

THE MIDWEEK



WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY 9:30 A.M.

Jessica Hall will be preaching this Sunday, resharing our origin story with a sermon titled *Lineage of Faith: Hagar & Sarah*. You may wish to read these origin stories again found in Genesis paying particular attention to Genesis 16 and 21. This Sunday we will study and reexamine what we know about these women, about ourselves, and together we will trust the Lord to open our eyes and lead us to living water to nourish our souls.

Jessica (Ulrich) Hall attended Greenville (College) University where she studied theology and earned a bachelor's degree in Pastoral Ministry. Bastian School of Theology, Philosophy, and Ministry awarded Jessica the James Reinhart Ministry Award for her devotion to the Greenville community. For 4 years, she served as Director of Tutoring for a local non-profit, The Simple Room. Jessica continued her pastoral calling with Wesley United Methodist Church in Charleston, IL where she served as the Director of Lay Ministry & Children's Ministry from 2018-2021. Jessica and her husband Caleb currently reside in El Paso, IL and have been attending MCN since fall of 2021.

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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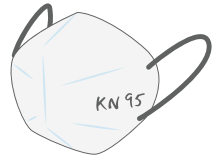
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After Worship:

Adult CE
Salt & Light Bible Study
Children & Youth CE



McLean County Covid-19 Update



The McLean County rolling positivity rate was at 20.2% on June 30, 2022 and decreasing. Community level spread is medium with stabilizing hospitalizations and continued strain on the healthcare system. **The Administration Commission encourages attenders at in-person church events to continue to be masked.**



Delegate Report: Central District Conference Annual Meeting

Ron Ropp and I (Barry Weaver) served as delegates to the annual meeting of the Central District Conference (CDC) of Mennonite Church USA (MC USA) June 23-25. (First time for me.) Our church belongs to this conference as well as Illinois Mennonite Conference. The theme of the meeting was "Tending Transformation." This was expressed in many ways.

It became clear to me that these 46 congregations have thoughtfully chosen to come together to, "Promote a Christ-like community of hospitality where patience and generosity are practiced; call and nurture compassionate Anabaptist leadership; and support missional partnerships that foster ministries of evangelism, peace, healing and hope." (CDC Mission Statement, abridged)

One of the ways that these goals are being put into practice is through the \$350,000 Tending Transformation Campaign. This recently launched fund will underwrite the soon-to-be-hired associate conference minister, create an Emerging Communities of Faith grant, support missional activities, and support pastor leadership development. \$200,000 of this has already been raised during the "quiet" phase of the campaign!

Everything about the gathering—formal, informal, and spontaneous—appeared to align with the goals expressed in the Mission Statement. This invigorated and inspired me. Talk to Ron or me if you want to hear more!

--Barry Weaver



Save The Date!



Sunday, August 14, 2022

Escape to Camp Menno Haven

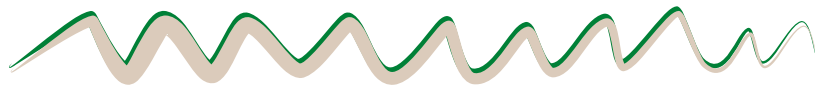
Worship: 10:00 am

Lunch: served by camp staff at noon. Sign-up is required by Wednesday, July 27. Watch for a reservation form and a flyer with more detailed instructions.

Afternoon activity options: use of canoes and paddleboats, swimming in the pool, lawn games, hiking trails, and use of the activity center. Reservations are needed for use of canoes and paddleboats only. (Look for the form next week.)

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. Sign-up for this tour is required by Wednesday, July 27, by using the registration form. We will carpool from the camp and the tour will start at approximately 1:30 pm.

More Information coming soon!



This Week at MCN

A BRIEF LOOK AT THE CHURCH CALENDAR:

Thursday, July 7

6:30 am Next Man Bible Study (Zoom)

Monday, July 11

7:30pm Vision Team (Zoom)

Tuesday, July 12

7:00 pm Interim Pastoral Team (Zoom)

Wednesday, July 13

9:30 am Wed Morn Book Group (Zoom)





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

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.

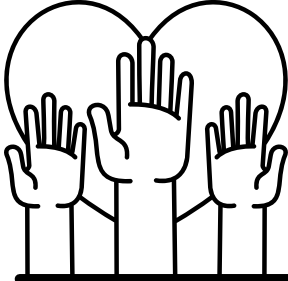
Birthdays & Anniversaries

CELEBRATING LIFE'S MOMENTS AT MCN

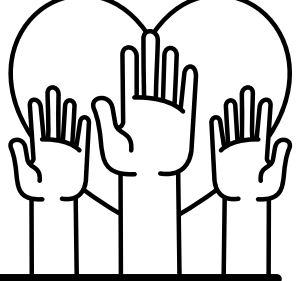


Birthdays

Anniversaries



Those Serving This Week



South Greeters: Caleb Augspurger & Nancy Fisher

West Greeter: Phyllis Versteegh

Welcome Table: Gail Fisher

Ushers: John & Kay Reimer

Worship Planner: Marge Weaver

Worship Leader: Marge Weaver

Sharing Prayer Leader: Holly Zehr

Children's Story: Louise Reeser

Scripture Reader: Caroline Roeschley

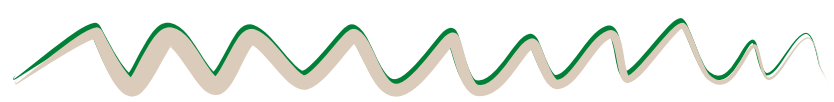
Song Leader: Barry Weaver & Charlotte Hedberg

Accompaniment, Prelude, & Postlude: Lydia Hedberg

Tech: Adam Augspurger & Ryan Miller

Preschool Nursery: Carrie Stalter

Gather Round: No Gather Round until September



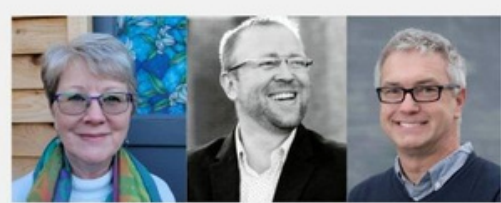
Webinar: Special Session of the Delegate Assembly: What Now?

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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.



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.

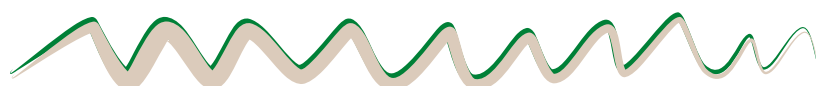
**We look forward to greeting you at our centennial events.
Reservations appreciated to akennell@mtco.com**

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

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

Work Order & Purchase Request Forms

[Work Order & Purchase Request](#)

Structure Documents

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
