

# THE MIDWEEK



## WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY 9:30 A.M.

This is the third week in our sermon series on I Peter.

Jim Bortell will preach this Sunday on the scripture of I Peter 2:11-3:7. Though the context has radically changed from when I Peter was written, the Gospel message for living with adversity has not changed.



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)

First Office

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



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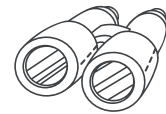


## Welcome Pastor Kevin!

### Pastor Kevin is here!

Kevin has been getting settled in this week at MCN. The Interim Pastoral Team (IPT) met last night and were happy to welcome Kevin! A couple months ago, IPT had reached out to Kevin to discuss preaching themes and schedules. The series on I Peter will lead us into the Advent season and preachers were asked a couple months ago to take us to this time. Some have asked when Kevin will preach for MCN – his first sermon will be the first Sunday of Advent. Pastor Kevin will be meeting with as many groups as he can in the following weeks and will be working with the Community Life Commission to get to know individuals and families. Kevin will also be the Pastor for Outreach Commission and will work closely with Spiritual Gifts Discernment Team as they search for commission members for Outreach. Kevin's contact information is at the bottom of the Midweek, his preference would be to use email but if a faster response is needed, please call or text.

## Vision Team Update



Your Vision Team met on October 18. Following the meeting, Vision Team has the following items to share with the congregation:

1. Vision Team received reports on the activities of the Spiritual Gifts Discernment Team (SGDT), Pastoral Team Search Committee (PTSC), the Interim Pastoral Team (IPT), and the Commissions and identified ways we can support them.
2. We continued preparations for Pastor Kevin Chupp becoming part of our Pastoral Team as of October 23. This includes a transition plan being implemented by Vision Team and the Interim Pastoral Team for onboarding Kevin.
3. We continued discussion of plans for conducting a church-wide evaluation of the church structure this fall. Additional details will be shared as they become available.
4. We continued to develop and finalize the Vision Team portion of the 2023 Congregational Spending Plan (pastors' wages and benefits).

Find Vision Team meeting minutes and resource documents in the Vision Team folder on Google Drive.



## Exploring Membership at MCN

Thinking about exploring membership at Mennonite Church of Normal? Wayne Hochstetler will be leading a class that will be offered this November and December. Please contact Lynette Miller or Shannon Unzicker if you would like more information or if you are interested in participating.

# Pumpkin Carving



## WOULD YOU LIKE TO CARVE A PUMPKIN?

**This Sunday, October 30th from 1-3pm at the Mennonite Church of Normal**

Come enjoy visiting with friends and pumpkin treats

Receive a pumpkin to decorate or carve.

Paints and carving tools provided

Register [Here](#).

Sponsored by the Fellowship committee



## Watch for your Gratitude-Gram

Check your church mailbox for a Gratitude-Gram. What is a Gratitude-Gram? It's an opportunity to share with someone how grateful or thankful you are for them!! You could send it to a relative, friend, co-worker, or whomever the Spirit moves you to reach out to. The Fellowship Committee has provided a card and a stamped envelope, so all you need to do is craft that message and send it!! The Fellowship Committee is grateful for all our church family and is excited to provide this opportunity. Enjoy and spread the gratitude!!

## Give supplies so we can fill buckets full of hope.

This Thanksgiving, show your gratitude and provide hope to those in need by collecting relief supplies. The supplies you donate will fill a *Bucket of Thanks* for people affected by conflict or disaster around the world.



MCC partner Uman Help Center, distributes relief buckets, hygiene kits and blankets in Uman.\* (Photo courtesy of Uman Help Center) \*Names withheld for security.

This October and November, show your gratitude and provide hope to those in need by collecting relief supplies for Mennonite Central Committee. The supplies you donate will fill a Bucket of Thanks for people affected by conflict or disaster around the world. **Place supplies in the bucket at the back of the sanctuary.** [Supply List.](#) [More Information.](#)

Learn more at:  
[mccbuckets.org](http://mccbuckets.org)



# Now Hiring - Assistant Custodian

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HIRING

Administration Commission is looking to hire an Assistant Custodian to clean the Head Start wing Monday through Thursday evenings. The position reports to the custodian. Typically, this person would work 2 hours per day for no more than 32 hours per month. The Assistant Custodian will provide additional coverage as needed. Apply using an application form in the church office or [linked here](#). For questions, email [Mary Dyck](#).



