

THE MIDWEEK



WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY 9:30 A.M.

This Sunday the sermon, provided by Jim Bortell, takes its cues from the text about our ministries of encouragement in 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11.

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

Those Serving This Week:

South Greeters: King Family

West Greeter: Pam Hodel

Welcome Table: Marge Weaver

Ushers: Mark Roeschley

Worship Leader: Ben Roeschley

Sharing Prayer Leader: Lauren Satchwell

Children's Story: Shelly King

Scripture Reader: Adam Augspurger

Song Leader: Cindy Ropp

Accompanist: Elsa Raab

Tech: Ryan Miller and Caleb Augspurger

Preschool Nursery: Emma and Jordan King

Gather Round: Holly and Randy Zehr

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

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

Thursday, May 19

- 6:30 am** Next Man Bible Study (Zoom)
- 2:00 pm** Women's Book Group (Zoom)
- 6:30 pm** Pastoral Team Search Committee (Zoom)
- 6:30 pm** Congregational Care Committee (Zoom)

Friday, May 20

- 5:00 pm** Visitation for Wilma Dyck

Saturday, May 21

- 8:00 am** Memorial Service for Wilma Dyck

Sunday, May 22

- 10:45 am** Reception for High School Graduates

Monday, May 23

- 1:30 pm** Community Life Commission

Tuesday, May 24

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

Wednesday, May 25

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

Memorial Information

Mary Dyck and family would appreciate your presence as we remember our Mom, Wilma Dyck. Dates and times are:

- Friday, May 20, 4-7 pm - Visitation, Mennonite Church of Normal
- Saturday, May 21, 9 am - Burial, Mennonite (Ropp) Cemetery in rural Carlock
- Saturday May 21, 11 am - Memorial Service, Mennonite Church of Normal. The service will be live streamed on the same link as Sunday services.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

CELEBRATING LIFE'S MOMENTS AT MCN



Birthdays

Anniversaries

Prayer Focus for May

During the month of May, everyone is invited to continue a month of prayer for our Discipling Commission; praying for their work in the formation and discipling processes of our church. This week we will be praying in particular for the Discipling Commission's role in ministering to our youth and junior youth. We pray for people who might feel called to teach our youth, called to be a sponsor for youth groups. And we pray for God's leading in finding new ways, big and small, to match the gifts of our church to the ongoing efforts of ministry to our young people. As you are praying this month, you are invited to share with the Discipling Commission anything that God may be bringing to your mind or simply words of encouragement for their work.

Share Your Worship Gifts This Summer!

Worship Commission invites you to share your gifts as a special part of our summer worship. Would you like to play the piano or other instrument, sing a solo or with a small ensemble? Do you have a testimony of a time you felt God at work in your life? Do you have a poem or other reading you would like to offer? Would you like to offer a prayer or preach? Would you like to read scripture or offer a Children's Time? We would love to have you share your special worship talents! Just email Holly Zehr (hmzehr@hotmail.com) & she will be happy to schedule your offering.

Prayer Requests and Announcements

Sharing of Joys and Concerns have returned 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 in person or livestreaming on YouTube.

Sharing of Joys and 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

"Office Hours" with the Vision Team

Members of the Vision Team will be sitting in the Fellowship Area on these upcoming dates. We hope to have you join us!

- **May 22**
- **June 5**
- **June 19 (via Zoom, link to come)**

Read the full announcement from May 8 [here](#).

Administration Commission Update

We are continuing to work with Head Start on the possibility of having a classroom in our building in fall. Minutes from the Head Start meeting can be found.

Church financial records were reviewed by our auditor, Ben Roeschley. A copy of the audit report is available.

Custodial Job Opening

Administration Commission is seeking a part-time Custodian for the church for 18-20 hours/week. The position may increase to 30 hours/week with benefits in fall. Some evening or weekend hours may be required. Routine cleaning and room set-up as needed for events. Looking for someone with initiative, ability to work independently, dependable, and friendly. Complete job application at this [link](#) or in the office and submit to the Office Administrator.

