

THE MIDWEEK



WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY 9:30 A.M.

This Sunday the sermon is provided by Steve Benner. He will ponder the question: Water cleanses, water can destroy, water refreshes, water gives life, so why is there no sea in John's vision of the Holy City?

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

Those Serving This Week:

South Greeters: Roger and Linda Clemmons

West Greeter: Connie Satchwell

Welcome Table: Julie Musselman

Ushers: Jon and Janelle Friesen

Worship Leader: Marge Weaver

Sharing Prayer Leader: Ron Ropp

Children's Story: Elsa Raab

Scripture Reader: Courtney Yoder

Song Leader: Barry Weaver and Charlotte Hedberg

Accompanist: Dorothy Loepf

Tech: Glenn Wilson and Adam Augspurger

Preschool Nursery: Beth Reeser

Gather Round: Spring Neely

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

This Sunday:
Please Join us for
worship in-person or
live stream on
YouTube!

After Worship:
Adult CE Options:
Peaceful Practices
Salt & Light Bible Study
Children & Youth CE



This Week at MCN

Birthdays & Anniversaries

CELEBRATING LIFE'S MOMENTS AT MCN



McLean County Covid-19 Update



The McLean County rolling positivity rate was at 17.9% on May 19, 2022 and rising. Community level spread remains at medium with increasing hospitalizations. Administration Commission encourages attendees at in-person church events to be masked.

Prayer Focus for May

During the month of May, everyone is invited to continue a month of prayer for our Discipling Commission (current members are David Voegtlin, co-chairs: Shannon Unzicker and Spring Neely, and Interim Pastoral Team rep. Lynette Miller). There are three main requests the Discipling Commission has submitted specifically for prayer: that God would raise up leaders, that people would have a passion for Scripture, and that people would have a commitment to disciple each other, recognizing that each of us can learn from one another. **Please take a moment in the next week to communicate with the commission:** there is currently a table located in the back of the sanctuary to write what you are praying for them, to offer words of encouragement for their work, and/or let them know what God may have brought to your mind. You can also send your message directly to Shannon Unzicker). Thank you for your support!

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 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

Pre-School Sunday School

There will be no preschool-age Sunday School this Sunday.

Midweek Deadlines

Hello everyone! It's been great seeing everyone this week-and-a-half I have been working in the office. I do have a request for you all. In order for something to be in the Midweek, I will need it no later than Wednesday at 8am. Thank you! --Lydia Hedberg

Share Your Worship Gifts This Summer!

Worship Commission invites you to share your gifts as a special part of our summer worship.

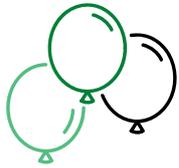
Would you like to play the piano or other instrument, sing a solo or with a small ensemble? Do you have a testimony of a time you felt God at work in your life? Do you have a poem or other reading you would like to offer? Would you like to offer a prayer or preach? Would you like to read scripture or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

Pastoral Team Search Committee Update

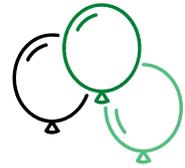
Encourage was the word of the day on Sunday from Shelly King and Jim Bortell. Encourage fits this PTSC update. Thank you to each of you who offer us words of encouragement. We appreciate your sincere expressions. It's really nice to hear. While there is nothing specific to report to you, we are encouraged by you and by the prospect of pastoral candidates coming our way.

Seeking Communion Servers

The Worship Commission has scheduled communion to be served every other month for 2022. It would be helpful for us to have a list of persons who would like to serve communion on those Sundays (similar to how persons sign up to be greeters and ushers). We welcome anyone junior high age and older. If you would like to offer your gifts in this way, please contact Annette Harnish. Thank you!



Birthday Wishes to Jonah



Jonah King is completing his study-service term this summer in Senegal, Africa, and will be there until August 3. He will be celebrating his birthday and would certainly enjoy receiving greetings from his church family through email (for this birthday or any time!): Thank you!

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. The deadline to apply is May 31st.

Roofing Help

David Harnish requests help with roofing his house. He has started the process but asks for help, particularly if anyone is free and willing to help this Saturday. He would be very appreciative of any assistance and will make sure everyone is well fed! Contact him with any questions.

