

# THE MIDWEEK



## WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY 9:30 A.M.

Holly Zehr will be preaching the sermon, *The Purpose of the Parables* referencing scriptures Matthew 13:10-16 and Mark 4:33-34.

We are switching Worship platforms this week. There will be no services in the building. Please join us on Zoom Sunday at 9:30am with this [link](#). The bulletin is posted under the worship tab of our website.

### Those who are serving January 16

**Worship Leader:** Ben Roeschley

**Children's Story:** Shelly King

### *Important Dates:*

**This Sunday:  
Please Join us for  
worship via Zoom**

**After Worship:  
Stay on the  
Zoom link to join  
Adult Christian  
Education Class,  
Salt and Light**



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# 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)

## Thursday, January 13

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

## Monday, January 17

Office Closed

## Wednesday, January 19

9:30 am Men's Book Group  
7:00 pm Interim Pastoral Team (Zoom)  
7:30pm Vision Team (Zoom)

# 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](#).

Please click [here](#) for past meeting and other recordings.

## Interim Pastoral Team Update

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As we transition from Advent to Ordinary time, our worship will be focusing on a few parables of The Kingdom. Starting this Sunday with The Purpose of Parables.

# Worship Zoom Link

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MCN Office is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.  
Join Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID: 859 6087 2125  
Passcode: 546265  
One tap mobile  
+13126266799,,85960872125#,,,,\*546265# US (Chicago)  
Dial by your location  
+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

# Birthdays & Anniversaries

CELEBRATING LIFE'S MOMENTS AT MCN

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# Prayer Requests and Announcements

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Sharing of Joys and Concerns will return to open mic sharing during the services. Please continue to send announcements to Lynette Miller at [lynette.miller.k@gmail.com](mailto:lynette.miller.k@gmail.com) so that these can be shared by the worship leader during the Community Life portion of the service. When sharing, it's helpful if your requests are succinct. This is true whether we are on Zoom or livestreaming on YouTube.

## Sharing Joys & Concerns

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MCN IS ASKED TO BE IN CONTINUED PRAYER FOR FOR THE CARDIOVASCULAR CARE UNIT OF CARLE BROMENN MEDICAL CENTER—OUR PARTNER IN HEALING FOR 2022

Healing prayers for those that have been exposed or have contracted COVID.

## Graveside Service for Robert Patton

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There will be a graveside service for Robert Patton Sunday, January 16th at noon at the Kauffman Cemetery in Hudson, IL.

## Midwest Food Bank Volunteer Opportunity

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Please join us for a fun evening of service with your church family at Midwest Food Bank 5-7pm on Thursday, January 20, 2022. Anyone 5 yrs and older is welcome! Masks will be required. Please sign up [here](#).

# Congregational Annual Meeting

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The Congregational Annual Meeting will be held on January 23rd at 1:30pm via Zoom. A tentative agenda can be viewed [here](#). Members that attend the Zoom meeting will be able to vote on whether to accept the proposed 2022 Spending Plan.

A copy of the Annual Report and the Zoom meeting link will be shared in advanced.

## Meals for Melika and Ross

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Melika Hershberger has completed her first semester of her studies at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary (AMBS). She will continue her first year of study January-May 2022. Would you like to be supportive by fixing a freezer meal for them? If so, please sign up [here](#). When the meal is ready, place clearly marked "For Hershbergers" non-returnable containers in the church freezer. Ross will collect to take with him to Indiana. Please text Ross (309-660-0710) when you have left something in the church freezer for them. Many thanks!

## Thank you from Camp Friedenswald

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Thank you for your continued support of Camp Friedenswald through your offerings of financial support. Your gifts are received with gratitude and thanksgiving! We will miss hosting your annual winter retreat again this year, but hope that it will be possible in 2023! Your continued prayerful support is valued as we prepare for our summer camping season and beyond. ~ Jenna Liechty Martin, Executive Director

## Young Adult Peacebuilders Training

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MCC U.S. is hosting a Young Adult Peacebuilders Training in Colorado from March 6-11, 2022! Young adults ages 18-30 are invited to participate in a rich, week-long experience that will provide opportunities to build new relationships, visit organizations doing powerful work in and around Colorado Springs, and apply Anabaptist, Biblical foundations of peace and justice to real world issues. Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp will serve as a home base for participants, offering a beautiful and relaxing space to rest, study and have fun together as a group.

This Peacebuilders Training will touch on themes of racial equity, immigration, mass incarceration, gun violence and conflict transformation. It will include trips to visit RAWtools, an organization working out of Colorado Springs to move communities away from violence, as well as Casa de Paz, an organization working out of Aurora to reunite separated families. Group time together to reflect on these and other learning experiences during the Peacebuilders

The participant fee is \$200. All other costs (including travel, lodging and meals) will be covered by MCC. Please encourage the young adults in your community to consider this opportunity. Register [here](#).

# 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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