JoinTrees

If you missed the sermon this past Sunday by Steve Thomas, director of Mennonite Men, you can find more information [here](#) about participating in the MennoMen JoinTrees campaign to plant one million trees by 2030 to help restore the Earth.

Hello from Lydia!

Hello Everyone! I began work in the church office this past Monday, and I'm looking forward to working with you all. This week is a week of change for me. Along with starting a new job and teaching new students, I'm adopting two adorable kittens! It's weird to think that just two weeks ago I was taking my last final exam of my Bachelors of Music Degree. --Lydia Hedberg

Note from last Sunday's Children's Story

Louise Reeser will bring the bare root trees again next Sunday. Families with kids will get trees first, but if you would like one in the case of leftovers, let her know. They are Sugar Maples, and she wants to be sure they are planted. For more information contact Louise Reeser.

MCC in Need of Material Resources

MCC is planning an immediate shipment of emergency supplies to Ukraine. There is an increased demand for supplies to send to Ukraine and other countries around the world. Our inventory of material resources is getting low. We need comforters, soap and towels as well as dignity, hygiene, infant care, relief, school and sewing kits. Your donations will provide relief and a tangible sign of hope to people in Ukraine and other difficult situations around the world. Go to mcc.org/kits for information on needed supplies and drop-off locations. *There is more information and a red tub in the atrium for donations that will be taken to the drop-off location.*



Ukraine



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mcc.org/kits

A Day of Prayer and Fasting

MC USA Executive Director Glen Guyton calls congregations to publicly commit to praying for the Delegate Assembly taking place May 27-30 in Kansas City, Missouri. He invites congregations to add their church names to a list that will be shared on social media during the Delegate Assembly as a way to encourage delegates. The sign-up form is [here](#).

MC USA has also provided a four-day devotional prayer guide titled, "One Body, One Church," for all constituents to use during the Delegate Assembly weekend. The downloadable guide was written by Leo Hartshorn, former Minister of Peace and Justice with the Mennonite Mission Network. It is available [here](#).

First United Methodist Community Event

Breathing Deeply: Immersion in Art, Music, and Poetry *Free and open to the public*

Sunday, May 22 at 3 p.m. at First United Methodist Church of Normal (211 N. School Street Normal, IL)

You are invited to an event that celebrates human expression where the spoken word combines with great music and art in quiet celebration of humankind and nature. You will hear the music of the Illinois Symphony Woodwind Quintet coupled with the art of Harold Gregor and poetry to create a unique community event that promises to touch our hearts and minds. Stay afterwards to enjoy cookies and conversation.

MCC invites you to an upcoming free webinar

Gardening for good: Creation care tips for your backyard and stories from Bolivia:

May 26 at 8 p.m. EDT

In this virtual visit, we'll explore what it looks like to care for the planet, from our own backyards to remote Bolivian communities. Join us to learn gardening and conservation tips in your own garden, then travel south to hear incredible stories from MCC's projects in Bolivia. Register [here](#).

LIGHT OF THE WORLD

Join us for
Family Fun Night @
MCN
June 10: 5:30-7:30



FAITH | FAMILY | FOOD | FUN

Your Health Matters

The state of Illinois has developed an awareness campaign called Illinois Light Initiative. Mental health awareness and becoming more trauma informed is highlighted. Each day of the month of May is featured. Each of us owes to ourselves and others to become more informed on these important topics. To view go to <https://www.illinoislightinitiative.com/>

