

# THE MIDWEEK



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

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

Ron Ropp will preach a sermon titled *Tending to Each Other* on the scripture I Peter 4:7-11 & I Peter 5:1-11. It looks at how love is not just part of our mission, but a true expression of Christ in our midst.



## 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

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

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

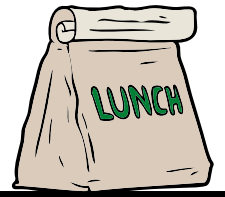


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# Spending Plan Hearing



**This Sunday: November 13th at 1:00pm**

The Spending Plan Hearing is scheduled for this Sunday, November 13th at 1:00pm. This will be a hybrid event, so we hope you are able to join whether in the sanctuary in person or on Zoom. You are invited to bring your lunch and fellowship together after church. Desserts and coffee will be provided.

## A Note from Pastor Kevin



You may have already seen the note here about the “Queer Theology Sunday School” event coming up on Sunday, hosted by Community of Hope Mennonite Church (Bellingham, WA). Back in June, Jess, Junia, and I had the opportunity to sit in on a workshop entitled “Contemplative Inclusive Worship” led by Rachael Weasley, pastor of Community of Hope. Rachael opened the gathering with a broad and specific statement of welcome. Having been formed in communities where some people did not belong, I felt this deeply. Through tears I started to feel that the Spirit began some needed healing in those few words—simple to say, but a powerful expression of God’s love.

Whether or not you are able to attend this event, I encourage you to make yourself aware of the ministry of Community of Hope and the resources, events, and regular online gatherings that they offer to all regardless of identity and even if you don’t live anywhere near Bellingham, WA. Learn more [here](#).



**Midwest**  
FOOD BANK®

## Midwest Food Bank Volunteering

Join us **Thursday, November 10th from 5-7pm (TOMORROW)** to volunteer at the Midwest Food Bank! If interested, please sign-up [here](#). (Midwest Food Bank greatly appreciates early sign-up.)

## Adult Choir



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Adult Advent Choir starts this Sunday at 7:30pm! Hope you to see you here!

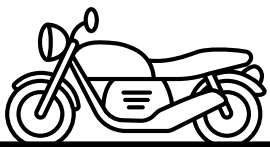
## Family Fun Night



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**Friday, November 18th from 5:30-8pm**

Next Week! The Christian Education sub-committee, Discipling Commission and Fellowship Commission invite you to join us for "Lord of the Harvest" Family Fun Night on Friday, November 18th. From 5:30-6:15 we will enjoy a pizza party, including salads, fresh fruit and dessert. Then from 6:15-8, we'll have a bible story, sing-a-long, and a variety of activities/games. All are welcome.

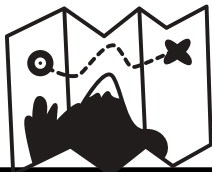


## Motorcycle tour recap presentation

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**Sunday, November 20th at 6pm**

You are invited to hear from Keith Unzicker about his experience with MCC's Learning Tour to Bolivia. He will be sharing in fellowship on Sunday, November 20th at 6pm at the MRC Community Building. We hope you can join!



## Journey Groups

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The last Sunday in November (11/27) each group will be starting to read a new book for the winter quarter. We are asking all participants with books purchased by MCN to return them to the conference room. (There is a small table by the door where books can be stacked.) When you are finished with your copy, please place it there so we can swap books for the next quarter. Thank you!

## Offering Counters Needed



Administration Commission is recruiting volunteers to assist the Assistant Treasurer in counting the offering on Sunday mornings. We would like five to ten volunteers so we can rotate these volunteers just like we rotate greeters and ushers. The role of an offering counter includes counting cash and coins, counting checks, recording cash and checks on offering worksheets, signing offering worksheets, and placing money in a locking bank bag. The Offering Counter does NOT handle cash/coins/checks alone nor enter data into computer system. If you have questions, please email [Mary Dyck](mailto:Mary.Dyck).

## Noisy Offering



We will continue collecting money through November for Creciendo Juntos (Growing Together), an MCC partner organization in Soacha, Colombia. Adults are welcome to contribute to the offering as well. Money will likely be used to purchase hygiene supplies for families arriving from Venezuela and school supplies for children. We are close to \$280 so far, and are hoping to raise enough to also purchase a small Christmas gift for Martha Garcia, the organization's director.

## Advent at Home

"Restoration is Near!" is the theme of the Advent at Home 2022 worship guide, now available from Mennonite Church USA (MC USA). Using the theme developed for Leader magazine, the guide offers weekly and daily Scriptures from the lectionary texts, worship rituals, prayers, activities, and background information to help individuals and households of all ages prepare for Advent through Epiphany. Download it [here](#). Read the whole press release [here](#).



**RESTORATION**

is *Near*





# 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](http://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

## 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.

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

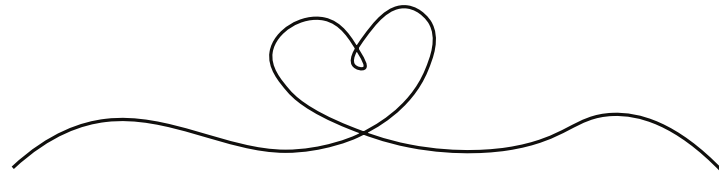


Through the month of November, show your gratitude and provide hope to those in need by collecting relief supplies for Mennonite Central Committee. The supplies you donate will fill a Bucket of Thanks for people affected by conflict or disaster around the world. **Place supplies in the bucket at the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

## Now Hiring - Assistant Custodian



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](mailto:Mary.Dyck).



