

# THE MIDWEEK



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

God, who is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, is at work restoring people and restoring the Earth. God invites us, as followers of Jesus, to join in God's restorative work for people and planet.

Karla Stoltzfus Detweiler will be preaching the sermon, *Do not fear, O soil!* using scriptures Joel 1:1-4, 10-12, 2:12-13, 21-26(a).

Karla serves as Executive Director of Hungry World Farm. She loves engaging her whole mind, body, and spirit in tending communities of soil microbes, chickens, gardens, and people! One of her favorite things on the farm is compost. "Compost convinces me that GRACE is inevitable. Grace guides the whole of creation, from emergence to blossoming to decay, to emergence and growth again." Karla has undergraduate degrees in agriculture and biology from Eastern Mennonite University and a Masters of Divinity from Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary. As an ordained minister in Mennonite Church USA, she served twelve years in congregational ministry prior to coming to Hungry World Farm in June 2020. She has also worked as a seasonal farmhand on five different farms, raised and sold cut flowers at farmer's markets, and served as a Community Garden Coordinator. She is thrilled to offer her gifts to the ministry of Hungry World Farm!

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

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!

**After Worship:**  
**Adult CE Options:**  
Peaceful Practices  
Everything Happens  
for a Reason  
Salt & Light Bible Study  
Children & Youth CE



# 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 27

**7:00 pm** Pastoral Team Search Committee (Zoom)

## Thursday, April 28

**6:30 am** Next Man Bible Study (Zoom)

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

**6:30 pm** Administration Commission (Zoom)

## Monday, May 2

**6:30 pm** Worship Commission (Zoom)

## Tuesday, May 3

**7:00 pm** Fellowship Commission (Zoom)

**7:00 pm** Interim Pastoral Team (Zoom)

## Wednesday, May 4

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

**7:00 pm** Pastoral Team Search Committee (Zoom)

## Upcoming Preachers:

**May 8:** Ron Ropp

**May 15:** Steve Thomas

**May 22:** Jim Bortell

# Those serving April 24

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**South Greeters:** Rick and Connie Satchwell

**West Greeter:** Mark Roeschley

**Welcome Table:** Gail Fisher

**Ushers:** Steve and Deb Stenger

**Worship Leader:** Meredith Schroeer

**Sharing Prayer Leader:** Ron Ropp

**Children's Story:**

**Scripture Reader:**

**Song Leader:** Barry Weaver

**Accompanist:** Dorothy Loepf

**Tech:** Jaron Zehr and Rick Harnish

**Preschool Nursery:** David Harnish

**Gather Round:** Spring Neely

Please click [here](#) for the updated 2022 Nursery Schedule.



# *Prayer Requests and Announcements*

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Sharing of Joys and Concerns will be shared via the open microphone during the services. If you would like something shared on your behalf, please contact Lynette Miller ahead of Sunday morning. 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 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

## *From the Discipling Commission*

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A number of MCN young adults will be graduating this spring and beginning new jobs throughout the U.S. Please read the updates below and keep them in your prayers. Congratulations to this years' graduates!

# Pastoral Team Search Committee

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Have the kids been left out of the pastoral search process? Yes! We adults labored for months and months with Gary outlining a new structure and direction for our church. The PTSC labored for months completing the Congregational Information Form (copy in library). There was not even one question that asked what the children of the church had to say.

If the new "front door" of our church is what people see when they look up MCN online, then let's look to those who are most comfortable with technology and navigating online to help build our new front door. That's going to be a young person. Luckily, in our midst we have many capable and creative young people. One in particular, Andreas Unzicker, has a drone and video experience, and a willingness to lead the chorus of voices age 21 and under as they help build a portion of our new front door. The project is currently in the design and development phase. What can we adults do? Step back and trust!

Finally, from someone not young, but with a youthful attitude of gratitude commenting about the pastoral vacancy, "We are lucky, we have had really good sermons!" Amen!

## Administration Commission

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**Save the date!** The Central District Conference (CDC) annual meeting will be June 23 to 25 in Goshen, Indiana, at Goshen College, College Mennonite Church. The theme of Tending Transformation will be the focus for the discussions. Administration Commission is looking for volunteers to be our delegates. Please let Lauren Satchwell know if you're interested in representing MCN.

**Work Orders!** Building issues from set up to maintenance will be tracked beginning immediately. There are printed forms in the office to write any requests in lieu of telling someone on Administration Commission. We hope to have a form available online on the church website soon. So, if you forget to complete it at the church, you can do it at home. This change in process will help AC monitor ongoing building needs. Thanks for your help in changing the process!

## Vision Team Update

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The Vision Team met on Monday, April 18. 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 and discussed where support is needed.
2. Vision Team met individually with IPT members and discussed high-level feedback received from the IPT.
3. Vision Team discussed its plan and timeline to facilitate reception of feedback from the congregation. More details to come soon.
4. Find Vision Team meeting minutes and resource documents in the [Vision Team folder on Google Drive](#).

# Mennonites Against Militarism

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Mennonites Against Militarism – a collaboration of Mennonite Central Committee, U.S. (MCC) and Mennonite Church USA (MC USA) – is seeking to launch an initiative to counter military recruitment of U.S. youth. The news release is linked [here](#).

## Sign Up Now for the MDS Family Program

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Enjoy a week at Camp Amigo while also volunteering with Mennonite Disaster Service. This July, MDS offers the Family Program, a 4 or 5 day summertime experience for the whole family. During your stay for the Family Program, your family will enjoy the beauty, and serenity of the Amigo Centre and participate in age-appropriate maintenance and building projects on the property in response to a storm that hit in August 2021. Click [here](#) to learn more.

## CommonRead Conversation with Carlene Hill Byron

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MennoMedia and MC USA | CommonRead Conversation with Carlene Hill Byron, author of "Not Quite Fine: Mental Health, Faith, and Showing Up for One Another" | May 3, 7 p.m. ET | Learn more [here](#).

## It's Time to Switchover to Vanco Mobile!

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It's that time. Time to switchover from GivePlus Mobile to our Vanco Mobile app. GivePlus Mobile will be turned off on April 30th.

You may be wondering, "what steps do I need to take after GivePlus Mobile has been shut off?" The answer is simple, nothing!

Vanco will turn off your church within GivePlus Mobile. This means any funds you had activated within GivePlus Mobile will still be in the Service Center, but will no longer be visible in the app. Additionally, if you search for your church within GivePlus Mobile, you will get the following message, "Unable to load church details. Please try again."

Those who currently donate through GivePlus Mobile have been directed to download the Vanco Mobile app for any future giving, but it would be helpful for you to do the same as well!

Get started with the Vanco Mobile app [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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Ron Ropp: Pastor for Pastoral Care; 309- 452- 8534

## 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.

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