

THE MIDWEEK



WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY 9:30 A.M.

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

Lauren Satchwell will provide the sermon this week focusing on MCN's vision to be Welcoming to All.

When have we felt welcomed? When have we felt like an outsider? What does it mean to belong? Throughout the gospels, Jesus extended a sense of belonging to many people. We'll start with the story of the wee little man from Luke 19:1-9



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

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

After Worship

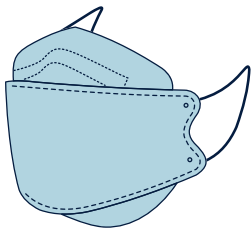
Adult CE
Journey Groups:

Children & Youth CE



**Mennonite
Church
of Normal**

A congregation of
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McLean County Covid-19 Update



The McLean County rolling positivity rate was at **18.6%** on September 2, 2022 and **increasing**. 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.**

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!



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.



Come celebrate Fall at the Larry Reeser Farm



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.



Vision Team Update

The Vision Team met on Wednesday, August 31. Following the meeting, Vision Team has the following items to share with the congregation:

1. Vision Team received regular reports on the current activities of the Spiritual Gifts Discernment Team (SGDT), Pastoral Team Search Committee (PTSC), the Interim Pastoral Team (IPT), and the Commissions and discussed where support is needed.
2. Vision Team continued to discuss upcoming items for Kevin Chupp's transition to MCN later this fall. More details regarding the pastoral team transition will be shared as they become available.
3. Vision Team also began discussing the projected Pastoral Team wages and benefits costs for 2023 for use in the 2023 Spending Plan.
4. Find Vision Team meeting minutes and resource documents in the Vision Team folder on Google Drive.



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](#)



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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](#). **Next week!**

From the Office

THANK YOU!

Hello everyone! If you send an email or leave a voicemail for the church office, you should hear back from me within 24 hours (with the exception being weekends). If you don't receive a response, please send a follow-up email or call the office to make sure I received it. Thanks! -Lydia

Commission and Team Contacts



If you would like to bring something to the attention of a commission or team, please contact the chair or the pastor that relates to that commission. If you have a pastoral care concern, please contact a member of the Interim Pastoral Team.

Interim Pastoral Team:

Lauren Satchwell (lead)

Holly Zehr

Ron Ropp

Lynette Miller

Spiritual Gift Discernment:

Nancy Fisher

Holly Zehr (IPT)

Vision Team:

Barry Weaver (chair)

Lauren Satchwell (IPT)

Pastoral Team Search Committee:

Marcia Rossi (chair)

Administration Commission:

Mary Dyck (chair)

Lauren Satchwell (IPT)

Community Life Commission:

Deb Stenger (co-chair)

Mary Ann Watkins (co-chair)

Lynette Miller (IPT)

Discipling Commission:

Shannon Unzicker (co-chair)

Spring Neely (co-chair)

Lynette Miller (IPT)

Outreach Commission:

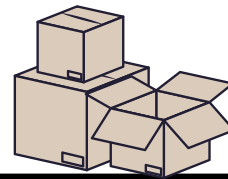
Lauren Satchwell (IPT)

Worship Commission:

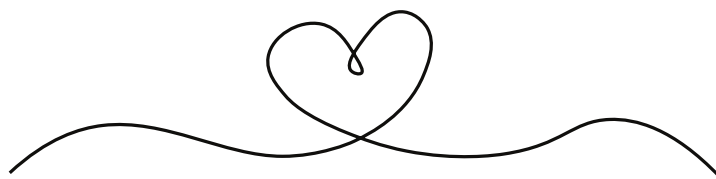
Joe Culpepper (interim chair)

Holly Zehr (IPT)

A Note from Julie Musselman



As many of you are aware, in a few weeks I will be moving to an apartment in eastern Pennsylvania. I moved to Normal with my husband Jerry, and a year later we moved into the MRC. On day one, we were met with moving help and gifts from the people of MCN. and that warmth and hospitality has been one of the many highlights of living here these last ten years. When my husband Jerry's health declined, and he moved to assisted living, MCN members continued to remember him and me with visits, hymns sings, cards and prayers. After his passing, I received support from so many you as I learned to navigate the many changes that followed. I will always consider Illinois my second home, and hope to be back very soon to visit. Thank you for your prayers as I transition to this next chapter of life, and please stop in to visit if you are ever in eastern PA. --Julie Musselman



This Week at MCN

A BRIEF LOOK AT THE CHURCH CALENDAR:

