

THE MIDWEEK



WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY 9:30 A.M.

Jesus models rest as a rhythm of daily life for his disciples and for us throughout the New Testament. But the mystery of the gospel and the hope of believers lies in the fact that Jesus IS our rest. How do we follow Jesus into rest?

Holly Zehr will be preaching the sermon, *Until We Rest In You*, using Matthew 11:28-30, Hebrews 4:1-11.

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

Those who are serving November 7:

South Greeters: Judy and Lotus Hersberger

West Greeter: Lauren Satchwell

Ushers: Mark Roeschley and Nancy Fisher

Welcome Table: Marcia Rossi

Infant Nursery: Nancy Fisher

Preschool Nursery: Marcia Rossi and Emma King

Gather Round Sing-Along: Darvis King and Carrie Fisher

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

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

Wednesday, November 3

7:00 pm Pastoral Team Search Committee (Zoom)

Thursday, Nov 4

6:30 am Next Man Bible Study

2:00 pm Women's Book Group

5:00pm Peace & Justice Committee (Zoom)

6:00pm Administration Commission (Zoom)

Sunday, Nov 7

3:00pm Outdoor Fellowship at the Satchwell's

Tuesday, Nov 9

5:00pm Midwest Food Bank

Wednesday, Nov 10

9:30 am Men's Bible Discussion

9:30 am Wed. Morning Book Group

7:00 pm Discipling Commission (Zoom)

7:30 pm Vision Team (Zoom)

Daylight Saving Time Change

A friendly reminder to "Fall back" this Sunday, November 7th at 2:00am. Clocks change to Daylight Savings Time. This could also be a good time to check the batteries in your smoke detectors!

School Kits

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

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](#).

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!



Birthdays & Anniversaries



CELEBRATING LIFE'S MOMENTS AT MCN

You Are Invited

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.

Administration Commission Update

- We're in the process of completing a tour of every room in the building in order to develop a preventive maintenance list and identify any current maintenance needs. Bryan Oyer has been very helpful in this process. We've appointed Rick Satchwell as Building Liaison to oversee maintenance, including determining if, when, and who to call for repairs. If you have concerns about maintenance or repair issues, please contact either Rick or Mary Dyck, chair of AC.
- We are working on a number of financial matters. Lotus Hershberger is reviewing the budgets submitted by the Commissions and compiling into the 2022 Spending Plan. We're planning for a hearing on the 2022 Spending Plan on November 14 on zoom. We're changing some financial processes that occurred as a result of not being present in the building due to the pandemic. Maggie Burton's presence as Office Administrator in the building facilitates some of these process changes. We hope to make new appointments on finances in the near future that will be effective in 2022.

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.

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

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

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!

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 this Sunday only!

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!](#)

Vision Team Update

- Vision Team received regular reports on the current activities of the Spiritual Gifts Discernment Team (SGDT), Pastoral Team Search Committee (PTSC), the Interim Pastoral Team (IPT), and the Commissions and discussed where support is needed.
- Vision Team continued discussion of the spending plan for the long-term Pastoral Team, including determining the appropriate level of full time equivalents (FTE) that will be sought.
- Find Vision Team meeting minutes and resource documents in the Vision Team folder on Google Drive.

Pastoral Search Committee

Who do you know who might be interested in applying for our pastoral team? Please send the names to marcirossi@aol.com. The search committee sends all names to Doug Luginbill, CDC Minister, who proceeds with upmost confidentiality.

Community Life Update

Community Life Commission (CLC) has met four times since the beginning of the commission on September 30th. Many hours of discussion and prayer have led to the following bullet points as we begin to discern next steps forward for Mennonite Church of Normal in relation to Pastoral Care, Fellowship, and Wellness.

The CLC is seeking to clarify the lines of structural communication for our commission

The title for Pastoral Council will now be referred to as Pastoral Care Committee and Fellowship Committee will remain unchanged.

Wellness Committee will be infused into Pastoral Care Committee with further details coming soon.

The CLC is establishing a plan for ongoing visitation utilizing both the Interim Pastoral Care team and volunteers from the congregation.

Job descriptions for both Pastoral Care Committee and Fellowship Committee being evaluated and revised.

The CLC will be seeking new committee members for both Pastoral Care Committee and Fellowship Committee and hope to start new slate of members in January 2022.

Mennonite Church of Normal Family Winter Retreat at Camp Friedenswald that had been scheduled for January 2022 is now canceled partially due to COVID concerns and rescheduled for January 27-29, 2023. Deposit for the retreat has been rolled over to the 2023 date. A winter family fun day is being planned. Stay tuned.

An outdoor fellowship and fun is scheduled for November 7, 2021 at Rick and Connie Satchwell residence. Details can be found in the midweek.

Melika is at Seminary!

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

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

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Bryan Oyer: Custodian

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