

THE MIDWEEK



WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY 9:30 A.M.

This week is the fifth Sunday that we are exploring MCN's Vision Statement.

Lois Hochstetler will use Isaiah 43:2-5a & John 14:27 to preach on the topic of peace in her sermon titled:
Peace — Is This What Jesus Wants For Us?

She says, "Jesus came to bring us peace, but also to bring a sword. This requires us to deal with a paradox, which is always a challenge."



The service will be live streamed on YouTube at this [link](#).

The bulletins get posted under the Worship tab of our [website](#).

After Worship

Adult CE

Journey Groups:

Group A (20's-30's)

Head Start Wing

Group B (40's-50's)

Conference Room

Group C (60's and above)

Room 4

Children & Youth CE

Pre-K-1st Grade

Room 11

2nd-5th Grade

Room 12 & 9

Junior High

Room 8

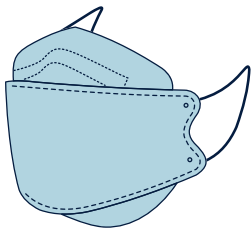
High School

Room 7 & 5



**Mennonite
Church
of Normal**

A congregation of
Mennonite Church USA



McLean County Covid-19 Update



The McLean County rolling positivity rate was at **17.2%** on September 8, 2022 and **decreasing**. Community level spread is **low**. **Administration Commission encourages attenders at in-person church events to continue to be masked.**



Come celebrate Fall at the Larry Reeser Farm



This Sunday!

September 18 starting at 4pm

Campfire, Potluck, Weiner Roast, and Hayride. Everyone invited!

Please bring your own hotdogs and buns, a dish to share, and lawn chairs.

Reeser's will provide roasting sticks, condiments, table service, drinks, baked beans and chips.

Hope to see you there.



Midwest
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Volunteer Opportunity

Join us **Thursday, September 15th from 5-7pm** to volunteer at the Midwest Food Bank! If interested, please sign-up [here](#).

TOMORROW!

Fellowship Committee Survey

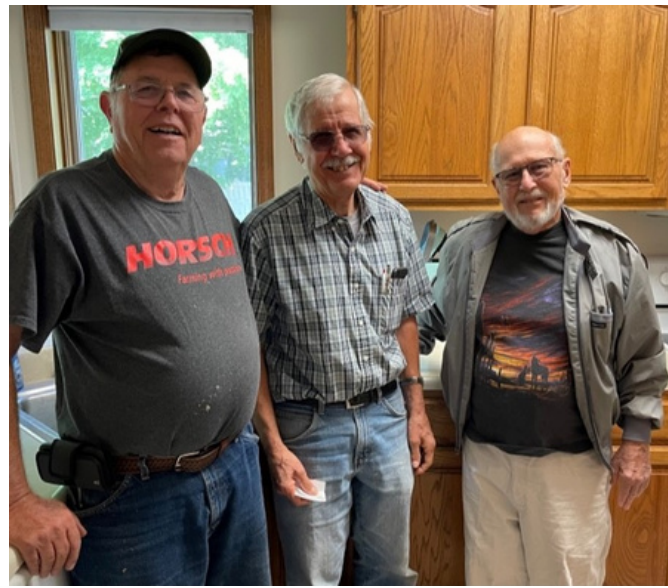


The Fellowship Committee is committed to providing you with opportunities for developing and or enhancing relationships among us. Therefore, we welcome your comments. Please fill out this questionnaire by **September 25, 2022** either [online](#) or with one of the paper copies available at the kitchen serving counter during Fellowship Time. Thank you!

Housing

The current plan is Kevin, Jess and Junia will move into the Mennonite Residential Community which is vacant due to the recent passing of June Forbes. This gives them time to settle in and get to know Normal/Bloomington before looking for more permanent housing.

They will arrive in mid-October. Big thanks to team Larry, Lotus, Paul and Manny (unavailable at time of photo) who will be hustling to get the home ready!



Big thanks to Gerry Schrock who will be providing meals for the family during the move in.

The MRC community building has been reserved for their use in the event they arrive ahead of their belongings. They will be driving their car while their belongings are coming in a U-Pack. As more dates and plans are firmed up, you will read it here. **We give thanks!**



This September, MCN is joining Home Sweet Home Ministries, Midwest Food Bank, and Thrivent Financial as we come together to collect items for Thanksgiving meal boxes.

Place purchased items in the shopping cart in the library.

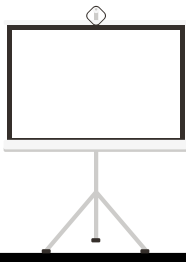
[Shopping list](#) and [Hy-Vee Special Pricing for Big Give](#)



Interim Pastoral Team Update

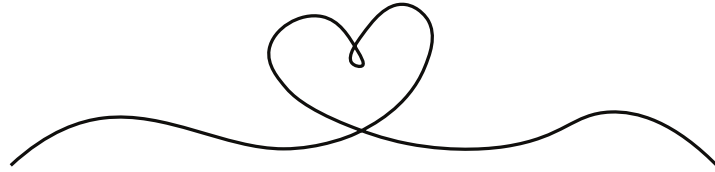


The Interim Pastoral Team is here to pray, check-in, chat, and drink coffee. Please contact the church office (church@normalmennonite.org or 309-452-6622) if you would like to schedule a time to meet with a member of the Interim Pastoral Team. Meetings can be on Zoom, in person at the church, over the phone, etc.



From the Office

Lydia in the church office is now making the PowerPoint slides. If you have anything, such as slides for the sermon, children's time, ministry moment, etc., please send them to the church office! (church@normalmennonite.org) Thank you everyone!



