

THE MIDWEEK



WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY 9:30 A.M.

A pre-recorded sermon by Samuel K Sarpiya titled *The Way of Peace in our Polarized World* will be played this Sunday. It covers Hebrews 12: 14-15 and Romans 12: 1-2, 9-21.

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

Those Serving This Week:

South Greeters: The Tshiseleka Family

West Greeter: Lauren Satchwell

Welcome Table: David Voegtlin

Ushers: Eric and Chellie Miller

Worship Leader: Steve Benner

Sharing Prayer Leader: Holly Zehr

Children's Story: Darrel Miller

Scripture Reader: Jaron Zehr

Song Leader: Barry Weaver and Jaron Zehr

Accompanist, Prelude, and Postlude: Dorothy Loepp

Tech: Jaron Zehr and Rick Harnish

Preschool Nursery: Connie Yoder

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:

Summer Interest Groups

Salt & Light Bible Study

Children & Youth CE

HAPPY
Pride
MONTH



**Mennonite
Church
of Normal**

A congregation of
Mennonite Church USA

Birthdays & Anniversaries

CELEBRATING LIFE'S MOMENTS AT MCN



This Week at MCN

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

Thursday, June 9

6:30 am Next Man Bible Study (Zoom)

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

3:00 pm Piano Tuning

5:30 Loss and Grief Group (Off-site)

6:30 pm Administration Commission (Zoom)

Friday, June 10

5:30 pm Family Fun Night

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

Tuesday, June 14

7:00 pm Interim Pastoral Team (Zoom)

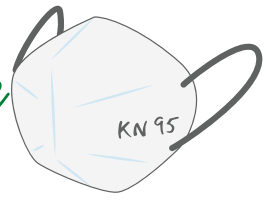
Wednesday, June 15

9:30 am Wed Morn Book Group (Zoom)

7:00 pm Spiritual Gifts Discernment Team (Zoom)



McLean County Covid-19 Update



The McLean County rolling positivity rate was at 18.4% on June 2, 2022, and rising. Community level spread moves to high with increasing hospitalizations.

Administration Commission strongly encourages attenders 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 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

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!



Family Fun Night

This Friday! Sign up now! June 10: 5:30-7:30 at MCN

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

Red Cross Blood Drive

This Saturday! Donors needed!!

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.

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

You Are Invited!

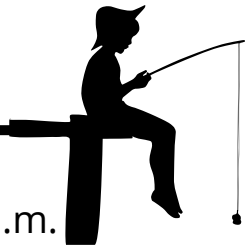
WHAT: Outdoor fellowship and fun!

WHEN: **This 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



Summer Interest Groups

The Community Life Commission is offering an opportunity to connect with one another over the summer season with the formation of interest groups which will meet over the three month period. Here are the three groups in which you may be interested to participate: Outdoor Summer Fun, Outdoor Activities for Families with Children, Farm to Table (a wide scope from gardening to using fresh produce from any source). Next Sunday, June 12, anyone who may be interested in participating in one of these groups is asked to meet during the CE hour in the room next to the kitchen to hear further information.

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 Search Team Committee Update

Soon we hope to start looking closely at a couple of candidates. On Zoom, the candidates can see the committee, but they do not see the church building. However, now, thanks to Andreas Unzicker's drone/video artistry we can send each candidate a link to a video of the building. In a few weeks we will share that video with you.

If a picture is worth a thousand words, this video might be worth a million! Week after week you walk into the church and may not notice, but we worship in a space that's open and full of light! We are so fortunate. This video is a gentle glide through our church. We hope it encourages the right candidate to give us serious consideration!

Note from Lucy Unzicker



Hello MCN! Thank you all so much for your generous contributions to my education through the Student Mutual Aid Program. I will be a junior at Eastern Mennonite University this fall, majoring in the Spanish Language. This summer I'm working as the program assistant at Menno Haven Camp and Retreat Center. Again, I am so grateful for your continued support of SMAP, and I look forward to being in church for a few Sundays at the end of the summer. --Lucy Unzicker



Delegate Assembly 2022 Recap

MC USA Delegate Assembly widens the circle for LGBTQ people and those with disabilities

Delegates at Mennonite Church USA's Special Session of the Delegate Assembly, May 27-30, passed three resolutions that help to remove barriers for LGBTQ people and those with disabilities and adopted a fourth resolution, "For Justice in the Criminal Legal System," for denominational study.

