

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 sharing the homily, 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 February 20:
South Greeters: The Andy Reeser Family
West Greeter: Lauren Satchwell
Ushers: Jon and Janelle Friesen
Worship Leader: Lynn Reba
Children's Story: Gail Fisher
Scripture Reader: Shelly King
Song Leader: Barry Weaver
Accompanist: Dorothy Loepp

Important Dates:

This Sunday:
Please Join us for
worship in-person or
live stream on
YouTube!

After Worship:
Adult Christian
Education Class
Salt and Light



Please click [here](#) for instructions for joining MCN's livestream.
The bulletins get posted under the Worship tab of our [website](#).

This Week at MCN

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

Wednesday, February 16

6:00 pm Pastoral Team Search Committee (Zoom)

7:00 pm Discipling Commission (Zoom)

7:30 pm Vision Team (Zoom)

Thursday, February 17

6:30 am Next Man Bible Study (Zoom)

2:00 pm Women's Book Group (Zoom)

5:00 pm Peace and Justice Committee (Zoom)

6:00 pm Administration Commission (Zoom)

Saturday, February 19

10:00 am Informal Visitation Hour

11:00 am Terry Wiebenga Memorial Service

Monday, February 21

1:30 pm Community Life Commission (Zoom)

Tuesday, February 22

7:00 pm Interim Pastoral Team (Zoom)

Wednesday, February 23

9:30 pm Wednesday Morning Book Group

Interim Pastoral Team Update

Beginning next Sunday, February 27, we will be holding a series of listening conversations in small groups during the Sunday School hour. This will be a time for us to reacquaint and reconnect after what feels like a long time of estrangement as a congregation. Some of the questions will be lighthearted while others will help us know how to support one another in spiritual growth. You're invited to submit questions that would support these goals and that you would like to discuss. Send your ideas for questions to Holly Zehr at hmzehr@hotmail.com.

Copies Available

There are three copies of the Winter Bible Study Salt and Light on the bench at the entrance of the church in a plastic container for those who still need one.



Birthdays & Anniversaries

CELEBRATING LIFE'S MOMENTS AT MCN



Membership Class Coming Soon!

As we move through the process of calling a new pastor, a congregational vote will eventually be taken on the selected candidate. As a reminder, the constitution of MCN states that voting is a duty reserved for members of the congregation only. For those who have interest in becoming a member of MCN, either by baptism or transfer, please contact a member of the Interim Pastoral Team. We anticipate planning a series of membership classes to be offered in the coming months.

Prayer Requests and Announcements

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 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 in person or livestreaming on YouTube.

Sharing Joys & Concerns

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

Mini Bazaar at the Mennonite Church of Normal

The mini bazaar is open in the fellowship area at MCN until February 28. Some of the items available are crochet items, kitchen items, fun baskets, items donated by Lois Jett, kids games, and other handmade items. More is added all the time! The church is open weekdays from 3-6pm or you can contact Gerry Schrock at 309-678-9541 to arrange another time that she could let you in the church. Donations will be accepted and proceeds will go to Mennonite Central Committee (MCC). Questions can be directed to Gerry Schrock or Louise Reeser.

Vision Team Update

The Vision Team met on Wednesday, February 2. During the meeting, Vision Team:

- discussed quarterly self-evaluation feedback from the Interim Pastoral Team (IPT).
- received an update from the Pastoral Team Search Committee (PTSC) following its meeting with Doug Luginbill, Central District Conference Minister.
- received an update from the Spiritual Gifts Discernment Team (SGDT) and discussed potential names to fill the vacant role of SGDT Chair.

Find Vision Team meeting minutes and resource documents in the [Vision Team folder on Google Drive](#).

Worship Commission Update

Worship Commission Notes- Hybrid Worship Fine Tuning

Our commission met last Saturday for an extensive discussion with Administration Commission about how best to engage in Hybrid Worship. We evaluated the pros & cons of Zoom vs YouTube for our streaming service, recognizing strengths and weaknesses of each. We decided to proceed with YouTube live stream for now, but hopefully move later in the year to streaming both via Zoom & YouTube. Meanwhile, we will develop ways to make YouTube more intimate & participatory with a host engaging online worshipers in the Chat. If you would like to be a live stream host, please contact Joe Culpepper for details! We also discussed new carpet for the chancel/platform, clarified the importance of Copyright & how we can make sure to recognize & value the art of others, & finalized plans for Lent. Your Worship[Commission & those who plan & participate in leading worship are faithfully at work. Thanks to all!