## *Birthdays & Anniversaries*

CELEBRATING LIFE'S MOMENTS AT MCN

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## *This Week at MCN*

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A BRIEF LOOK AT THE CHURCH CALENDAR:

### **Thursday, November 10**

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

**5:00pm** Midwest Food Bank Volunteering ([Sign up here!](#))

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

### **Sunday, November 13**

**1:00pm** Spending Plan Hearing (In-person and Zoom)

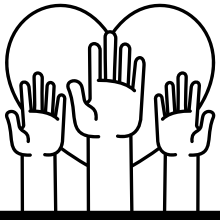
**7:30pm** Adult Advent Choir

### **Tuesday, November 15**

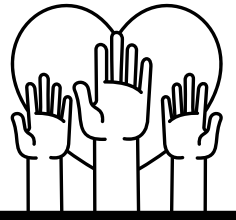
**1:00pm** Central Illinois Mennonite Pastor Peer Gathering

### **Wednesday, November 16**

**7:00am** Wednesday Morning Book Group



# Those Serving This Week



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**South Greeters:** Marge & Barry Weaver  
**West Greeter:** David Voegtlin  
**Welcome Table:** Mary Dyck  
**Ushers:** Janelle & Jon Friesen  
**Worship Planner & Leader:** Joe Culpepper  
**Sharing Prayer Leader:** Kevin Chupp  
**Children's Story:** Jaron Zehr  
**Scripture Reader:** Erin & JB Ponnou-Delaffon  
**Technology:** Glenn Wilson & Adam Augspurger  
**Song Leader:** Wayne Hochstetler  
**Accompaniment:** Dorothy Loepf  
**Prelude & Postlude:** Caleb & Adam Augspurger  
**Infant Nursery – during worship:** Annette Harnish  
**Infant Nursery – during CE:** Nancy Fisher  
**Preschool Nursery:** Holly Zehr  
**Gather Round:** Holly & Randy Zehr

## *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.

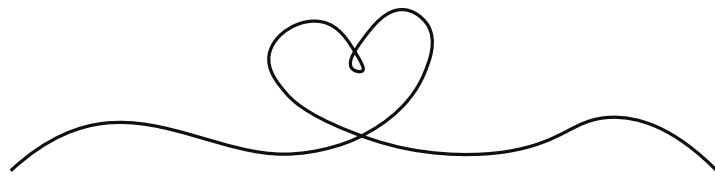


# Sharing of Joys and Concerns



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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



## Relief, Development and Podcast

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The latest episode of the podcast Relief, Development and Podcast, they check in with one of MCC's partners on the ground in Ukraine. Listen to the episode [here](#).





## Queer Theology Sunday School

**This Sunday: November 13, 2022 at 5:30pm CST**

Community of Hope Mennonite Church invites all queer folks and those who love them to an Zoom Sunday School class titled: Queer Theology Sunday School: Trauma, Healing, and the Un/Becoming of God. In it, they will unpack church trauma and healing through the lens of queer theological resilience. It will open in song, followed by a welcome from Annabeth Roeschley (they/she) ([www.bmclgbt.org/staff](http://www.bmclgbt.org/staff)) as the guest presenter/teacher, then break into self-selected groups by discussion question, and lastly close in prayer. Open to other congregations and the wider church! More information can be found [here](#).



## Jazz Film/Concert

**7pm on Thursday, November 10 (tomorrow) 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](#).



## Compassionate Care 101

*"Pro Faith. Pro Family. Pro Choice."*

The [Church of the Brethren Women's Caucus](#) and the [Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice](#) are partnering to offer a course on guidance in compassionate care on all pregnancy journeys and decisions. The training consists of 20-25 hours of self guided study and then three zoom sessions with a leader from RCRC to walk through the parts that cannot be self guided. The dates for those zoom sessions are November 17, December 15 and January 19. You can receive 2.6 CEU units for this. To sign up, subscribe for \$25/year [here](#) and email [womaenscaucuscob@gmail.com](mailto:womaenscaucuscob@gmail.com) to let them know you've done that.

# 50 Years of MCC Thrift - Virtual Celebration

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**Tuesday, November 22 at 7pm CST**

You're invited to a special celebration of 50 years of MCC Thrift on November 22! This live, virtual event will celebrate the history, creativity and generosity of the MCC Thrift network, which has raised more than \$250 million over the last 50 years for the work of MCC at home and around the world. All while providing affordable secondhand goods and community connection. Let's celebrate that legacy! Register [here](#) to reserve your spot today. View a flyer [here](#).

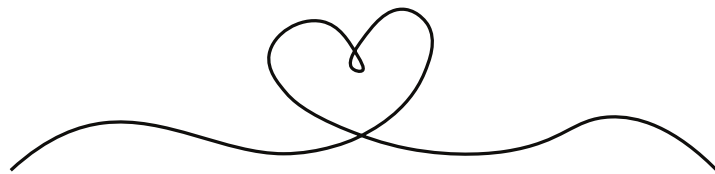


## Let Us Pray - Online Prayer Hour



**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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