Support for the resolutions varied. Delegates unanimously approved the ["MC USA Accessibility Resolution,"](#) which calls the church to "recognize and seek to remove the barriers to belonging ... that prevent individuals with disabilities from participating in church life."

["A Resolution for Repentance and Transformation,"](#) which calls the church to repent for harm done to LGBTQ people and calls for broader inclusion of LGBTQ people, passed with a thinner majority at 55.7% (267 yes, 212 no, 9 abstentions).

Both are "church statement resolutions" which are not binding on congregations or conferences, but provide an opportunity for discernment, education and advocacy, while still acknowledging dissenting voices, according to the denomination's [Guidelines for Developing Resolutions](#).

["Clarification on Mennonite Church USA Polity and the Role of the Membership Guidelines of Mennonite Church USA,"](#) an "organizational resolution" that directly impacts church polity, was approved by 82.8%* of the delegates (404 yes, 84 no, 3 abstentions). This resolution retires the denomination's [Membership Guidelines](#), which, among other things, prohibits pastors from performing same-sex covenant ceremonies. It also calls the church to "commit to the difficult work of being church together amidst our differences, working at biblical justice and reconciliation where there is conflict."

"This weekend, we did the demanding work of struggling together as the body of Christ," said MC USA Executive Director Glen Guyton. "We will continue to live into our Renewed Commitments of following Jesus, witnessing to God's peace and helping those we encounter to experience the transforming power of the Holy Spirit."

From the MC USA Official News Release

[Read the full news release here.](#)



BN Welcoming

THANK
YOU

Thank you to all who have supported and continue to support the work of BN Welcoming. Our fund, which is designed to provide rent and utility support to undocumented immigrants in our community, has been able to pay out over \$21,000 to support families in need. We appreciate the church's role in housing the account and your generosity in supporting this work. If you are interested in donating to this fund, here is a link to the information: <https://normalmennonite.org/b-n-welcoming/> If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Helen Dick Brandon.

MCC in Urgent Need of Material Resources

There is more information and a red tub in the atrium for donations that will be taken to the drop-off location. 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..



Ukraine

 MCC



**Emergency
supplies needed.**

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

mcc.org/kits

MCC Great Lakes launches new initiative: Churches Engaging on Climate Change (CECC):

In light of MCC's commitment to care for God's creation and accompany marginalized communities harmed by climate change, MCC is looking for congregations interested in engaging in climate change in their own communities. CECC offers education and advocacy opportunities, connections with local partners and seed grants. Learn more and sign up for additional information at mcc.org/churches-climate-change.

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
JULY 25-29

WITH SPECIAL GUEST FACILITATORS:

- ANNABETH (AB) ROESCHLEY (THEY/SHE)**
Executive Director @ Brethren Mennonite Council (BMC) for LGBTQ Interests
- JES STOLTZFUS BULLER (SHE/HER)**
MCC U.S.A. Peace Education Coordinator
- SAULO PADILLA (HE/HIM)**
MCC U.S.A. Immigration Education Coordinator
- HEIDI WINTERS VOGEL (SHE/HER)**
Associate Professor of Theater at Wabash College
- JUAN SEBASTIAN PACHECO LOZANO**
MCC Great Lakes Peace & Justice Coordinator

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.

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

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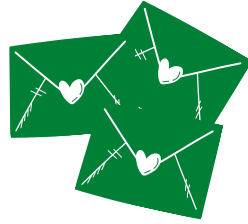
Just Camp...for Justice

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.

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

Lynette Miller: Interim Pastor for Discipling and Community Life Commissions;

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

Holly Zehr: Interim Pastor for Worship & Spiritual Gift Discernment Team;

Ron Ropp: Pastor for Pastoral Care;

Structure Documents

Directory