Summer Housing Sought

Laura Brenneman-Fullwood will finish her work at BroMenn at the end of the summer. However, her rental lease on her house ends at the end of May. She will be going to Chicago most weekends, but is in search of housing for the summer. If you have a space available, please reach out to Laura brennemanl@gmail.com. Thanks!

Black History in the Mennonite Church

MCUSA invites you to join them in celebrating Black History Month. Visit their [African American Mennonite History Timeline](#) and discover the people and events that have helped shape our denomination. Special thanks to the [MC USA Archives](#) and other contributors who created this timeline.

Mennonite Central Committee Impact 2022

Impact 2022: Do you care about helping Mennonite Central Committee make an impact in the U.S. and around the world? If so, we want to listen to you. Your input can help fulfill MCC's desire to find the best ways of responding to basic human needs and working for peace and justice. Share your ideas in this short survey: surveymonkey.com/r/MCCImpact2022-Media. Thank you for caring.

IL Mennonite Relief Sale News

The 64th Annual Illinois Mennonite Relief Sale will be held as an online auction March 12-19, 2022. The 2022 sale theme is "People helping people worldwide in the name of Christ." The Sale Board is seeking individual donations for the online auction, valued at \$50 and up to be collected at MCN by mid February. We are also asking for quilts for the online auction. Thank you for your past assistance and your continued support! Questions contact Louise Reeser or Ben Roeschley.

MUSA Special Delegate Assembly

The Assembly of Delegates of Mennonite Church USA (MC USA) will be meeting May 27-30, 2022 in Kansas City. Four resolutions will be considered. Full resolution statements are found [here](#).

1) Clarification on Mennonite Church USA Polity and the Role of the Membership Guidelines of Mennonite Church USA

Pastoral accountability is a function of the area conference which holds the credential. It is not the responsibility of the Executive Board. Pastors, congregations, and area conferences discern the appropriateness of performing same-sex marriages in their contexts. Congregations are accountable to area conferences. Conferences have broad latitude in determining membership and credentialing. The original Membership Guidelines for the formation of Mennonite Church USA states that disputes related to section III be resolved by area conferences, not the Executive Board. In that spirit, we commit to the difficult work of being church together amidst our differences working at Biblical justice and reconciliation where there is conflict. **Resolution:** *Therefore, we retire the Membership Guidelines as the active polity in Mennonite Church USA.*

2) Mennonite Church USA Accessibility Resolution

Resolution: As members of MC USA, we commit to growing as communities of grace, joy and peace without barriers so that God's healing and hope flow through all of us to the world regardless of ability. This resolution affirms that people with disabilities are included within priorities expressed in MC USA Journey Forward.....At all levels of the church, we commit to calling out and employing the leadership gifts of people with disabilities.

3) MC USA for Justice Resolution

This is a study resolution – it will not be voted on at this meeting.

4) A Resolution for Repentance and Transformation

MC USA delegates will determine if this resolution will be discussed and voted on at the Special Session of the Delegate Assembly.

MC USA Staff will ensure the Special Session of the Delegate Assembly is structured to:

- 1) allow time for worship;
- 2) focus on our vision and purpose and the Renewed Commitments;
- 3) build community within which discernment can happen
- 4) and provide a setting in which we are open to the movement of the Holy Spirit

MCN is looking for persons interested in serving as delegates for this Assembly. We are entitled to one Young Adult delegate (aged 16-21) and several Adult delegates. MCN will be covering the cost of registration, travel, and hotel.

A significant amount of preparation time will be required. There are several webinars and much documentation to work through prior to the conference.

Please prayerfully discern whether you are being called to represent our congregation as a delegate. Submit your information for consideration to church@normalmennonite.org by Wednesday, February 23. Registration and reservations need to be secured promptly.

Thank you,
Administration Commission

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.

Church Office; church@normalmennonite.org or 309.452.6622

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Holly Zehr: Interim Pastor for Worship & Spiritual Gift Discernment Team;

hmzehr@hotmail.com 309-846-0860

Ron Ropp: Pastor for Pastoral Care; 309- 452- 8534

Bryan Oyer: Custodian; 309-826-0199

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](#).

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

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