

THE MIDWEEK



WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY 9:30 A.M.

This week's sermon begins a 7-part series on the Vision Statement of MCN.

Holly Zehr will provide a sermon titled *Nourishing* based on Deuteronomy 6: 1-9 & John 15: 1-10 and pondering the questions: What do we mean when we say that we are a "nourishing" congregation? What is Christian nourishment and what are the concrete ways we can provide it for one another?

We will celebrate Communion in worship this Sunday with Joe Culpepper leading. 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](#).
The bulletins get posted under the Worship tab of our [website](#).

This Sunday:

Please Join us for
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or live stream on
YouTube!

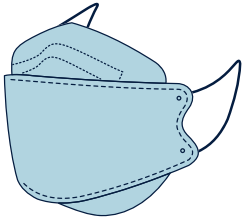


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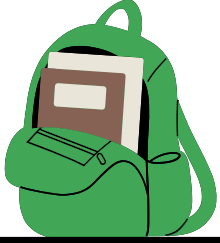
Adult CE
Salt & Light Bible Study
Children & Youth CE



McLean County Covid-19 Update



The McLean County rolling positivity rate was at **20.8%** on August 11, 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.**



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.

When?

We anticipate Kevin's installation in the late fall. No date has been set. In the meantime, there is nothing like anticipating a happy occasion to make you feel like a kid again. Until Kevin, Jess and Junia arrive, enjoy your burst of youthfulness!



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Save the Date!

Save the date: **Thursday, September 15th from 5-7pm** volunteering at the Midwest Food Bank! If interested, please register [here](#).

Financial Update

The Financial Update from the Administration Commission that is scheduled for today will be in next week's Midweek instead.

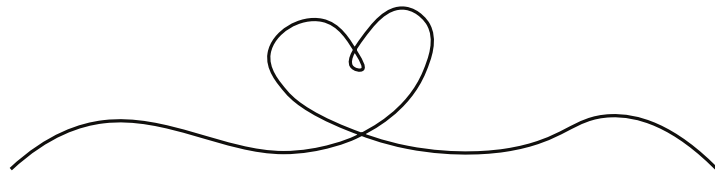
Worship Commission Notes

Your Worship Commission met last Saturday. We discussed some questions that came to us from congregation members shared with the Vision Team in their listening sessions earlier this summer; reviewed the Stewardship Affirmation & Offering with ideas for some slight changes; discussed our value of having a variety of tone in worship, with each planner bringing their own gifts & worship style to the services they plan - some more formal/liturgical & and others more informal/demonstrative; restored regularly scheduled reading of the scripture in French; discussed the importance of clear communication between all leaders in worship planning; & shared ideas for offering resources to nurture the personal & family spiritual life of our congregation. Thanks to Jessica Hall who has volunteered to bake communion bread as part of her worship, & thanks for your questions & suggestions as we together shape our loving MCN worship of God! --*Worship Commission*

Celebration of Life



Ruth and Joe Haney thank everyone for their cards and messages after the death of their son Brad Ring. There will be a Celebration of Life for him soon.



This Week at MCN

A BRIEF LOOK AT THE CHURCH CALENDAR:

Thursday, August 18

7:00 am Next Man Bible Study

2:00 pm Women's Book Group

Monday, August 22

1:30pm Community Life Commission

Tuesday, August 23

7:00 pm Interim Pastoral Team (Zoom)

Wednesday, August 24

9:30 am Wed Morn Book Group (Zoom)

7:30 pm Vision Team (Zoom)



Birthdays & Anniversaries

CELEBRATING LIFE'S MOMENTS AT MCN



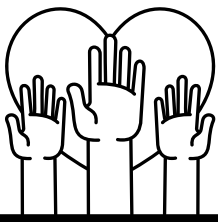
Sharing of Joys and Concerns



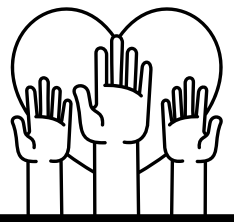
MCN IS ASKED TO BE IN CONTINUED PRAYER FOR FOR THE CARDIOVASCULAR CARE UNIT OF CARLE BROMENN MEDICAL CENTER—OUR PARTNER IN HEALING FOR 2022

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.



