

# THE MIDWEEK



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

Certainty helps us feel stable and secure. Even the event of death has a indisputable certainty. But the resurrection of Jesus throws us into a space that requires openness. How do we prepare ourselves to be open to God's ways?

Lynette Miller will be preaching the sermon,  
*For Certain Sure*, using scripture John 20:1-18.

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

### Those who are serving April 17:

- South Greeters:** Lotus and Judy Hershberger
- West Greeter:** Mary Dyck
- Welcome Table:** Gail Fisher
- Ushers:** The Hoffman Family
- Worship Leader:** Marge Weaver
- Sharing Prayer Leader:** Holly Zehr
- Children's Story:** Emma, Jordan, and Shelly King
- Scripture Reader:** Janet Wilson and Jaron Zehr
- Song Leader:** Cindy Ropp
- Accompanist:** Dorothy Loepp
- Guitarist:** Randy Zehr
- Preschool Nursery:** Emma King

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

## Important Dates:

### This Sunday:

Please Join us for  
worship in-person or  
live stream on YouTube  
at 9:30am!

Easter Continental  
Breakfast  
8:30am

There is no Christian  
Education after worship  
this Sunday.



# 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)

## Wednesday, April 13

- 7:00 pm Discipling Commission (Zoom)
- 7:00 pm Pastoral Team Search Committee (Zoom)

## Thursday, April 14

- 6:30 am Next Man Bible Study (Zoom)
- 2:00 pm Women's Book Group (Zoom)
- 6:00 pm Congregational Care Committee (Zoom)
- 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service

## Saturday, April 16

- 4:00 pm Bertsche Memorial Service  
Private family dinner to follow

## Sunday, April 17

- 8:30 am Easter Continental Breakfast

## Monday, April 18

- 1:30 pm Community Life Commission
- 7:30 pm Vision Team (Zoom)

## Tuesday, April 19

- 7:00 pm Interim Pastoral Team (Zoom)
- 7:00 pm Mama Bears (Zoom)

## Wednesday, April 20

- 9:30 am Wed Morn Book Group (Zoom)

## Looking Ahead:

Midwest Food Bank Tues, April 26 from 5-7pm

# Maundy Thursday

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**Service of the Lord's Supper and Tenebrae**  
April 14, 2022 at 7:00pm.

The name Maundy Thursday comes from the Latin mandatum meaning commandment. Jesus taught at the Last Supper: "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you ..." John 13:34

Tenebrae is Latin meaning shadows. Candles are extinguished to represent the growing darkness as events unfold in Jesus' approach to the cross.

Tenebrae services date from the 4th century. Please join us as for this special service.

*Birthdays* 

CELEBRATING LIFE'S MOMENTS AT MCN

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# Easter Continental Breakfast

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Easter Sunday, April 17 from 8:30 - 9:15 am

Sponsored by Community Life Commission and Fellowship Committee

The congregation is invited to share an Easter Continental Breakfast (coffee, tea, juice, and a cinnamon roll). Gerry Schrock and Kathy Miller are baking and donating the fresh baked rolls. The money to purchase the rolls is from the Community Life Commission budget and is being donated to the Illinois Mennonite Relief Sale.



## *Presenting our Offerings*

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The offering plates will continue to be available in the back of the worship space before the service. Please place your offerings in the plate as you enter church; one will now be taken forward during the Hymn of Community and affirmed in the Stewardship Affirmation. If you forget, no problem: one of the plates will remain in back to receive any further offerings. Since so many have switched to online or postal giving, this seems an appropriate update to the older tradition of passing the plate while still acknowledging your generosity with thankfulness.

## *The Prayer that Jesus Taught*

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Throughout Lent, we have been praying the prayer that Jesus taught in Matthew 6:9-13 and Luke 11:2-4, commonly known as “The Lord’s Prayer” or the “Our Father.” This prayer has been used in Christian worship since ancient times and is the one prayer that is shared across all Christian traditions. It is considered by many to be the perfect lesson in how to pray. As Jesus said, “Your Father knows what you need before you ask him. Pray then in this way.” Thousands of writers have written commentaries on this core prayer and you could probably spend your life mining its depths.

Voices Together provides six versions of the prayer at #989, including three in English. Starting April 24, one version of the prayer in English plus the French version will be projected on Sunday mornings. It may vary from week to week, as decided by the worship planner. If the version on the screen is unfamiliar, use this as an opportunity to reflect on the different emphases in the translation. May praying using Jesus’ words be an enriching experience for all of us.

