

THE MIDWEEK



WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY 10:00 A.M.

Worship will take place at Menno Haven this Sunday at **10am**. Find directions [here](#).

Karla Stoltzfus Detweiler, Executive Director of Hungry World Farms will deliver the meditation, and the youth, under leadership of Shelly and Darvis King, are planning and conducting the service. Find more information about the day's schedule below.

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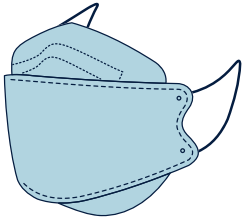
This Sunday:
Please join us for
worship at
Menno Haven
this week



**Mennonite
Church
of Normal**

A congregation of
Mennonite Church USA

After Worship:
No CE offerings
this week



McLean County Covid-19 Update



The McLean County rolling positivity rate was at **26.0%** on August 4, 2022 and decreasing. Community level spread is **medium** with potential for strain on the health care system. **Administration Commission encourages attenders at in-person church events to continue to be masked.**



Appreciation!

We thank you for welcoming Kevin, Jess and Junia! You welcomed them with stories, muffins, cookies, questions, games and flowers in every nook and cranny. But most of all you welcomed them with your presence. Thank you for living up to what we have been telling Kevin about the Mennonite Church of Normal, 'Young and old this is an exuberant bunch!'

Special thanks for ...

The wildflowers in abundance and alter adornment — Vivian

The history of how two churches came together and built one — Lotus

The puppets who talked to Kevin, Jess and Junia — Shelly, Emma, Jordan

The bakers too numerous to name

The spontaneous *Praise God* 606 (now 70) — Cindy

The person who worked hard for days and days and made our sanctuary shine — Rita

The two who glued all the parts of this weekend together — Lydia and Lauren

The seven members of the search committee say thank you!



MENNO HAVEN SUNDAY

Escape to the Woods!



Menno Haven Sunday

**Escape to Menno Haven Camp and Retreat Center - Annual Church Retreat
Sunday, August 14th
10am-4pm**

Worship service at Lakeview Lodge. Weather permitting, we will worship together outside on patio at 10am. Karla Stoltzfus Detweiler, Executive Director of Hungry World Farms will deliver the meditation. The Youth under leadership of Shelly and Darvis King are planning and conducting the service.

Noon meal will be served with tables outside to enjoy fellowship on the lawn.

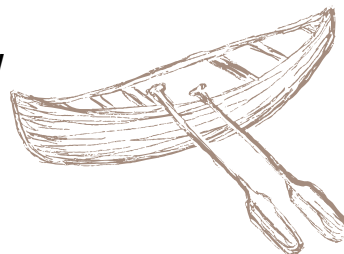
Hungry World Farm tour. Meet in the Menno Haven Lakeview Lodge parking lot at 1pm and carpool if you wish. Bring a hat and comfortable walking shoes. We will be traveling to the Farmstead. Address is house # 9295; 1925 East Street; Tiskilwa, IL 61368. A map and directions will be available when we gather.

Activities at the camp include hiking trails, fishing, games on the lawn including ladder ball and bag toss. Also, a large amount of recreation equipment available.

Pool is open for swimming however no lifeguard available which means no diving!

Bring an afternoon snack to share. A cold-water station is available inside the lodge to fill your water bottles.

See you there!



Worship Commission

Worship - It doesn't just happen?

Do you know what goes into planning each Sunday's worship? It is a rather complex process! The Interim Pastoral Team sets up the schedule of preachers. Worship Commission then has a rotating list of Worship Planners, Accompanists, Song Leaders, & Communion Leaders. For each Sunday, the Planner receives the Sermon title, scripture, & theme from the preacher & then plans the other components of the worship. The Preacher may suggest some hymns, but the Planner normally chooses them or asks the Song Leader to select them. The Planner also chooses people to be Worship Leader (usually the Planner does this), read scripture, & lead the Children's Time. If another Commission or group needs to plan a worship, they need to coordinate with the assigned Worship Planner who may already have plans for that Sunday. You can contact a member of the Worship Commission, the church office, or a member of the Interim Pastoral Team to find out who the Planner is for a given Sunday. We hope this will help us all understand how much good work goes into creating meaningful worship as well as foster good communication in our planning. We are so grateful for the many people who fill these important roles sharing their spiritual gifts in planning & leading the different parts of our worship services. Thanks! --Your Worship Commission

Community Life Commission

The Community Life Commission would like to share the "About Us" they presented to Kevin Chupp at the Commissions and Teams meeting with him last Saturday. Please find it [here](#).

