s. We only meet once a month, but I have loved getting to know the young people there. A few of them have invited me to do things around the city which has been super fun. Next weekend, I think several of us will be going on a weekend trip outside the city, so I'm really looking forward to that.

"I have been trying as hard as I can to build relationships with the families and kids where I work. In the past few weeks, now that I have been working there about two months, I have felt like I'm finally getting to know everyone a lot better. It's great when the kids come up to say hi to me in the street! Now that I feel like I have most of their names and faces down, it's much easier to connect. Plus, they all love to ask me how to say random words in English. They get a kick out of asking me how I pronounce my name in English."



# Vision Team Update

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Vision Team met on November 10. Some highlights from our meeting and our activities since then:

- We finished our review of the Congregational Information Form that will be available to candidates for our Pastoral Team.
- We finished a graphic summary of the Pastoral Team model (Thanks, Ben!) that we think will help us all understand this more fully. (You can view it at this [link](#) or wait for it in your church mailbox this Sunday.)
- We recommended that a Pastoral Team of 2.5 full-time equivalents be included in the congregational spending plan for 2022.
- Vision Team will develop projections for what our actual expenditures might look like this coming year as we gradually add staff.
- Want to know more? All Vision Team minutes can be viewed [here](#).

## Voters' Rights are a Peace and Justice Issue

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The Peace & Justice Committee is concerned about voters' rights. We encourage you to contact your U.S. senators to vote for two voting rights bills. (The US House of Representatives has already approved these bills.) H.R.1--For the People Act of 2021 is a bill that passed the house but failed in the Senate. A compromise bill replaced it called the [Freedom to Vote Act](#). H.R.4--the [John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act of 2021](#) is proposed legislation to restore and strengthen parts of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, including the requirement that certain states pre-clear certain changes to their voting laws with the federal government.

Together, these two pieces of legislation would set nationwide standards to protect the right to vote and help thwart anti-democratic laws passed by legislatures in at least 17 states. Your support in contacting your U.S. senators is appreciated. Please use this [LINK](#) to find an article to better understand the two Voting Rights Bills.

# *Our Members in Care Facilities*

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

## *Staff Contact and Building Open Hours*

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Building Open: Monday – Friday, 9:00AM-Noon and 1:00PM-4:00PM.

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## *Directory*

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