## *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 in person 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



# Worship Commission Notes - Some tweaks after Easter!

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We reviewed plans for Holy Week & finalized Maundy Thursday details; planned better ways to communicate with those who have parts leading worship so all know what to expect & who has each role each Sunday; & discussed several upcoming special worship components (music, dedications, presentations).

- We encourage Worship Leaders & Preachers to use the Worship Spreadsheet to see themes, scriptures, preachers, & other details for each Sunday (check with the church office if you do not have access to this Google Drive document).
- There will be some minor changes in our regular Order of Worship after Easter, including position of the Lord's Prayer, Community Hymn, & bringing offerings forward from the back. Offerings need to be placed in plates before worship if possible. We value your comments & suggestions as we offer worship together!

## Church Library Updates

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We are now taking responsibility for our church library. We want to thank Lynette Miller and others for all that they have done to maintain and improve this resource in recent years!

One way that MCN has grown the library is through contributions of books. Please contact one of us if you are considering making a donation. Thank you!

We have noticed that quite a few borrowed books have not made their way back to the library. Please check your shelves to see if you might have any of those! We will send out reminders to people in the next couple of weeks.

## Pastoral Team Search Committee Update

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Most of you are probably wondering about the search for a pastoral team. Currently there are no pastoral candidates. Not one. Now you are asking what happened! The search process is confidential; we are not at liberty to share details.

"Where have all the pastors gone?" That's the title of a recent Hesston College weekend conference attended by Lauren Satchwell and Lynette Miller. Lauren will debrief the Pastoral Team Search Committee this week. Next week, in this space, you will learn about that debriefing.

In the meantime, the search committee will employ two reliable companions, patience and prayer!

## Free Jazz Event with Glenn Wilson

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Glenn Wilson invites you to a FREE jazz event. Wednesday April 13, the IWU Jazz Ensemble will present our Spring Concert at Presser Hall-Westbrook Auditorium on the IWU campus. This will be my last concert as I am retiring from IWU. This event will feature NYC guitarist Rory Stuart as a special guest.

# 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 Tuesday, April 26, 2022. Anyone 5 yrs and older is welcome! Please sign up [here](#). You are invited to stick around and play basketball from 7-8pm using Midwest's basketball court! We hope you can join!

## Free Showing of Janet Wilson's Staged Reading

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You are invited to a FREE Staged Reading of Dear Mr. C by Thai playwright and Winner of the 2022 Diverse Voices Playwriting Initiative Tidtaya Sinutoke. The staged reading is Friday, April 22 at 7:30 p.m. in the Center for the Visual Arts (CVA) 110 on the campus of Illinois State University. This is a memory play with music "about love, family, grief, immigration, and cancer" and is directed by Janet Wilson. Click [here](#) for more information.

## Camp Menno Haven Update

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Join us Saturday, April 23 from 8-4 for Menno Haven's Spring Work Day! Come volunteer, meet others that love camp and enjoy a meal. For more information, go to [mennohaven.com/work-day](http://mennohaven.com/work-day) where you can also sign up to attend. We'd love to see you here!

Find your people at Menno Haven's Women's Retreat May 13-14. Come by yourself, bring a friend or a whole group of friends and get away from everyday life for an overnight retreat alongside other women who want to find connection with the Word and with other women. Check out [mennohaven.com/womensretreat](http://mennohaven.com/womensretreat) for more information.

## A Call to Prayer and Fasting for MCUSA's Special Session

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A Call to Prayer and Fasting Just as Paul prayed for the churches of his time, let us also pray for ours. Join Mennonite Church USA on May 2 at 7 p.m. ET/4 P.M. PT on Zoom for a webinar on ways that we can support the Special Session of the Delegate Assembly and our participating church leaders through individual and communal prayer and fasting. Register [here](#).

## Voices Together Worship Leaders' Workshop

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Voices Together Worship Leaders' Workshop | May 14, 9 a.m.-noon (on Zoom) | sponsored by Benton Mennonite Church

Anneli Loepp Thiessen and Katie Graber will provide background on worship resources in Voices Together, and the Voices Together Worship Leaders' ed., highlighting uses in worship as well as the styles, cultures, and eras they represent. They will discuss tools for understanding your community's worship culture in order to make intentional, theologically grounded, and spiritually inspired choices about worship practices that respond to your local contexts and dismantle oppression in your communities. No cost required. Click [here](#) for more information or to register.

# 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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## 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.

## Directory

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