

THE MIDWEEK



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

Since the time of Samuel, God's people sought the control of Kings to symbolize God's rule over them. Jesus tells His disciples that power is now love within and among them.

Ron Ropp will be preaching the sermon, *Power Over, Power With and Power Within*, using scriptures John 14:12-17 & 15:12-17.

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

Those who are serving April 10:

South Greeters: Steve and Deb Stenger

West Greeter: Gail Fisher

Welcome Table: Mary Dyck

Ushers: Cal and Vivian Hubbard

Worship Leader: Leah Roeschley

Sharing Prayer Leader: Lauren Satchwell

Children's Story: Shelly King

Scripture Reader: Janet Wilson

Song Leader: Cindy Ropp

Accompanist: Elsa Raab

Special Music: Randy Zehr

Preschool Nursery: Jane Roeschley

Gather Round: Shelly 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!

After Worship:

Adult CE Options:

Peaceful Practices

Everything Happens for a Reason

Salt & Light Bible Study

Children & Youth CE



**Mennonite
Church
of Normal**

A congregation of
Mennonite Church USA

This Week at MCN

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

Wednesday, April 6

7:00 pm Lydia Hedberg Recital

Thursday, April 7

6:30 am Next Man Bible Study (Zoom)

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

6:30 pm Administration Commission (Zoom)

Saturday, April 9

9:00 am Worship Commission (Zoom)

Tuesday, April 12

7:00 pm Interim Pastoral Team (Zoom)

Wednesday, April 13

9:30 am Wed Morn Book Group (Zoom)

7:00pm Pastoral Team Search Committee (Zoom)

Looking Ahead:

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

Maundy Thursday 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.

Easter Choir

Interested singers - high school age and up - are invited to a choir rehearsal Sunday evening, April 10th at 7:00pm in the sanctuary. We have one song to prepare for Easter Sunday. All are welcome. Please email Cindy Ropp at cropp@ilstu.edu if you are interested.

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

Free Showing of Janet Wilson's Staged Reading

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.

Two Free Jazz Events with Glenn Wilson

Glenn Wilson invites you to two FREE jazz events. Saturday April 9, The Normal Theater will show the jazz film, Let's Get Lost (R-rated content), about trumpeter Chet Baker followed by a jazz concert of some of Baker's repertoire. 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. Both events will feature NYC guitarist Rory Stuart as a special guest.

Vision Team Update

The Vision Team met on Wednesday, March 30. 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 discussed potential names to fill the vacant member role on SGDT.
3. Vision Team discussed ideas to facilitate reception of feedback from the congregation.
4. Find Vision Team meeting minutes and resource documents in the [Vision Team folder on Google Drive](#).

MCC Webinar: Welcoming Refugees

Webinar: Welcoming refugees in your community on Tuesday, April 12, 2-3 p.m. EDT: Join MCC and Church World Service (CWS) to learn more about welcoming refugees in the United States. During the webinar, Charity Stowell, MCC U.S. Newcomer Connections Coordinator, and Ted Blessing, CWS Community Engagement Organizer, will address questions such as: Who are refugees and how do they come to the U.S.? What does the refugee resettlement process look like? Learn about the challenges and opportunities refugees encounter when they settle into their new community, and the ways in which churches can get involved. More information and registration at mcc.org/welcoming-refugees-webinar.

Online Event with Kate Bowler

FREE Online Event with Kate Bowler, author of *Everything Happens for a Reason* and *No Cure for Being Human*

Thursday, April 14, 7:00-8:30 pm CT

In the wake of a sudden stage IV colon cancer diagnosis at the age of 35, Kate Bowler was left asking the question, how do you move forward with a life you didn't choose? Searching for peace with her limitations in a culture that says anything is possible, Kate re-examines the way she was living with unflinching honesty and light-heartedness in her newest book, *No Cure for Being Human*. Learn how she finds hope, courage, and truth – without the insincere positivity that our world can overwhelm us with – and be inspired to discover a new perspective on the human experience. We are as fragile as the day we were born, and we will need each other if we're going to tell the truth: Life is beautiful and terrible, full of hope and despair and everything in between, but there's no cure for being human. Register [here](#).

Mennonite World Conference - Indonesia 2022

Are you ready to sign up for Assembly? If so, please feel free to visit our [registration website](#) for all of the information you need regarding prices, dates and the different options we are providing. At our registration website, you can register for the online event now, and the on-site registration went live on the 8 March 2022. Once you have registered for the online event, you will still have the option to change your participation to on-site. Click [here](#) to see the latest update on Assembly News.

Voices Together Worship Leaders' Workshop

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.

A Call to Prayer and Fasting for MCVSA's Special Session

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](#).

Camp Friedenswald Update

If you're looking for a fun and rewarding adventure this summer, consider applying to join the 2022 Summer Staff at Camp Friedenswald! There are multiple positions available including leadership positions and counseling/rotational staff positions. Working at Camp provides you with plentiful opportunities to work on developing your own leadership skills while simultaneously helping to mentor youth campers.

More information regarding the job descriptions, qualifications, benefits & pay, dates of summer employment, and our statement of inclusion can be found on our [website](#).

Camp Menno Haven Update

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 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 for more information.

Opening on Aug 26 – Sept 12 Celtic Pilgrimage

There is an opening for 1 Couple or 2 Persons for the Celtic Pilgrimage Aug 26 – Sept 12. If you're longing to travel to ancient Celtic sites of prayer and pilgrimage, join us as we travel to Iona, Lindisfarne, Downpatrick, Glendalough and Dublin. Space for 1 couple (or 2 persons sharing a room) has unexpectedly opened up. Vaccination/boosted required. Contact Jane Roeschley (janemark76@gmail.com) for more details.

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.

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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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