

THE MIDWEEK



WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY 9:30 A.M.

This Sunday, Mother Mollie Ward will be preaching the sermon, titled
Thin Places, using Acts 2: 1-21.

Mollie Ward is director of Spiritual Care and co-chair of the Ethics Committee at Carle BroMenn Medical Center and Carle Eureka Hospital. A priest in The Episcopal Church, she is a certified pastoral educator and board-certified chaplain. Mollie is a member of the Not In Our Town Steering Committee, co-chair of the NIOT Faith & Outreach subcommittee, and co-founder of the McLean County Interfaith Alliance. She holds a master of divinity degree from Seabury-Western Theological Seminary and bachelor of arts degree from the University of Oklahoma.

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 Serving This Week:

South Greeters: Jeff and Amy Reiman

West Greeter: Mark Roeschley

Welcome Table: Darrel Miller

Ushers: Nancy Fisher and Caleb Augspurger

Worship Leader: Leah Roeschley

Sharing Prayer Leader: Lynette Miller

Children's Story: Jane Roeschley

Scripture Reader: Marcia Rossi

Song Leader: Cindy Ropp

Accompanist: Elsa Raab

Tech: Glenn Wilson and Rick Harnish

Preschool Nursery: Jordan King

Gather Round: No Gather Round until September

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

HAPPY
Pride
MONTH



**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

Thursday, June 2

6:30 am Next Man Bible Study (Zoom)
2:00 pm Women's Book Group (Zoom)
6:30 pm Administration Commission (Zoom)

Tuesday, June 7

5:00 pm Midwest Food Bank Volunteer Event ([Sign up now!](#))
7:00 pm Interim Pastoral Team (Zoom)

Wednesday, June 8

9:30 am Wed Morn Book Group (Zoom)
7:00 pm Discipling Commission (Zoom)
7:30 pm Vision Team and Interim Pastoral Team Joint Meeting

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, June 10

5:30 pm Family Fun Night ([RSVP here](#))

Saturday, June 11

8:00 am Red Cross Blood Drive ([sign up here](#))

Sunday, June 12

1:00 pm Outdoor Fun and Fellowship at the Satchwell's

Birthdays & Anniversaries

CELEBRATING LIFE'S MOMENTS AT MCN



McLean County Covid-19 Update



The McLean County rolling positivity rate was at 17.0% on May 26, 2022, and decreasing. Community level spread remains at medium with increasing hospitalizations. Administration Commission encourages attendees at in-person church events to be masked.

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 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



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Midwest Food Bank

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Next week! Sign up now!

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

Family Fun Night

LIGHT OF THE WORLD

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



FAITH | FAMILY | food | fun

Next week! Sign up now!

Come enjoy a meal and activities together at Family Fun Night! RSVPs are required so the planning committee can have an accurate count of the number of meals needed. Sign up [here](#).

Red Cross Blood Drive

Next week! Sign up now!

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](https://www.RedCrossBlood.org)

"Office Hours" with the Vision Team

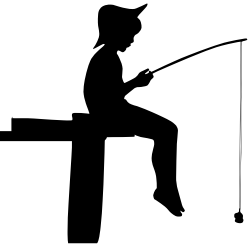
This Sunday! Members of the Vision Team will be sitting in the Fellowship Area on these upcoming dates. We hope to have you join us!

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

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



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



Missing Minister's Manual



A number of months ago, CJ Dyck's Minister's Manual was donated to the Interim Pastoral Team. It was being stored in the far south pastor's office, formally Tim Schrag's office. Since, it has gone missing. Have you seen it? Please return to the church office. Thank you!

Vision Team Update

The Vision Team met on Wednesday, May 25. 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. Members of the Vision Team will continue to be sitting in the Fellowship Area on June 5th (in person) and 19th (via Zoom). Hope to have you join us!
3. Vision Team plans to have a joint meeting (June 8) with the IPT to discuss several topics, including ministry priorities, an upcoming sermon series on the church vision, and other topics.
4. Vision Team discussed its early plans to conduct a one-year evaluation of the new church structure, followed by a writing of a new church constitution later in the year.
5. Find Vision Team meeting minutes and resource documents in the Vision Team folder on Google Drive.

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!

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.

Call to prayer and action in response to the violence in Uvalde, Texas

Mennonite Church USA [shared](#) a prayer and actions we can take in response to the violence in Uvalde, Texas.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for the lives lost in Uvalde, Texas, that join the climbing number of those lost to gun violence in America.

Comfort the mourning, the grieving, the broken-hearted.

Compel our prayers to turn into actions.