## Church Library

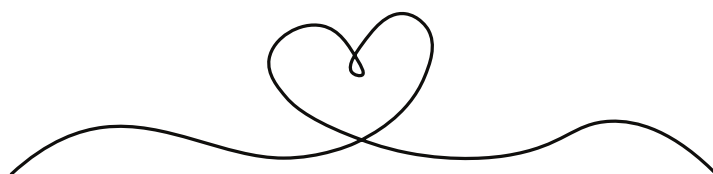


In order to resupply MCN's library with some books that have gone wandering and update a few titles we are asking congregation members to consider donating the books listed on these registries. This first registry at [Bookshop.org](#) supports our local bookstore, Bobzbay. This [second registry](#) contains only books that were unavailable through Bookshop.org and supports Amazon.com. If you would like to order the book from a different website, such as MennoMedia or Herald Press, please contact Amy Reiman immediately and she will remove the title from the registries above to avoid duplicates. Books ordered from these registries will be delivered to the church at 805 S Cottage Ave. Your librarians and church family thank you for your generosity and support! -Amy Reiman and Barry Weaver

## Pins in the Library



The Mennonite Mission Network invites you to celebrate peace! View a poster and take a pin from the basket in the library.





## *This Week at MCN*

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A BRIEF LOOK AT THE CHURCH CALENDAR:

### **Thursday, October 27**

**7:00am** Next Man Bible Study

**6:30pm** Administration Commission (Zoom)

### **Saturday, October 29**

**9:00am** Worship Commission (Zoom)

### **Sunday, October 30**

**After Worship** Usher, Greeter, Welcome Table Training

**1:00pm** Pumpkin Carving & Painting

### **Monday, October 31**

**1:00pm** Community Life Commission

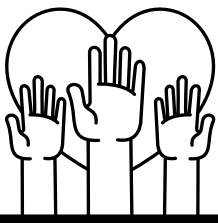
### **Tuesday, November 1**

**7:30pm** Vision Team (Zoom)

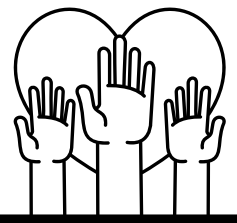
### **Wednesday, November 2**

**9:30 am** Wed Morn Book Group (Zoom)

**7:00pm** Interim Pastoral Team (Zoom)



# Those Serving This Week



**South Greeters:** Eric & Chellie Miller

**West Greeter:** Mary Dyck

**Welcome Table:** Marge Weaver

**Ushers:** Mike & Stephanie Company

**Worship Planner & Leader:** Ben Roeschley

**Sharing Prayer Leader:** Lauren Satchwell

**Children's Story:**

**Scripture Reader:** Lotus Hershberger

**Technology:** Ryan Miller & Caleb Augspurger

**Song Leader:** Barry Weaver

**Accompaniment, Prelude, & Postlude:** Dorothy Loepf

**Infant Nursery – during worship:** Robin Gundy

**Infant Nursery – during CE:** Courtney Yoder

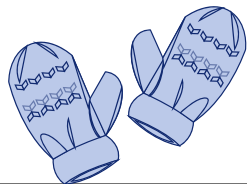
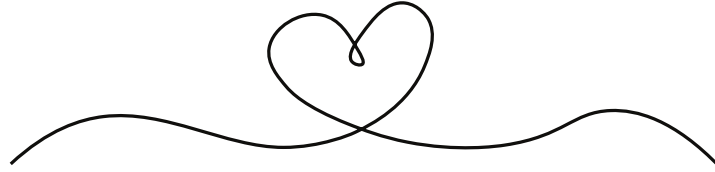
**Preschool Nursery:** Gabriella Harnish

**Gather Round:** Spring Neely

# Prayer Requests and Announcements

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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.



