

# ***THE MIDWEEK***



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



### **"On the Road with God"**

Genesis 12:1-9 & Luke 10: 30b-37 NRSV

by Joe Culpepper

How many stories in the Bible can you think of that involve people being on the road? How was God present to them as they travelled? In my recent bicycle tour down the Pacific Coast, I certainly felt God's presence in many ways as did those folk in the Bible. I will share some of those experiences & we will explore how you, too, might experience God on your journey through life.

The service will be live streamed on YouTube at this [link](#).  
The bulletins get posted under the Worship tab of our [website](#).

"Those Serving this Week" has moved. It can now be found later in the Midweek!

### **This Sunday:**

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



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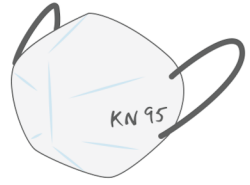
### **After Worship:**

**Adult CE**  
Salt & Light Bible Study

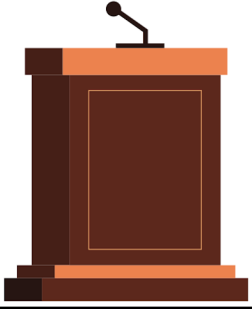
**Children & Youth CE**



# McLean County Covid-19 Update



The McLean County rolling positivity rate was at **25.8%** on July 7, 2022 and increasing again. Community level spread continues **HIGH** with increasing hospitalizations and potential for strain on the health care system. **Administration Commission encourages attenders at in-person church events to continue to be masked.**



## Update from the Pastoral Team Search Committee



**In case you missed the Special Edition of the Midweek last Thursday, a pastoral candidate is coming to preach on Sunday, August 7.** In the meantime, the Pastoral Team Search Committee and the Vision Team are planning a full weekend for the congregation to get to know this person. Each week leading up to August 7, more information about the weekend will be in the Midweek.

This is what we have so far:

- **Sunday, July 24**, we announce the name of the candidate and give our reasons for selecting this person. (We did not “just settle” as some may fear!)
- **Wednesday, July 27**, in the Midweek, the congregation receives more information about the candidate and the voting process. (FYI remote and absentee voting will be available.)
- **“Serious Saturday”, August 6**, the candidate meets with the Vision Team and other congregational leaders to discuss the serious business of pastoring us. We are working out the many essential elements of that day while trying not to leave the candidate too weak to preach on Sunday.
- **Sunday, August 7**, the pastoral candidate gives the sermon. A picnic lunch for all follows.
- **Sunday, August 14**, members of the congregation vote on the candidate.

Giving thanks to God,

### The Pastoral Search Team

Caleb Augspurger, Shannon Neely, Erin Ponnou-Delaffon, Andy Reeser, Leah Roeschley, Marcia Rossi and Marge Weaver





# MENNO HAVEN SUNDAY

Escape to the Woods!



## *Menno Haven Sunday*

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Sunday, August 14, 2022

### ***Escape to Camp Menno Haven***

**Worship:** 10:00 am

**Lunch:** served by camp staff at noon. Cost of the meal is: adults \$12, children ages 4-10 years \$6 and ages 3 and under free. Registration is required by Wednesday, July 27. Payment is accepted electronically through PayPal as well as by cash/check to the Church Office. More details can be found in the sign up form.

**Afternoon activities at the camp include:** use of canoes and paddleboats, swimming in the pool, lawn games, hiking trails, and use of the activity center.

**Tour of Hungry World Farms:** Hungry World Farms is a Sustainable Agriculture Project that seeks the well-being of all, by inspiring and educating about healthy fields, food, and bodies caring for the earth. They focus on the following activities: educating people about food production, distribution, and consumption; addressing spiritual hunger in people's lives; and fostering connections between people, soil, and creation. Registration for this tour is required by Wednesday, July 27. We will carpool from the camp and the tour will start at approximately 1:30 pm.

**[SIGN UP for the worship service, lunch, and/or tour HERE](#)**

**or call the Church Office at (309) 452-6622**



## *Update from Ron Ropp*

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Ron Ropp would like to apologize to those trying to reach him by phone the past two weeks. His home phone now works as well as his cell phone, but is for use only when he's away from home.