Those Serving This Week



South Greeters: Amy & Jeff Reiman

West Greeter: Judy Hershberger

Welcome Table: Marcia Rossi

Ushers: Kay & John Reimer

Worship Planner: Holly & Randy Zehr

Worship Leader: Gail Fisher

Communion Leader: Joe Culpepper

Sharing Prayer Leader: Lynette Miller

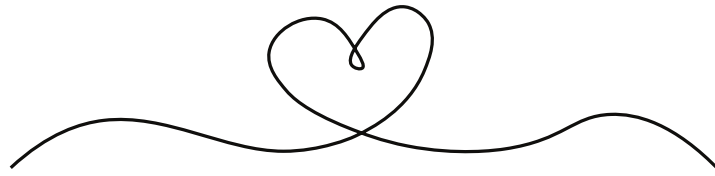
Children's Story: Shannon Unzicker

Scripture Reader: Katie Driscoll

Song Leader: Cindy Ropp

Accompaniment, Prelude, & Postlude: Dorothy Loepp

Gather Round: No Gather Round until September



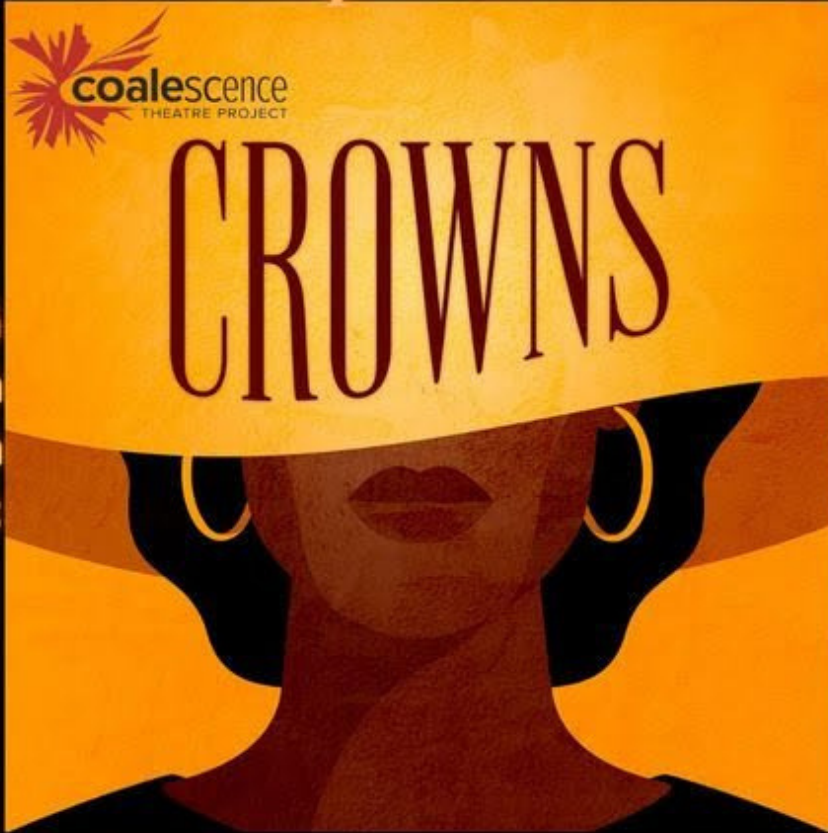
AMBS Online Short Courses



The Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary is offering four online courses this upcoming school year. They are each six weeks long and have no grades or papers! This fall there are two offerings: [Exploring Peace and Justice in the Bible](#) from September 14 to October 25 and [Exploring Anabaptist History and Theology](#) from October 26 to December 13. Register early for an early-bird discount, or register for the bundle of four for a discounted rate! Find more information about all four courses and the bundle [here](#).

A Gospel Musical

Coalescence Theatre Project



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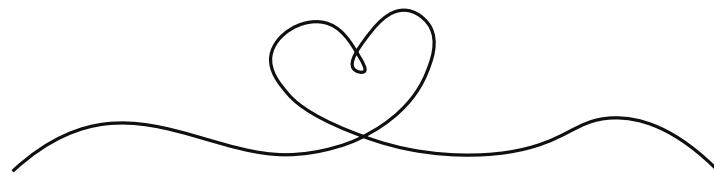
AUG
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28th

This Weekend!

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

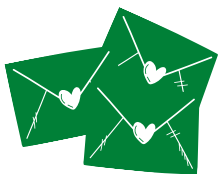
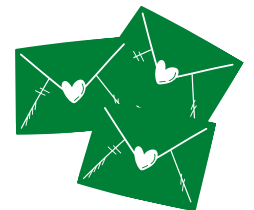
Coalescence Theatre Project presents CROWNS a Gospel Musical, by Regina Taylor. CROWNS is a moving and celebratory musical play in which hats become a springboard for an exploration of Black history and identity as seen through the eyes of a young Black woman who has come down South to stay with her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

Normal Community Activities Center



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; 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](#)

Items for the Midweek

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.