

THE MIDWEEK



WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY 9:30 A.M.

This Sunday, we are dared to imagine joining in God's dance of love and light. Dancing is enjoyable when we know the steps and patterns of the dance, but confounding when we don't. What cues enable us to participate in God's dance with confidence?

Lynette Miller will be preaching the sermon, *Learning to Dance*, referencing scriptures Ephesians 1:3-14, and Philippians 4:8-9.

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

Those who are serving January 2:
South Greeters: Connie & Rick Satchwell
West Greeter: Mary Dyck
Ushers: Jaron and Randy Zehr
Welcome Table: David Voegtlin
Worship Leader: Marge Weaver
Children's Story: Darrel Miller
Scripture Reader: Phil Dick
Song Leader: Barry Weaver

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:

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, December 29

9:30 am Men's Book Group

Thursday, December 30

6:30 am Next Man Bible Study

2:00 pm Women's Book Group

Friday, December 31

Office Closed

Monday, January 3

7:30 pm Vision Team (Zoom)

Tuesday, January 4

7:00 pm Interim Pastoral Team (Zoom)

Wednesday, January 5

9:30 am Men's Book Group

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](#).

A Word from the Office

Children and Youth Christian Education classes will not meet December 26th or January 2nd. Classes will resume on January 9th.

A key was found over the weekend.
Contact the office to claim.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

CELEBRATING LIFE'S MOMENTS AT MCN

The Student Mutual Aid Program

The Student Mutual Aid Program would greatly appreciate if donations could be contributed by the end of the year. We will be making our payments for winter/spring sessions this week. Questions can be directed to Darvis King (SMAP chair), or any member of the SMAP committee. Thank you again for your continued support!

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

The REALLY Alternative Gifts Fair

Thank you MCN for your generous gifts of \$5,603.00 to MCC for our Alternative Gifts Fair!

Vision Team Update

The Vision Team met on Wednesday, December 22. Following the meeting, Vision Team has the following items to share with the congregation:

1. 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. Vision Team also began plans for the annual congregational meeting that will be held on January 23rd.
2. Vision Team has drafted a proposal that further defines the type and frequency of evaluations that will be performed for the long-term Pastoral Team. This proposal also provides more details regarding terms for the long-term pastors. We welcome input from the congregation before the proposal is finalized and adopted. Follow this link: [Pastoral Team Evaluation and Terms Proposal](#). Please share your comments with Barry Weaver, Vision Team Chair.
3. Find Vision Team meeting minutes and resource documents in the [Vision Team folder on Google Drive](#)

Giving Tree Update

Thanks so much for your participation in the Giving Tree project. A number of the "wishes/areas of need" placed by the Commissions have found volunteers and been moved to the "fulfilled" tree. Also, there are quite a few blue triangle ornaments indicating a volunteer has been inspired by a mission not on the areas of need list. Please read the requests below and pray. Is God calling you to volunteer?

On Sunday, January 9, we will focus on service. The "ornaments" will be presented with prayer and a litany of dedication.

Areas of Need

Discipling Commission

1. Teacher for Junior High Sunday School
2. Teacher for High School Sunday School
3. MYF Leaders
4. Adult CE teacher

Outreach Commission

1. Reading & scanning magazines for pertinent outreach issues
2. Placing porch bags for visitors
3. Helping at Midwest Food Bank

Community Life Commission

1. Volunteers to be a part of a Caring Team as specific needs arise
2. Volunteer to pray for individuals, couples, and/or families with special needs
3. Volunteers to serve on the Fellowship Committee
4. Volunteer for the new position Kitchen Coordinator
5. Volunteer for the new position Events Coordinator
6. Become a part of a small group as they are formed

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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