# *Worship Notes from the Worship Commission*

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At our recent meeting we continued discussion of the need for a paid accompanist for the choirs when they resume as well as possible musicians to add to the worship accompanist schedule. We finalized a Tip Sheet for Communion Leaders, Preparers, & Servers; a Tip Sheet for Guest Preachers; and our Worship Philosophy which will be sent to the Vision Team. We discussed logistics for Communion given Covid restrictions; the possibility of using one of several lectionaries to guide preaching until we have a settled pastor. We will share the information with the Interim Pastoral Team, which plans the preaching schedule now, for their input; & whether we should hold a worship at the church building on the retreat Sunday at Menno Haven. It seemed too late to plan for this year, but we will consider it next year. Thanks to our many members who share their gifts in worship each Sunday!

--Joe Culpepper

## *Calling Communion Bread Bakers*



Worship Commission would like to transition to using home baked bread for our Communion services. This would provide a more substantial bread to represent the body of Christ, & it would add a personal connection as we gather at Christ's table. Several loaves could be baked at a time & frozen for future use. If you would like to volunteer for this, contact Joe Culpepper.

## *A Note from Nerida Ellerton and Ken Clements*

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We are pleased to report that we are safely back in Australia. There is a lot of mold in our house which needs to be treated. But, praise the Lord, the house is basically in good shape.

Last Sunday we attended the local Presbyterian Church. Although the service was different in structure from that at MCN, we felt welcome.

Australia is culturally similar to the United States, but we have experienced considerable "culture shock". The cost of living is higher, and instead of hearing Spanish, we hear Chinese, Arabic, and Indonesian. Please think of us as we transition from summer to winter! The fear of Covid remains widespread but we have been able to avoid quarantine.

Special thanks to everyone at MCN for prayers and support. We feel very blessed to have been part of the MCN community—we miss you all.





# *This Week at MCN*

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A BRIEF LOOK AT THE CHURCH CALENDAR:

## **Thursday, July 14**

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

**5:30 pm** Loss & Grief Group (Off-site)

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



## **Tuesday, July 19**

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

## **Wednesday, July 20**

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



## *Sharing of Joys and 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

## *Prayer Requests and Announcements*

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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.



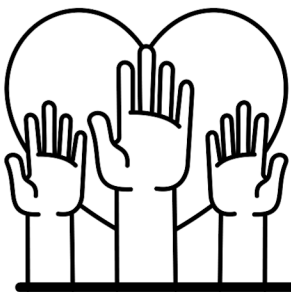
## *Birthdays & Anniversaries*

CELEBRATING LIFE'S MOMENTS AT MCN

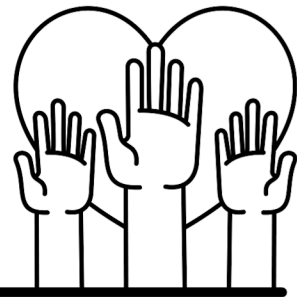
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**Birthdays**

**Anniversaries**



# Those Serving This Week



**South Greeters:** Kristen Satchwell & Annette Harnish

**West Greeter:** Lauren Satchwell

**Welcome Table:** Mary Dyck

**Ushers:** Mark Roeschley and Nancy Fischer

**Worship Planner:** Meredith Schroeer

**Worship Leader:**

**Sharing Prayer Leader:** Ron Ropp

**Children's Story:**

**Scripture Reader:**

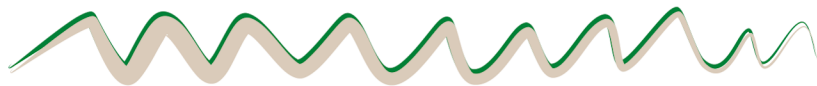
**Song Leader:** Wayne Hochstetler

**Accompaniment, Prelude, & Postlude:** Elsa Raab

**Tech:** Glenn Wilson and Rick Harnish

**Preschool Nursery:** David & Gabriella Harnish

**Gather Round:** No Gather Round until September



## *Jazz at the Illinois Shakespeare Festival*



Join Glenn Wilson and Friends the next three Saturdays, **July 16, 23, 30**, at the Illinois Shakespeare Festival at Ewing Manor – 6:30 in the Courtyard. Free and open to anyone – bring your own food and drink or purchase there.