Thursday, September 8

7:00 am Next Man Bible Study

2:00 pm Women's Book Group (Zoom)

6:30pm Administration Commission (Zoom)

Saturday, September 10

9:00 am Worship Commission (Zoom)

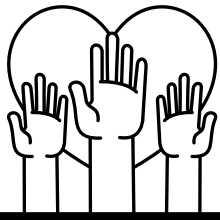
Tuesday, September 13

7:00 pm Interim Pastoral Team (Zoom)

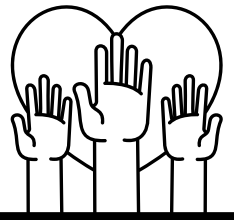
Wednesday, September 14

9:30 am Wed Morn Book Group (Zoom)





Those Serving This Week



South Greeters: Kay & John Reimer

West Greeter: Lauren Satchwell

Welcome Table: Mary Jantze

Ushers: Hoffmann Family

Worship Planner & Leader: Marge Weaver

Sharing Prayer Leader: Holly Zehr

Children's Story: Annette Harnish

Scripture Reader: JB Ponnou-Delaffon

Technology: Rick Harnish & Jaron Zehr

Song Leader: Wayne Hochstetler

Accompaniment, Prelude, & Postlude: Elsa Raab

Infant Nursery - during worship: Shannon Unzicker

Infant Nursery - during CE: Holly Zehr

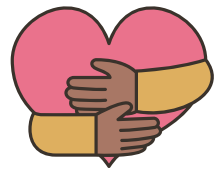
Preschool Nursery: Janet Wilson

Gather Round: Shelly King

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.

Prayer Focus for September



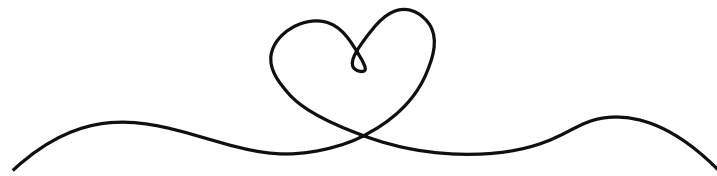
During September, everyone is invited to a month of prayer for our Community Life Commission, aka CLC, (current members are Connie Satchwell, Joanna Oyer, Interim Pastoral Team Representative Lynette Miller, and co-chairs Mary Ann Watkins and Deb Stenger). The CLC's work focuses on relationships within 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



MCC Bike Michiana

MCC Bike Michiana - September 16-18 in Sturgis, MI

Join other bicycle enthusiasts of all skill levels for an enjoyable experience of pedaling the beautiful lake and farmland region of southern Michigan and northern Indiana.

[More details](#) and [registration information](#) for the weekend at Amigo Centre.

When the rain doesn't fall like it used to



Article by Linda Espenshade in *Anabaptist World*. Ugandan farmers are adjusting to a hotter, drier climate. An MCC partner is helping them adapt with the changes. Read the whole article [here](#).



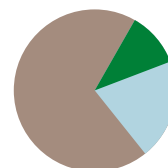
Mennonites and Ukraine: Past and Present

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 for more information.

Denominational Giving



The Mennonite Church USA Executive Board has changed how it will divide donations directed to "Mennonite Church USA" among its agencies and affiliated Racial/Ethnic Council groups. This change only impacts donations under the denominational unified giving formula and not donations made to specific program agencies. Find more information [here](#).

🎵 Jazz Festival 🎵

September 17 from 4-9 pm at the Connie Link Amphitheatre 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!

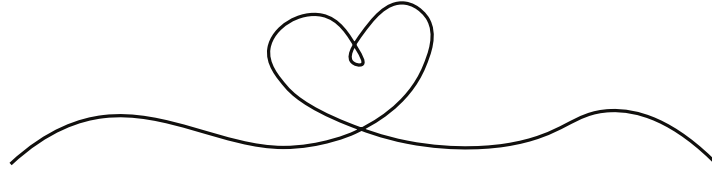
MDS Illinois Unit Annual Meeting

September 24th at East Bend Mennonite Church in Fisher IL

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.

Watch Party

First United Church of Normal, 211 N, School St., on the east edge of the ISU campus, is hosting a Watch Party for a Green Team Summit **this Sunday, September 11th, from 5-6:30 p.m.** The Speaker is Katharine Hayhoe, a Canadian atmospheric scientist and author of *Saving Us: A Climate Scientist's Case for Hope and Healing in a Divided World*. Hayhoe is a professor of political Science at Texas Tech University, where she heads the Climate Science Center.



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 Tea,
<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.