A Poem by Ron Ropp

Love is a many splendored thing
It manifests in many ways
Some see it in romantic form
It happens when someone prays

Love is very hard to define
It can be a powerful force
That moves us beyond reason
Or drives us on our life course

Love is really an energy force
That dictates many things we do
Yet science cannot measure it
But feelings know that it is true

While energy drives the universe
Love's energy is a different force
And it's splendor is beyond reason
Because God is its real source



Blessing of the Backpacks

On Sunday, August 21, children who will be entering PK-5th grade in homeschool or public school are invited to bring their backpacks to church. This Sunday will have a special focus on Christian nurture and we will be providing a blessing for school age children (and their backpacks) during Children's time. If you don't have a backpack for your child, please contact Holly Zehr.



This Week at MCN

A BRIEF LOOK AT THE CHURCH CALENDAR:



Birthdays & Anniversaries

CELEBRATING LIFE'S MOMENTS AT MCN

Birthdays

Anniversaries

Prayer Requests and Announcements

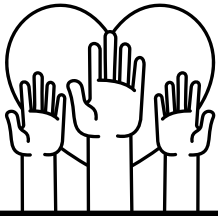
Sharing of Joys and Concerns have returned to open mic sharing during the services. Please continue to send announcements to Lynette Miller so that these can be shared by the worship leader during the Community Life portion of the service. When sharing, it's helpful if your requests are succinct. This is true whether in person or livestreaming on YouTube.



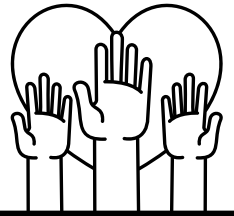
Sharing of Joys and Concerns



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

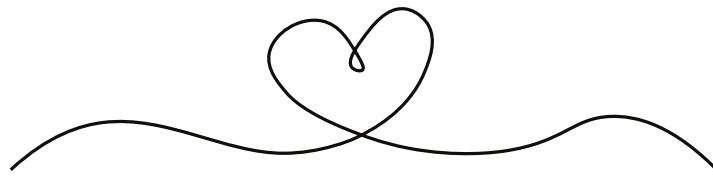


Those Serving This Week



Menno Haven Sunday!
No worship at 805 S Cottage

Worship Planner: MYF & JMYF



Camp Friedenswald Fall Events

Camp Friedenswald has several Fall programs & getaways coming up! Check out their [Women's Retreat](#), [Restoration Retreat](#), and [Fall Getaways](#).