Project Oz



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Project Oz is a Bloomington charity that helps more than 400 runaway and homeless youth every year. Most usually have little more than the clothes they are wearing. They are requesting survival aid items especially as cold weather is approaching. They accept the items [listed here](#) or [donations of money](#) to purchase new items such as clothing, food, phone cards, sunscreen, blankets and more. Learn more about Project Oz [here](#). **Place new items to be donated in the bin in the library.**

Jazz Film/Concert



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**7pm on Thursday, November 10 at the Normal Theater**

Further Jazz will be producing a jazz film/concert and you are all invited. A brand-new film (released October 28) about Louis Armstrong will be shown at 7pm followed by a live concert of Armstrong's music by The Vine Street Syncopators. View a flyer [here](#).



## Mesach Krisetya

Mesach Krisetya, Mennonite World Conference (MWC) president 1997-2003, died 30 September 2022. He was born in Jepara, Indonesia, 9 September 1939. A theologian, professor and academic administrator, author and counsellor, Mesach Krisetya was beloved as a mentor and teacher. Read more [here](#).



## La Posada Immigrant Aid is Hiring

La Posada Immigrant Aid in Elkhart is **searching for immigration attorney** to join their team. La Posada Immigrant Aid is a faith-based non-profit organization, a ministry expressing the heart of Mennonite Churches in the Elkhart County area to serve new immigrants. Thanks to the kindness and compassion of these Mennonite and Anabaptist communities, La Posada is becoming a reality in our lives and will serve many people by meeting the immigrant community's legal needs. La Posada Immigrant Aid is a faith-based non-profit organization, a ministry expressing the heart of Mennonite Churches in the Elkhart County area to serve new immigrants. Please share with friends, family, congregation, and all of your networks, and please pray for someone to join their team. Learn more about La Posada Immigrant Aid [here](#). See the job description [here](#).

## Recipes from Around the World



In celebration of World Food Day (Oct. 16), Mennonite Mission Network compiled recipes from around the world. Find delicious food from all over the world, including vegetarian and gluten free options, [here](#)!

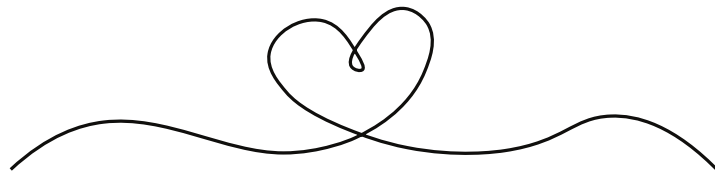


# Let Us Pray - Online Prayer Hour



**November 18, 2022 at 8am CST**

“Thank you for carrying us in your hearts,” says Siaka Traore, Mennonite World Conference (MWC) regional representative for Central and West Africa. Mennonite World Conference members are invited to gather together for an Online Prayer Hour which will briefly feature sharing about Burkina Faso from Natacha Wendyam Kyendrebeogo. She is a member of the Église Évangélique Mennonite du Burkina Faso congregation in Ouagadougou, who has recently completed a YAMEN term as a French language specialist with the MWC Assembly registration team. There will be breakout rooms with a prayer leader in several languages. Register [here](#).



## 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!

# Staff Contact and Building Open Hours

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<u>Building Open:</u>	Monday – Friday, 9AM-11AM and Monday – Wednesday & Friday 1:30PM-3PM.
<u>Lydia Hedberg:</u>	Office Administrator; <a href="mailto:church@normalmennonite.org">church@normalmennonite.org</a> ; 309-452-6622
<u>Rita Munkakusi:</u>	Custodian
<u>Kevin Chupp:</u>	Pastor for Outreach; <a href="mailto:kevin@normalmennonite.org">kevin@normalmennonite.org</a>
<u>Lynette Miller:</u>	Interim Pastor for Discipling and Community Life Commissions
<u>Ron Ropp:</u>	Pastor for Pastoral Care
<u>Lauren Satchwell:</u>	Interim Pastor for Vision Team & Administration Commissions
<u>Holly Zehr:</u>	Interim Pastor for Worship & Spiritual Gift Discernment Team

## Structure Documents

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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.

## Work Order & Purchase Request Forms

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