This Week at MCN

A BRIEF LOOK AT THE CHURCH CALENDAR:

Thursday, September 15

7:00 am Next Man Bible Study

5:00 pm Midwest Food Bank ([Sign-up here](#))

6:30pm Administration Commission (Zoom)

Saturday, September 17

9:00 am Worship Commission (Zoom)

Sunday, September 18

4:00 pm Reeser Wiener Roast

Tuesday, September 20

7:00 pm Interim Pastoral Team (Zoom)

Wednesday, September 21

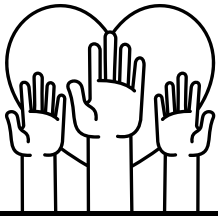
9:30 am Wed Morn Book Group (Zoom)

Birthdays & Anniversaries

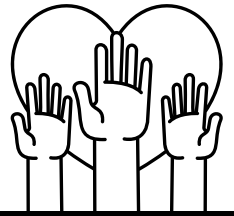
CELEBRATING LIFE'S MOMENTS AT MCN

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: King Family

West Greeter: Pam Hodel

Welcome Table: Mary Dyck

Ushers: Neely Family

Worship Planner & Leader: Joe Culpepper

Sharing Prayer Leader: Lynette Miller

Children's Story: Gail Fisher

Scripture Reader: Marge Nester

Technology: Caleb Augspurger & Ryan Miller

Song Leader: Barry Weaver

Accompaniment, Prelude, & Postlude: Dorothy Loepp

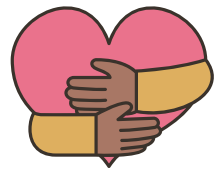
Infant Nursery - during worship: Courtney Yoder

Infant Nursery - during CE: Caroline Roeschley

Preschool Nursery: Beth Reeser

Gather Round: Holly & Randy Zehr

Prayer Focus for September



During September, everyone is invited to a month of prayer for our Community Life Commission, aka CLC, (current members are Connie Satchwell, Joanna Oyer, Interim Pastoral Team Representative Lynette Miller, and co-chairs Mary Ann Watkins and Deb Stenger). The CLC's work focuses on relationships within the congregation including small groups, pastoral care, fellowship, and mutual aid. As you are praying this month, you are invited to share with the CLC anything that God may be bringing to your mind or simply share words of encouragement for their work. You can share them directly with a member of the commission. Thank you very much for your support!



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



Mennonites and Ukraine: Past and Present

This Saturday: September 17, 10am

IL Mennonite Heritage Center, 675 IL State Route 116 Metamora IL

Join the Illinois Mennonite Historical and Genealogical Society for a presentation by Mary Raber titled Mennonites and Ukraine: Past and Present. Contact Mike Yoder at campesinomike@gmail.com for more information.

Jazz Festival

This Saturday: September 17 from 4-9 pm
Connie Link Amphitheatre at 621 S. Linden

Glenn Wilson's Further Jazz Inc., will present the Further Jazz Festival on Saturday . Five groups will perform and Glenn's groups will be at 7 and 8pm. Free and open to all. Bring your chairs! Find a list of performing groups [here](#).



Harvest Festival



Saturday, September 24 from 2 to 5 p.m
19183 Plow Creek Road, Tiskilwa, IL 61368

Come celebrate local food and agriculture at Hungry World Farm's Harvest Festival at their Farm Learning Center in Tiskilwa, Illinois. There will be fun for all ages, including hayrack rides, farm tours, a pumpkin painting contest, wreath making, samples of seasonal foods, local farm wares for sale, door prizes and more! Check out their website for a schedule of events [here](#). View a flyer [here](#).

Women of Faith Conference

September 29th through October 2nd in Elkhart, Indiana

Mennonite Disaster Service invites women of all faiths to join them in prophetic witness and holistic healing. Utilizing Mennonite Women USA's Sisterhood Masterclass and Sister Care Seminar, they will address issues of diversity, equity and inclusion as they experience Christ together in fellowship and worship. Find more information [here](#).

MDS Illinois Unit Annual Meeting

September 24th at East Bend Mennonite Church in Fisher, Illinois

You are invited to the Mennonite Disaster Service Annual IL Unit Meeting. The meeting will be held from 10am to noon with a meal provided by East Bend following the meeting. Matt Kreeb will be sharing about his family's experience with MDS at Amigo Centre. This meeting is open to anyone who is interested in attending. If you are interested in attending, please contact Gerry Schrock or church@normalmennonite.org.

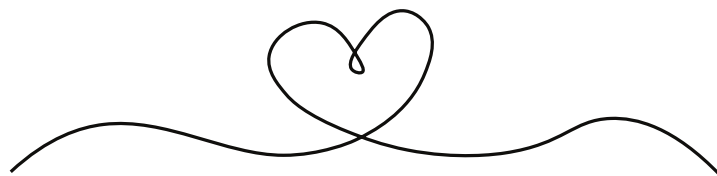
Camp Friedenswald Fall Events

Camp Friedenswald has several Fall programs & getaways coming up! Check out their [Restoration Retreat](#) on October 21-23 and their [Fall Getaways](#) on October 14-16 & November 4-6.



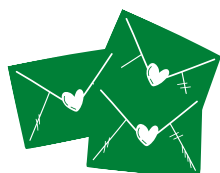
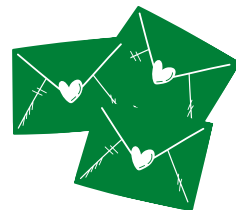
Anabaptism at 500

Anabaptism at 500 invites us all to gather a small study group to read the Bible together and contribute your insights in the form of marginal notes for a new **Anabaptist Bible**. Anabaptism at 500 is an initiative of MennoMedia, the publishing ministry of Mennonite Church USA and Mennonite Church Canada. Find more information about contributing insights [here](#). Find information on the Anabaptist Bible project [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

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!

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.