

# THE MIDWEEK



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

Whatever gift we offer to God, no matter how large or small, glamorous or banal, is an act of worship.

Holly Zehr will be preaching the sermon, *Offering Our Gifts* referencing scriptures Romans 12:1-8 and Matthew 2:11.

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

**Those who are serving January 9:**  
**South Greeters:** Mike and Stephanie Company  
**West Greeter:** Nancy Fisher  
**Ushers:** Cal and Vivian Hubbard  
**Welcome Table:** Mary Jantze  
**Worship Leader:** Lynn Reba  
**Children's Story:** Nancy Fisher  
**Scripture Reader:** Addie and Jaron Zehr  
**Song Leader:** Cindy Ropp

## Important Dates:

### This Sunday:

### After Worship:

Children and Youth  
Christian Education  
Classes

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)

## **Thursday, January 6**

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

## **Sunday, January 9**

4:00 pm Alphonse Kimbembe Memorial Service

## **Monday, January 10**

1:30 pm Community Life Commission

## **Tuesday, January 11**

7:00 pm Interim Pastoral Team (Zoom)

## **Wednesday, January 12**

9:30 am Men's Book Group

# *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](#).

## *Pastoral Team Search Committee Update*

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We continue to prepare and refine interview questions, hopeful that by the end of January, Doug Luginbill, CDC minister, will send applications for our review. All applicants go through him first.

## *Birthdays & Anniversaries*

CELEBRATING LIFE'S MOMENTS AT MCN

## *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](#).

# 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

## 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

## Thank You!

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During the last three months I felt the support of the congregation in many ways as I cared for my mom. People brought meals, built a ramp, sat with mom, called to check on me, offered to run errands, moved mom's chair to my house, sang for mom, brought communion, loaded a truck, helped me clean out her apartment, and prayed for us. Your support was visible and felt. I felt loved and supported. Thank you! Mary and Claire Dyck

Thank you to all who send me sympathy cards with the loss of my sister. I appreciated that very much. Roelie Homan

Thank you MCN for your generous gifts of \$6541.00 to MCC for our Alternative Gifts Fair!

## Alphonse Kimbembe Memorial Service

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Tania Kimbembe and Emmanuel Kasongo lost their Father, Alphonse Kimbembe in the Republic of the Congo on December 24th after a two year battle with brain cancer.

The Mennonite Church of Normal is invited to celebrate his life with the Kimbembe-Kasongo family this Sunday, January 9th at 4:00 pm at MCN. There will be a private family gathering after the service.

Memorials can be made to the Mennonite Church of Normal whom is collecting funds which will go to the Kimbembe-Kasongo family to help cover funeral expenses in the Congo for their family. Please write Kimbembe Memorial in the check memo.

# Vision Team Update

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The Vision Team met on Monday, January 3. Following the meeting, Vision Team has the following items to share with the congregation:

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

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](#).

It will remain in draft status for the remainder of this week and next week. 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](#).

## 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!

## 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 Training will provide young adults with tools to implement their own dreams for peace and justice projects in their local communities.

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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