

THE MIDWEEK



WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY 9:30 A.M.

In what ways do our notions of scarcity—of time, energy, talents, resources—prevent us from experiencing God's way of abundance? How might a better understanding of God's abundance transform and empower us?

Holly Zehr will be preaching the sermon, *Poured Out for You*, using scriptures John 12:1-8; Psalm 126.

We will celebrate Communion in worship this Sunday. In preparation, we are all encouraged to engage in self-examination- of both our relationships with God, and with others. We also receive specially designated gifts for our Mutual Aid Fund on Communion Sundays, as a means of assisting others in need through being the Body of Christ. There will be a special basket in the back of the sanctuary for those funds.

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

Those who are serving April 3:

South Greeters: Adam Augspurger and Lauren Satchwell

West Greeter: Kristen Satchwell

Welcome Table: Mary Jantze

Ushers: Randy and Jaron Zehr

Worship Leader: Marge Weaver

Communion Leader: Wayne Hochstetler

Sharing Prayer Leader: Ron Ropp

Children's Story: Shelly King

Scripture Reader: Jaron Zehr

Song Leader: Barry Weaver

Accompanist: Dorothy Loepp

Preschool Nursery: Gabriella Harnish

Gather Round: Carrie Stalter

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



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Mennonite Church USA

This Week at MCN

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

Wednesday, March 30

7:30 pm Vision Team (Zoom)

Thursday, March 31

6:30 am Next Man Bible Study (Zoom)

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

5:30 pm Loss and Grief Support Group

Saturday, April 2

9:30 am Christian Education Committee

Wednesday, April 6

9:30 am Wed Morn Book Group (Zoom)

6:30 pm Lydia Hedberg Recital

7:00 pm Interim Pastoral Team (Zoom)

Looking Ahead:

There will be no Christian Education on Easter Sunday, April 17.

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.

Adult CE Classes

This Sunday, there will be two new options for Adult Christian Education following Worship.

Peaceful Practices, Adult CE Class for April and May facilitated by Phil Dick: This class includes 9 sessions organized by Mennonite Central Committee (MCC). To help people learn to work through divisive issues, MCC U.S. has produced a new curriculum, Peaceful Practices: A Guide to Healthy Communication in Conflict. It invites churchgoers to follow Jesus' call to peacemaking through dialogue with each other. A paper copy of the curriculum is in the MCN library or can be downloaded [here](#). Please have read the first session ahead of Sunday. **This class will meet in the Conference Room.**

Everything Happens for a Reason Adult CE Class for April & May led by Jane Roeschley.

"There's a reason for everything" is sometimes said for reassurance that God must be in control of all that happens. Kate Bowler shares from her life journey about how she's come to see that as the opposite of a faith-filled response. This class will read and discuss her book, Everything Happens for a Reason: And Other Lies I've Loved. We hope this will grow our faith as we wrestle with some of life's most stubborn mysteries – and find they may be a way to more of God. Meeting each Sunday in April and May except Easter. Assignment for April 3: Read the Preface and Chapter 1. **This class will meet in Room 4 by the kitchen.**

The Salt and Light Bible Study Disciples and Stewards led by Darrel Miller will continue through this quarter. **This class meet in the first Pastor's Office**, extra books are on the desk.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

CELEBRATING LIFE'S MOMENTS AT MCN

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

Lydia Hedberg's Cello Recital

Lydia Hedberg will be performing her Senior Recital program in the MCN Sanctuary at 7pm on Wednesday, April 6th as a way to prepare for her graded performance later in the month. Everyone is invited to this free performance!



Lydia Hedberg Cello Recital

Dress Rehearsal of Senior Recital - Free

Mennonite Church of Normal

April 6 at 7:00pm

Bach • Tchaikovsky • Shostakovich

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your support!

Community Life Commission (CLC) March Update

The Community Life Commission has made a decision to have as one of its goals an awareness of Spiritual Direction ministry, both one-on-one provision of Spiritual Direction and Spiritual Direction in groups and will provide encouragement to persons who might benefit from this kind of ministry, when appropriate. This decision was made following a presentation by Lynn Reha on Spiritual Direction. CLC supports the ideas of additional dissemination of information about the purpose and impact of this ministry.

Other CLC agenda were as follows:

- Process for welcoming new church attendees
- Revision of Death Preparation Manual and
- Development of a wellness link on the church website.

Fellowship Committee

- Easter Sunday Continental breakfast 8:30-9:15 for the Congregation. Cinnamon rolls, coffee, and juice are to be served. A special thanks to Gerry Schrock and Kathy Miller for making the rolls and to Mary Ann Watkins for the planning of this event.
- Menno Haven Sunday Service and afternoon of fun, August 14. Mark your calendars.

Congregational Care Committee (CCC)

- Currently working on mutual aid policy.

Racial Reconciliation and the Church

Presented by Dr. Cedric Williams

Hosted by E-Free Church

Sunday, April 3rd, 4:30-6pm.

We are pleased to host a community wide event on the Church's role in racial reconciliation. We invite you to gather with like-minded people from EFC and other local churches to hear engaging topics from Dr. Cedric Williams, as well as share your opinions through a time of guided group discussion.

[Dr. Cedric Williams](#) is CEO of Legacy Consulting and Research Group, which provides leadership training in a broad range of areas including multicultural competence. He has a Ph.D in clinical psychology and is a professor at both Fuller Theological Seminary and West Point Military Academy. He is a native of Bloomington-Normal and a United States Army veteran.

Click [here](#) to listen to a podcast with Dr. Williams and Mark Labberton, president of Fuller Theological Seminary.

This is a free event, but [advance registration](#) is required. A light meal will be provided. Limited free childcare is available; register early at office.admin@efreebn.org. Please register by April 2, 2022

Midwest Food Bank Relief to Ukraine

Midwest Food Bank is partnering with other nonprofit organizations to send Tender Mercies to the people of Ukraine. Convoy of Hope provided transportation for the first shipment of nearly 240,000 servings of Tender Mercies to the countries helping Ukrainian refugees. The cost to Midwest Food Bank to supply Tender Mercies for this effort is \$60,000. MFB is exploring options for providing relief with other nonprofits. Partner with us to support Ukrainians in need, by offering a donation [here](#). Donations fund the production and distribution of Tender Mercies.

Donations by check may be mailed to:

Midwest Food Bank

700 Erie Avenue

Morton, IL 61550

Please write "Tender Mercies" in the memo line.

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](#).

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.

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 Creation Care Network

Here are some upcoming events from MCCN:

- [Creation Care and the Arts](#), Tuesday, April 11, virtual
- [Creation Care Action Days](#), April 9 to 12, Harrisburg, PA
- [Church Land Stewardship Project](#), Tuesday, May 10, virtual
- Mennonite Men, a constituency group of Mennonite Church USA, invites all men to join them for a week-long Oregon Eco-excursion on June 11-19. Explore wild spaces, learn about God's creation and help with newly planted trees along the Zena Forest. For more information and to register (by April 11). [Oregon Eco-excursion: Enjoying and Tending God's Earth](#), June 11 to 19, 2022

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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