

# THE MIDWEEK



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

There is significant difference between curing and healing. Do you see yourself having the gift of healing?

Ron Ropp will be preaching the sermon, *The Gift of Healing* using scriptures Mark 2:1-12 and John 14:12-14.

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

### Those Serving This Week:

**South Greeters:** Darrel and Lynette Miller

**West Greeter:** Judy Hershberger

**Welcome Table:** Mary Ann King

**Ushers:** Mike and Stephanie Company

**Worship Leader:**

**Sharing Prayer Leader:** Ron Ropp

**Children's Story:**

**Scripture Reader:** Rita Munkakusi

**Song Leader:** Wayne Hochstetler

**Accompanist:** Dorothy Loepp

**Tech:** Jaron Zehr and Caleb Augspurger

**Preschool Nursery:** Marcia Rossi

**Gather Round:** Carrie Stalter

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

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, May 4**

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

## **Thursday, May 5**

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

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

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

## **Monday, May 9**

**6:30 pm** Commission Leader Meeting

## **Tuesday, May 10**

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

## **Wednesday, May 11**

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

**7:00 pm** Spiritual Gifts Discernment Team (Zoom)

## **Upcoming Preachers:**

**May 15:** Steve Thomas

**May 22:** Jim Bortell

# *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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Please join us in recognizing this year's high school graduates with a cookie and punch reception following worship on May 22.

Congratulations and best wishes to these members of the Class of 2022!

## *Pastoral Team Search Committee Updates*

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Planting season! The seven members of the PTSC regularly sit down and stare at the Zoom screen asking where have all the pastors gone and how do we find one. BUT this past week we rode in the cab of an International tractor with Andy Reeser planting corn in some of the richest soil on the planet. Somehow, he stuck his cell phone on the front window of the cab and we were right there in the cab farming, planting straight rows and, turning tons of equipment with ease. How exciting!!

We have a question we want to plant in you. **Do you know of a pastor who might be at a point in their career to make a move?** Louise Reeser reminds us that Tim's name was not on a list from the conference. It took two calls to get him!

Let any of us know. Email [marcirossi@aol.com](mailto:marcirossi@aol.com). Click [here](#) to see photos of the tractor and planter.

## *Worship Commission Notes*

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We met with Cindy Ropp, Dorothy Loepp, & Elsa Raab to discuss accompanist needs & the possibility of hiring an accompanist to augment our wonderful volunteers as well as the choir. We discussed some questions brought by a congregation member, worked on fine tuning our Worship Order template, helped plan the Healing Prayer & Anointing service as part of worship for Mother's Day, & planned ahead for the summer. (see next article for a request!) We always welcome your questions & comments as we strive to create an offering of love for God & one another in our worship together.

## *Share Your Worship Gifts This Summer!*

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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](mailto:hmzehr@hotmail.com)) & she will be happy to schedule your offering.

# *Your Health Matters*

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Being aware of your overall health is important so that you can detect any symptoms and seek professional help when necessary. While most of us are familiar with the symptoms and treatment of common illnesses many are unsure how to look after their mental health. According to the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) one in five adults has had or currently have symptoms of a mental illness. Therefore, NAMI recognizes May as Mental Health Awareness month. Mental health awareness helps all of us. Three main reasons why mental health awareness is so important are

1. Understanding your symptoms and identifying your need for assistance.
2. The more information on mental health that people understand the more resources will become available.
3. Mental Health awareness can break the stigma of needing mental health care. Watch for further updates in the midweek.

This [link](#) takes you to a brief guide to some services available in McLean County, compiled by PATH.

## *Community Life Commission (CLC) Update*

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CLC is meeting monthly. Here are topics currently being worked on by the Commission:

- a. **Welcoming new church members:** A revised welcome packet for new attenders is being compiled. A sample of the packet is to be reviewed at the CLC May 23 meeting.
- b. **Wellness link to the MCN Midweek and MCN Website:** A request has been made for the creation of a Wellness/Caring link on the MCN website
- c. **Watch for a monthly** Health update to be submitted by CLC to the MCN Midweek starting this first week of May.
- d. **Final Arrangements Manual Revision:** Work is currently under way in reviewing and updating the Death manual /final arrangements folder. More information coming soon.
- e. **Group Opportunities at MCN:** Gathering information of current group opportunities and sharing that information with the congregation is underway.
- f. **Fellowship Committee update:** Work continues in planning monthly Congregational activities/events.
- g. **Congregational Care Committee (CCC)** has worked very hard on the Mutual Aid Policies and has approved them.

## *Vision Team Update*

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The Vision Team has called Kristen Satchwell to serve on the Spiritual Gifts Discernment Team. We invite congregational feedback about this. Please contact any member of the Vision Team (Shelly King, Shannon Neely, Ben Roeschley, Barry Weaver) if you have something that you would like to share. Thank you!

We will host a meeting of the leaders of our Commissions on Monday, May 9, to talk about ways that they might collaborate even more. Shelly King will facilitate the conversation.

## *From Amy Reiman, Church Librarian*

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I am working with the children's books in the library. Our young people seem to be some of the most consistent users of the church library! I see an opportunity to help us all connect across generations and stir up interest in the library and one another's reading lives.

Throughout the summer, I would like to showcase "mini reviews" of favorite library or faith-based books from our young readers (pre-K through grade 8). These will be shared in the Midweek. During this time, we will display any church copies of the titles and encourage parents and grandparents to "read along". Towards the end of summer we will plan for an informal chance to connect across these titles after church one Sunday.

If your child is interested in sharing a favorite book, please contact me (a.reiman98@gmail.com) and I will provide further details. I will ask for permission to share a photo and first name of your child in the Midweek alongside their thoughts on the book they select. We hope you will all read along, encourage their reading, and connect with older/younger people along the way!

## *Spring Work & Play Day at Hungry World Farm*

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**Saturday, May 7, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

Join us in caring for the Earth! Volunteers of all ages are welcome to join in activities to support the ministry of Hungry World Farm, and to enjoy the beauty of spring on the farm. Come for part of the day, or for the whole time. We'll gather at the Farm Learning Center (19183 Plow Creek Road, Tiskilwa) and break into project groups. Projects will range from light to vigorous physical activity, including prepping cardboard for garden use, clearing brush, and splitting wood. Hand pruners, chain saws, and work gloves will be helpful tools to bring, if you can. Please bring a water bottle. A soup and bread lunch will be provided at noon. Please RSVP to [karla@hungryworldfarm.com](mailto:karla@hungryworldfarm.com) to let us know you're coming and if you'd like to eat lunch with us (please indicate any dietary restrictions). We hope to see you on May 7!

## *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](#).



# 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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## 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.

## Directory

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