May the triggers of our streets be beaten into plowshares.

May the triggers of our hearts be met with the open arms of our neighbors.

May we trust in the transformative power of your refining fire.

Forge us to be instruments of your peace.

Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

May our posture be of a readiness to steady a plowshare.

May we take hold of your olive branch that plots for peace.

May the plowshare break the earth of senseless violence.

May the furrows bring us a harvest of solace, a never-ending rest from violence.

May we sit under the vine and fig, on earth as it is in heaven.

May it be so. Amen.

-Adapted from a prayer by Michael Martin, director of RAWtools, Inc.

Action items for churches to witness to God's peace in response to gun violence

- Create space for grieving. Hold a prayer vigil or join together in corporate prayer. Pause for a churchwide moment of silence on Sunday.
- Use "[A Loaded Conversation: An Invitation to Talk About Guns](#)," the dialogue resource from Mennonite Central Committee U.S. and RAWtools.
- Use "[Fear Not: Creating a plan to respond to active violence](#)," a Sunday school curriculum from Mennonite Central Committee U.S. and RAWtools.
- Become a part of the [RAWtools Disarming network](#) to help facilitate gun donations in your community.
- [Donate your gun](#) to be turned into a garden tool.
- Become aware of the legislation at your local, state and federal level and use your collective voice for change.
- Be aware of suicide prevention organizations in your area.
- Use [Restorative Justice practices](#) for conflict mediation.

Memorial Hymnals

A number of members purchased hymnals for the church in 2019. These hymnals were dedicated and put into use this past Sunday. They are scattered throughout the sanctuary, and a nameplate was placed in the front of the hymnal. To view the list of names, please follow this link.

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

 **MCC**



Emergency supplies needed.

<input type="checkbox"/> comforters	<input type="checkbox"/> soap and towels
<input type="checkbox"/> dignity kits	<input type="checkbox"/> hygiene kits
<input type="checkbox"/> infant care kits	<input type="checkbox"/> relief kits
<input type="checkbox"/> school kits	<input type="checkbox"/> sewing kits

mcc.org/kits

Menno Haven Summer Staff Reunion

June 30 - July 3, 2022

Registration and details at: <https://www.mennohaven.com/summer-staff-reunion.html>

Did you volunteer at Camp Menno Haven for a summer in the past 50+ years? Join the Staff alumni reunion at Menno Haven. Some folks are connecting on Facebook through the group - Menno Haven Staff Reunion. Join us for the entire time, a day, a meal, whatever works for your schedule. Do you have friends, family, or former church members that might not see this announcement? Reach out and pass it on that we want to see them again!

JUST CAMP for JUSTICE

JOIN US!
Full scholarships (limited) available! Otherwise it is **pay-what-you-can** starting as low as \$20 for a week in the Peaceful Woods including food and lodging!
Come live in an intentional community of peacemakers committed to bettering the way we live with each other and with the earth.
The week will consist of 3 learning sessions facilitated by MCC staff. Topics include:
- DIALOGUE ACROSS DIFFERENCE
- TRANSFORMATIVE JUSTICE V MASS INCARCERATION
- IMMIGRATION.

JULY 25-29

Service Projects
Activities
Learning Sessions
Conversation Circles
Playback Theater
LIVE MUSIC!

WITH SPECIAL GUEST FACILITATORS:

ANNABETH (AB) ROESCHLEY
(THEY/SHE)
Executive Director @ Brethren Mennonite Council (BMC) for LGBTQ Interests

SAULO PADILLA
(HE/HIM)
MCC U.S.A. Immigration Education Coordinator

JUAN SEBASTIAN PACHECO LOZANO
MCC Great Lakes Peace & Justice Coordinator

JES STOLTZFUS BULLER
(SHE/HER)
MCC U.S.A. Peace Education Coordinator

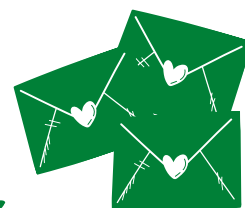
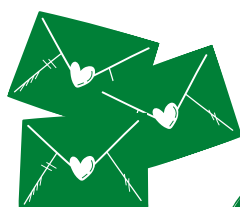
HEIDI WINTERS VOGEL
(SHE/HER)
Associate Professor of Theater at Wabash College

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Just Camp...for Justice

Camp Friedenswald is excited to be hosting a new camp this summer "Just Camp...for Justice" on July 25th–29th. More information is available here: <https://friedenswald.org/summer-camps/>



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, 9AM-11AM and Monday – Wednesday & Friday 1:30PM-3PM.

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