Your Health Matters: Reaching Out for Mental Health

Each illness has its own symptoms, but common signs of mental illness in adults and adolescents can include the following:

- Excessive worrying or fear
- Feeling excessively sad or low
- Confused thinking or problems concentrating and learning
- Extreme mood changes, including uncontrollable “highs” or feelings of euphoria
- Prolonged or strong feelings of irritability or anger
- Avoiding friends and social activities
- Difficulties understanding or relating to other people
- Changes in sleeping habits or feeling tired and low energy
- Changes in eating habits such as increased hunger or lack of appetite
- Changes in sex drive
- Difficulty perceiving reality (delusions or hallucinations, in which a person experiences and senses things that don't exist in objective reality)
- Inability to perceive changes in one's own feelings, behavior or personality (“lack of insight” or anosognosia)
- Overuse of substances like alcohol or drugs
- Multiple physical ailments without obvious causes (such as headaches, stomach aches, vague and ongoing “aches and pains”)
- Thinking about suicide
- Inability to carry out daily activities or handle daily problems and stress
- An intense fear of weight gain or concern with appearance

Mental health conditions can also begin to develop in young children. Because they're still learning how to identify and talk about thoughts and emotions, their most obvious symptoms are behavioral. Symptoms in children may include the following:

- Changes in school performance
- Excessive worry or anxiety, for instance fighting to avoid bed or school
- Hyperactive behavior
- Frequent nightmares
- Frequent disobedience or aggression
- Frequent temper tantrums

Where To Get Help

Don't be afraid to reach out if you or someone you know needs help. Learning all you can about mental health is an important first step.

Reach out to your health insurance, primary care doctor or state/county mental health authority or church for more resources.

If you or someone you know needs help now, you should immediately call the **National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-8255** or <https://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=123539>

The above was taken from <https://www.nami.org>

MCC in Urgent 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



Emergency supplies needed.

- comforters
- dignity kits
- infant care kits
- school kits
- soap and towels
- hygiene kits
- relief kits
- sewing kits

mcc.org/kits



Menno Haven Rally Day is back!



You are invited to Menno Haven's Rally Day on Monday, May 30th!

Summer Dedication Program is at 11am

- BBQ Chicken Meal is provided at 12 noon. No potluck this year.
- Special Show with Luke Winger at 1pm. (Luke is our Family Camp speaker, but he is staying an extra day to share a high energy, juggling and speaking presentation diving into faith and joy.)
- Open House continues in the afternoon with a variety of activities to enjoy the grounds!

Menno Haven will provide a BBQ chicken meal at noon; you do not need to bring anything! Everyone is invited to enjoy the campus and facilities as we celebrate the beginning of a new summer camp season!

To RSVP for the meal and for more details go to www.mennohaven.com/rallyday.

You Are Invited!

WHAT: Outdoor fellowship and fun!

WHEN: Sunday, June 12 Anytime between 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

WHERE: Rick & Connie Satchwell's home

DETAILS:

- Bring a snack to share if you want. We will provide drinks.
- Please bring your lawn chair.
- Sit in the shade, swim, float, fish, and/or kayak. We have two kayak's, floaties, and some life jackets
- In case of rain, this event will be postponed.
- Questions? Please call – Rick or Connie



Midwest
FOOD BANK.

Midwest Food Bank

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

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

LIGHT OF THE WORLD

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



FAITH | FAMILY | FOOD | FUN

Red Cross Blood Drive

On June 11th we'll roll up our sleeves and help save lives! We have proudly partnered with the American Red Cross for a blood drive. An estimated 38 percent of Americans are eligible to give blood or platelets, but of those, less than 10 percent actually donate each year. If you are healthy and eligible, please come out to donate. Most donations take about an hour, so book your appointment, roll up your sleeve and become a part of the lifesaving mission of the Red Cross and

Each pint of blood we collect can help save up to three lives and will touch the lives of so many more. This is a great way to pay it forward and make an impact on people in our community and across the country.

For an appointment please contact the church office (church@normalmennonite.org or (309) 452-6622) or visit RedCrossBlood.org



Mennonite Church Blood Drive Fellowship Area

805 S Cottage Ave.
Normal, IL 61761

**Saturday, June 11, 2022
8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

For appointments please call the Church office @ 452-6622
or visit RedCrossBlood.org.

Walk-Ins welcome!

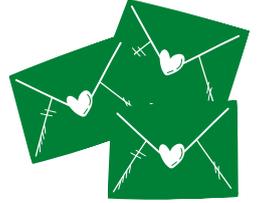
Bring a photo ID or your blood donor card, or two other forms of ID.
You can save up to 15 minutes when you donate blood by using RapidPass!
Visit RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass for more information.

**Come to give June 1-30 and get a \$5 e-gift card to a
merchant of your choice.**

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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

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Structure Documents

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