## *Mennonite Heritage Center Hymn Sing*



**6:00 p.m. Sunday, July 31**

**Sutter Barn, Mennonite Heritage Center in Metamora, IL**

Hymn Sing hosted by Cazenovia and the Center. All ages welcome.

For more information, contact Michael Yoder at [campesinomike@gmail.com](mailto:campesinomike@gmail.com).



# Webinar: Special Session of the Delegate Assembly: What Now? **Monday!**

## Special Session of the Delegate Assembly: What now?

July 18, 2022 at 7 p.m. ET /  
4 p.m. PT on Zoom

A webinar hosted by Glen Guyton,  
with Linda Dibble, Jon Carlson and  
Michael Danner.

*Intérprete al español disponible.*



SPECIAL SESSION OF THE  
DELEGATE ASSEMBLY 2022  
Mississippi Church USA

The Delegate Assembly is over and decisions have been made. What has changed? What does it mean for my conference, my congregation, and me? What opportunities are there for us to live into our Renewed Commitments to “follow Jesus, witness to God’s peace and experience the transformation of the Holy Spirit”? [Register here.](#)

## Centennial Celebration of Maple Lawn Homes

*You are invited to join us July 22 & 23, 2022, at Liberty Bible Church (Rt 117 N Eureka) as we mark 100 years and celebrate the hundreds of heroes who made our faith based retirement community possible.*

**Friday, July 22, 2022 6-8:30 p.m.** Enjoy a series of presentations featuring the 100 year history of Maple Lawn. Short videos will highlight different aspects of Maple Lawn’s operation. Audience participation will allow you to share memories as we reflect on events and people over the past ten decades. How were you or your family connected with Maple Lawn Homes? We’d love to hear your story. Light refreshments will be served at intermission. All are welcome.

**Saturday, July 23, 2022 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.** Come at your convenience to the Family Life Center and leisurely walk through an extensive display of memorabilia beginning with J.D. Smith in 1922 through the present day CEO, Jeremy LaKosh. For your convenience, the Tin Roof Smokehouse food truck will be present beginning at 11 a.m. if you would like to purchase lunch (cash or check only). At **11:30 a.m.**, Eureka Mayor, Eric Lind, will be present for a ribbon cutting ceremony of Maple Lawn’s newly remodeled social center.

Campus tours will be offered at Maple Lawn Campus beginning at 12:30: Maple Lawn Cottages, Social Center, Trail among the trees, The Loft.

**We look forward to greeting you at our centennial events.  
Reservations appreciated to [akennell@mtco.com](mailto:akennell@mtco.com)**



# UMW ATTIC SALE

Friday, July 22, 2022 • 8-3 PM

Clean out the clutter in your attic, basement, closets, etc. & donate your items to the Attic Sale. New this year: furniture will **not** be accepted. **Donations accepted beginning 2 pm on Sunday, July 10.**

**Use this QR code to view & sign up for volunteer opportunities.**

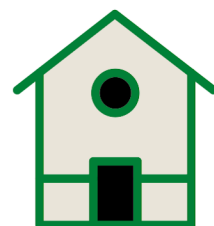


*United Methodist  
Church Attic Sale*

I am sure many of you are familiar with the United Methodist Church's Attic Sale next to ISU's Bone Student Center. It is being put on again this year after a break due to Covid. Even though there is a large congregation, they are appealing for help this year. [Sign up on SignUpGenius](#) if you are able to volunteer the day-of or leading up to the event. You can also drop off items at the church. For further information you can call Carolyn Yockey, or you can call or email me and I can forward you the email from Carolyn to us. Over the years we have donated items and shopped there. It is a lot of fun. Food will also be available.

--Jurgen Schroer

*MCC Great Lakes Webinar*



**Webinar: Creative housing solutions for refugees & asylum seekers  
July 26 at 2:00 p.m. EDT**

When refugees and asylum seekers arrive in the U.S., the first thing they need is a safe place to call home. Unfortunately, the ongoing affordable housing crisis has greatly impacted families' abilities to lay down roots. Join us to learn about different ways faith communities have partnered with refugees, asylum seekers and organizations that serve them to offer creative housing solutions.

[Registration and more information can be found 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:

Lydia Hedberg:

Rita Munkakusi:

Lynette Miller:

Lauren Satchwell:

Holly Zehr:

Ron Ropp:

## *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.

## *Work Order & Purchase Request Forms*

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