

THE MIDWEEK



WORSHIP

THIS SUNDAY 9:30 A.M.

In the sermon on Sunday the pastor seeks to bring some light upon our practice of peacemaking in our local and daily lives; made more challenging by the deep divisions in our nation's life.

James Bortell will be preaching the sermon, *Making Peace on the Home Front*, referencing scriptures Psalm 85:10-13, Psalm 133, Philippians 1:3-11.

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

Those who are serving December 5:

South Greeters: Adam Augspurger and Lauren Satchwell

West Greeter: Ardys Serpette

Ushers: Terry Wiebenga & David Voegtlin

Welcome Table: Marge Weaver

Infant Nursery During Service: Beth Reeser

Infant Nursery During CE: Gabriella Harnish

Preschool Nursery: Carrie Stalter

Gather Round Sing-Along: Holly & Randi Zehr

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



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This Week at MCN

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

Wednesday, December 1

9:30 am Men's Bible Discussion

9:30 am Wed. Morning Book Group

7:00 pm Discipling Commission(Zoom)

Thursday, December 2

6:30 am Next Man Bible Study

2:00 pm Women's Book Group

6:00 pm Administration Commission (Zoom)

Sunday, December 5

1:30pm Sarah Nichols Memorial Service

Monday, December 6

7:30pm Interim Pastoral Team(Zoom)

Wednesday, December 8

9:30 am Men's Bible Discussion

9:30 am Wed. Morning Book Group

7:00 pm Pastoral Team Search Committee (Zoom)

Communion This Sunday December 5

Communion will be celebrated this Sunday
December 5th.

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](#).

Birthdays & Anniversaries

CELEBRATING LIFE'S MOMENTS AT MCN



At home Advent Resource

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\(FNewsDec18_COPY_01\)](https://www.mennoniteusa.org/ministry/faith-formation/?ct=t(FNewsDec18_COPY_01))

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

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

Calendar Information Update

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.

Notes From the Sermon November 21, 2021

Here is [link](#) on Sabbath Practices from Jane Roeschley's November 21st sermon.

Delight Loved Ones with Gifts that Change Lives

Farm animals.

That's what Jesus was surrounded by when he came into the world as a humble baby. And the gift of a brood of chicks or a goat is just one way that you can delight your loved ones this Christmas while sparking new opportunities and self-reliance for families across the globe.

Choose from gifts like wells or books for young readers. Or give room at the inn to honor a loved one's hospitality.

As you explore gifts you can give through MCC, may you also join in the joy of knowing just how much of a difference these gifts can make.

Fuzzy, tiny chicks might not seem like much of a safety net for a whole family. But in many places, raising chickens provides a valuable source of income and hope when rains don't come and a harvest fails.

Through each gift, from swaddling clothes to sewing machines, you are helping families have what they need to craft a brighter, healthier future for themselves and their children.

Select gifts today that will delight your loved ones and share God's love with global neighbors.

[Give gifts of Comfort and Joy.](#)

Thank you MCN for your generous gifts of \$3,500.00 to MCC to date for our Alternative Gifts Fair! Can we get to \$5,000?

Pastoral Team Search Committee

We have satisfied the requirements of the Central District Conference and the pastoral openings are now posted on the MC USA website: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/who-are-mennonites/employment/pastor-openings/#CDC>. The committee does not contact interested pastors. Doug Luginbill makes the contacts. However, if you have the name of a possible pastor, please send it to marcirossi@aol.com who will send it to Doug. If you are speaking to friends and relatives about our vacancy, please share this link.

Holiday Christmas Concert

Glenn Wilson's Further Jazz Holiday Concert will be Tuesday Dec 7th at 7pm at the Normal Theater. The concert is free and open to all.

The Giving Tree Project

Thanks so much for your participation in the Giving Tree project on Sunday. Especially since I understand that my presentation was muffled (sorry...I had an extra filter in my mask and didn't realize how it impeded my speech.). A summary of what I said was:

Our Giving Tree has some similarities to a "Mitten Tree," in that we have construction paper symbols on the tree, with words. The Commission's—Outreach, Administration, Worship, Discipleship, Community Life -have noticed some needs that they do not have the resources for. Those needs are what is written on the construction paper symbols—a different symbol for each Commission.

You are invited to look over the wish list there on the tree on the right. If you see one that you feel called to, sign your name and put it on the tree on the left. There will be new wishes each week of Advent. For those of you listening online, all the wishes will be included in the Midweek But...what if you don't feel called to anything that is being requested by the Commissions? What if you have another idea of what you would like to give as a present of service in the name of Jesus? What if it isn't even focused on something for the Mennonite Church of Normal? That is where these blue triangles come in. If you know right now what you would like to give Jesus for Christmas, write it on a blue triangle, sign your name and place it on the tree on the left. If you want to pray about it, take the blue triangle home, write down your gift, and bring it back next Sunday. The trees will be up ready for your gifts all during Advent.

Advent is a time of preparation. Let's get gifts ready for Jesus.

Here are the "needs" that were placed on the tree on Sunday" : Library Assistant, Scripture Readers, Worship Leaders.

Lynn Reha for Spiritual Gifts Discernment Team

A Word from the Office

Looking ahead: Bulletin Deadline for Christmas Eve and December 26 will be Tuesday December 21 at Noon!

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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