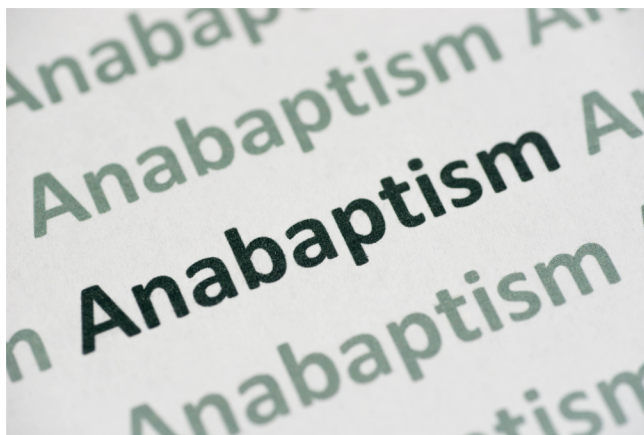


THE MIDWEEK



WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY 9:30 A.M.

This week is the second Sunday that we are exploring MCN's Mission Statement. Darrel Miller will preach this Sunday on I Corinthians 3:5-11, 18-23. He will focus on the reference to "Anabaptist" in the Vision Statement. If you ever wondered when you would hear a sermon about the Bible verse on the front wall, we will this Sunday.



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
worship in-person
or live stream on
YouTube!

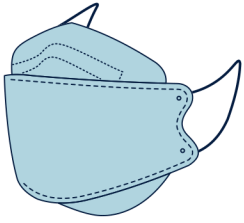


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After Worship:

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 August 18, 2022 and **increasing**. Community level spread is **low** with potential for strain on the health care system. **Administration Commission encourages attenders at in-person church events to continue to be masked.**

Update from Vision Team

Vision Team will meet with our new pastor, Kevin Chupp, this evening to continue planning for his arrival late this fall. Watch for more details in next week's Midweek.



Where?

Where will Kevin, Jess and Junia live? **They don't know.**

In a few weeks they will need a home. Do you know of a home in the \$200,000 range? Or a rental with at least two bedrooms? Daily they search online but a home is often sold before it is posted. Please email the church office or call a member of the Pastoral Team Search Committee.

Financial Update



Spending Plan Status

July Income: \$29,095

July Expenses: \$24,970

July Income - Expenses: \$4,125

Year-to-Date Income: \$172,220

Year-to-Date Expenses: \$167,837

Year-to-Date Income - Expenses: \$4,383

Come celebrate Fall at the Larry Reeser Farm

September 18 starting at 4pm

Campfire, Potluck, Weiner Roast, and Hayride.

Everyone invited.

More details to come.



Journey Groups

The Discipling Commission has created a new structure for Adult Christian Education classes, which will begin September 4th. Below are links to the books that have been selected for each group for the fall quarter. We can receive a 25% discount from Menno Media if we place a group order. If you'd like to take advantage of this, please email David Voetglin with your order by **Thursday August 25th (tomorrow)**. E-book formats are available for each title, but these will need to be purchased by individuals themselves. Payments can be made to the church office once materials have been distributed.

Journey Group A (20's and 30's)

Facilitators: Leah Roeschley and Jessica Hall

[What Is the Bible and How Do We Understand It? - Menno Media](#)

Journey Group B (40's and 50's)

Facilitator: Shannon Unzicker

[Grace Can Lead Us Home - Menno Media](#)

(A Christian Call to End Homelessness)

Journey Group C (60 and above)

Facilitator: Lynette Miller

[Invited - Menno Media](#)

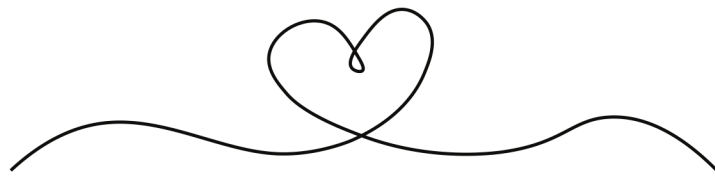
(The Power of Hospitality in an Age of Loneliness)



Each group will be discussing all of the above books in rotation as the year progresses. Once a group completes a quarter, we suggest books be lent/swapped accordingly to members of another group for their use. Because each group will vary in size, some will need to purchase more than one selection throughout the year. Questions? Contact Shannon Unzicker, Discipling Commission co-chair.