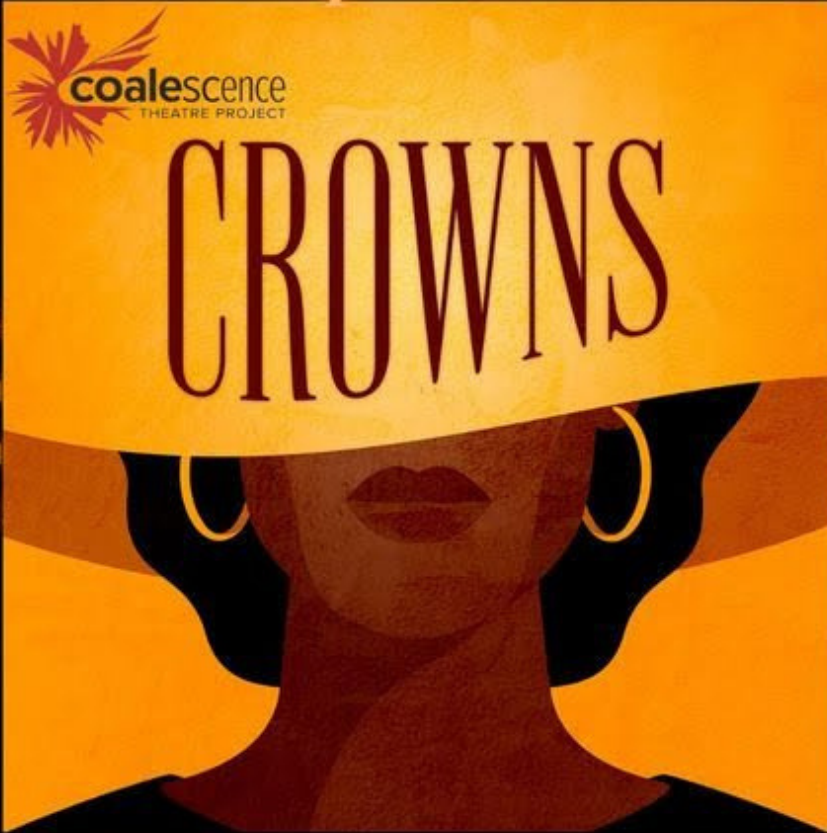


Widening the Circle



Clayton Gladish, pastor of Silverwood Mennonite Church, writes about how the passage of "[A Resolution for Repentance and Transformation](#)" can be an opportunity for us to widen the circle. Read his blog here: mennoniteusa.org/widening-circle.

A Gospel Musical



AUG
19th
20th
21st

AUG
26th
27th
28th

Coalescence Theatre Project

**August 19, 20, 26, 27 at 7pm
and August 21, 28 at 5pm**

Coalescence Theatre Project presents CROWNS a Gospel Musical, by Regina Taylor. CROWNS is a moving and celebratory musical play in which hats become a springboard for an exploration of Black history and identity as seen through the eyes of a young Black woman who has come down South to stay with her aunt after her brother is killed in Brooklyn. Find more information and tickets [HERE](#).

Normal Community Activities Center



Mobile Health Clinic

The **Carle Mobile Health Clinic that will be held on Monday, August 15 from 9 am - 4 pm.** The mobile health clinic will be at Woodhill Towers in the south parking lot on the third Monday of each month for the rest of the

year from 9 am - 4 pm. It is basically a primary care office on wheels. **It is a walk-in clinic and individuals of all ages are welcome to obtain services on the van.** There are no out of pocket costs and you can have private insurance, no insurance or Medicaid. The Mobile Health Clinic provides: flu shots, chronic condition management & education, treatment of acute illness, physicals/wellness care/assessments, school & sport physicals/immunizations, lab testing, referrals & applications for social services.

Food boxes will be available for distribution by the Tinerven Foundation. OSF St. Joseph Medical Center will also be available to distribute Smart Meals and nutrition information. The McLean County Health Department will be in attendance to provide health and diabetes prevention information and have some activities for children.

Visit carle.org/mobilehealth for more information



Arts MENNONITE WEEKEND

BETWEEN:

Embracing Vulnerability

FEB 3-5, 2023
CINCINNATI, OHIO

Mennonite Arts Weekend

Early-bird registration is open for the 2023 Mennonite Arts Weekend in Cincinnati, Ohio, February 3-5. Twelve artists and our featured musical group, Girl Named Tom, will explore this year's theme BETWEEN: Embracing Vulnerability.

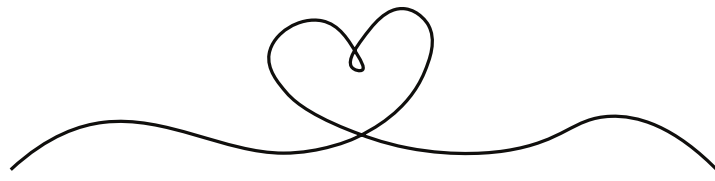
You will find information about the participating artists, venue, schedule, and registration at mennoniteartsweekend.org.

Hope to see you there!

GIRL NAMED TOM

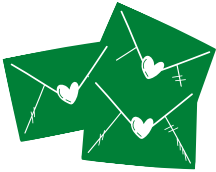
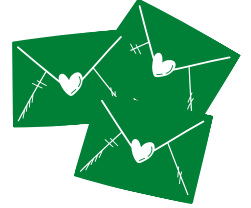
- Roseann Penner Kaufman
- Talashia Keim Yoder
- Daniel Shank Cruz
- Anne H. Berry
- Rachel Derstine
- Dick Lehman

- Viki Graber
- Lynn Sommer
- Joungmin Sur
- SaeJin Lee
- Jerry Holsopple
- Angela Sprunger



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 but NOT Thursday this week
and Monday – Wednesday & Friday 1:30PM-3PM.
- Lydia Hedberg: Office Administrator; church@normalmennonite.org; 309.452.6622
- Rita Munkakusi: Custodian
- 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](#)



Please send items to be included in the Midweek to the [Church Office](#) no later than 8am on Wednesday. Thank you!

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.