Update from Clara Unzicker, SALT in Bogota Colombia

I've been continuing to stay busy at work for the past month or so. We're finishing up the semester with our interns and daily activities. We are working with about 125 children each week, having workshops and activities focusing on the family. In the past few weeks, we have looked at the different types of families, roles in a family, and how to navigate conflict within the family. This weekend we will be hosting a late Mother's Day celebration with lunch and special activities. We are also heading into our last week of registration for our "Soccer Tournament for Peace," an annual event that is held at Creciendo Juntos each summer. Partnering with another Mennonite organization called JustaPaz, we are planning workshops, soccer practices, and games for 100 kids ages 6-17. JustaPaz will lead workshops on peace and nonviolence, teamwork, and conflict resolution as applied to soccer and other situations. The kids are getting excited about the tournament and I'm looking forward to being able to watch them play. When I arrived at Creciendo Juntos last September I was able to watch the final of the tournament, so I'm really looking forward to being able to participate from start to finish.

We are also continuing to see several challenging situations at work with several migrant families that have arrived from Venezuela in the past months. There are several families with four or five children who have arrived in the neighborhood. We have been working hard to collect local donations and resources to help support these families who are struggling to gain footing here in Colombia and don't have the resources to buy things for the home or food for the children to eat. I would ask for prayers for these families and also for Creciendo Juntos to be able to locate resources to help their transition to living in Colombia a little easier. I was able to enjoy an MCC retreat two weeks ago with the Colombia-Ecuador team where we were able to spend several days together. I'm very thankful for this time. Thanks for all of the thoughts, prayers, and kind words...it is all really appreciated! -Clara



Tuesday, June 7, 2022 5:00-7:00pm

Please join us for a fun evening of service with your church family at Midwest Food Bank! Anyone 5 years and older is welcome.

Sign up using the link below:

https://portal.goldenvolunteer.com/opportunities/rMj1CGA92q?branch_match_id=903251295135960084

Pacific Coast Bike Tour

Joe Culpepper begins a bicycle tour of the Pacific Coast on Thurs. May 17. He & a friend from Florida, James Taylor (not the singer!), will cycle from Vancouver, BC to San Diego, CA including a loop around the Olympic Nat'l Park peninsula. They will be self-contained with no support vehicle but will stay with a few family & friends along the way. The tour will be around 1,900 mi. & should take about six weeks. Please keep them in your prayers for a safe & rewarding adventure. If you are interested, Joe will be posting a daily online journal & photos at www.crazyguyonabike.com/doc/joe2022

Mary Stefanik Endowed Scholarship

The Stefanik and Horvath families have established the Mary Horvath Stefanik Endowed Scholarship. Mary completed her master's degree studies at VCU through the Department of Kinesiology and Health Sciences within the College of Humanities and Sciences. The scholarship will be awarded to support students with this department committed to the promotion of health. Use this [link](#) for the Mary Horvath Stefanik Endowed Scholarship. All donations provided through this link will be directed to the endowed scholarship fund.

The Qr code will also link to the Scholarship Fund page.



Memorial contributions may be made to the VCU Foundation/Mary Horvath Stefanik Endowed Scholarship. Please make a tribute gift online, or mail to VCU Office of Development, Box 843042, Richmond, VA 23284.

Please see the [attachment](#) which will open to Mary's Tribute.

Invitation to Join the 2023 Celtic Pilgrimage

Jane Roeschley and Karla Minter, both spiritual directors, will be leading a two-week Celtic Pilgrimage to Iona and Glendalough, June 2-18, 2023. Pilgrimage as a spiritual practice offers the opportunity to travel slowly and mindfully, with the intention of connecting spiritually with God, with fellow pilgrims and with sacred places. Please see the [flyer](#) for more details and contact information.

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-11AM and 1:30PM-3:00PM.

Lydia Hedberg: Office Administrator; church@normalmennonite.org or 309.452.6622

Lynette Miller: Interim Pastor for Discipling and Community Life Commissions;
lynette.miller.k@gmail.com or 309-261-7485 or 309-963-4495

Lauren Satchwell: Interim Pastor for Vision Team, Administration & Outreach Commissions;
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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

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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