Childcare Needed

Tania and Emmanuel Kasongo are looking for someone to help with childcare from 7:20am to 9:00am Wednesday, Thursday, & Fridays. Tania's classes at Heartland this semester start before the school bus comes, and they would appreciate help as they wait to move off the wait-list for the before school program



This Week at MCN

A BRIEF LOOK AT THE CHURCH CALENDAR:



Birthdays & Anniversaries

CELEBRATING LIFE'S MOMENTS AT MCN



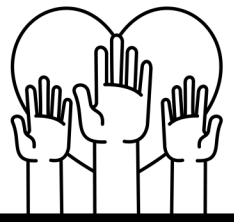
Sharing of Joys and Concerns



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



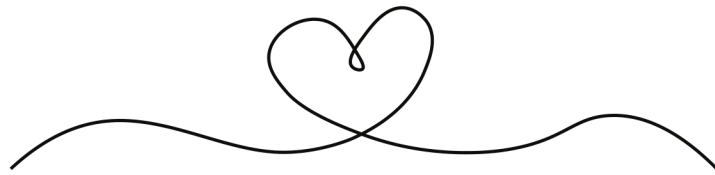
Those Serving This Week



South Greeters: Connie & Rick Satchwell
West Greeter: Marcia Rossi
Welcome Table: Darrel Miller
Ushers: Louise & Larry Reeser
Worship Planner: Cindy Ropp
Worship Leader: Steve Benner
Sharing Prayer Leader: Ron Ropp
Children's Story: Louise Reeser
Scripture Reader: Stephanie Company
Song Leader: Barry Weaver
Accompaniment: Jenell Ulrich
Prelude & Postlude: Caleb & Adam Augspurger
Gather Round: No Gather Round until September

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.





Experience the Storm Encounter Presented by Mennonite Disaster Service

**Arthur Mennonite
Relief Sale**
Otto Center
2058 Cr 1800e
Arthur, Illinois

August 26-27, 2022
10:00 am to 4:00 pm
Free admission

Kentucky Flood Survivors Need Volunteer Help

Flood survivors in eastern Kentucky need volunteers, and Mennonite Disaster Service is trying to help. "The need is overwhelming," said Larry Stoner, MDS regional operations coordinator, describing the aftermath of the historic deluge in late July that killed 38 people in a rural corner of the state. Only 1% of properties in the hardest-hit counties of the state have federal flood insurance, government records show.

[More information](#) | [Sign up to help](#)



A Gospel Musical

coalescence THEATRE PROJECT

CROWNS

AUG 19th 20th 21st

AUG 26th 27th 28th

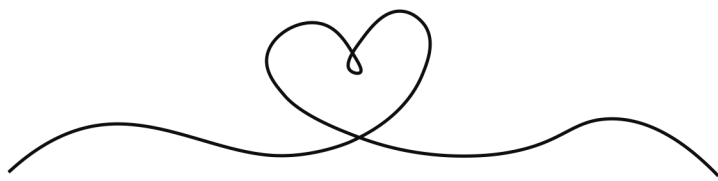
Normal Community Activities Center

Coalescence Theatre Project

Three shows left!

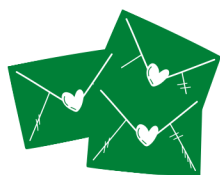
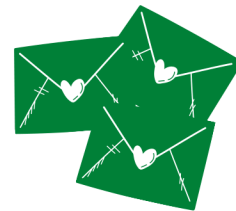
**August 26, 27 at 7pm
and August 28 at 5pm**

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](#).



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

<u>Building Open:</u>	Monday – Friday, 9AM-11AM and Monday – Wednesday & Friday 1:30PM-3PM.
<u>Lydia Hedberg:</u>	Office Administrator; church@normalmennonite.org ; 309.452.6622
<u>Rita Munkakusi:</u>	Custodian
<u>Lynette Miller:</u>	Interim Pastor for Discipling and Community Life Commissions
<u>Lauren Satchwell:</u>	Interim Pastor for Vision Team, Administration & Outreach Commissions
<u>Holly Zehr:</u>	Interim Pastor for Worship & Spiritual Gift Discernment Team
<u>Ron Ropp:</u>	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.