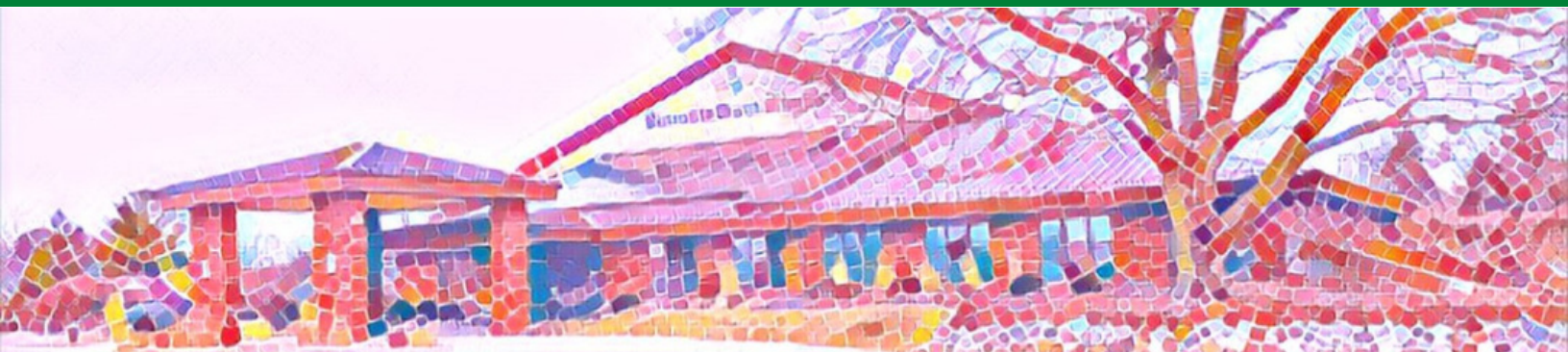


THE MIDWEEK



WORSHIP
THIS SUNDAY 9:30 AM

After Worship
No CE this Sun

There will be *no* Easter Breakfast at MCN this year.

This Sunday, Darrel Miller will preach a sermon titled *What just happened?!* using Mark 16:1-8.

We will tell again the world-shaking story of the crucified Jesus rising from the grave. What realizations flow from our centuries-old declaration that "Christ has risen"?



The service will be live streamed on YouTube at this [link](#).
The bulletins get posted under the Worship tab of our [website](#).



**Mennonite
Church
of Normal**

A congregation of
Mennonite Church USA

No CE on Easter Sunday

Sunday, March 31st

There will be no Christian Education on Easter Sunday so that families have more time to celebrate together.

In addition, the Visitation Team will not meet as regularly scheduled this Sunday

From the Discipling Commission

Adult CE Next Week



Sunday, April 7th

There will be no regular CE for adults on April 7. Instead, adults will be invited to a special informative session with our guest preacher that day, Rebecca Stoltzfus, Goshen College President.



Communion Next Sunday

Sunday, April 7th

Communion will be served next Sunday, April 7th. If you would like to take communion at home, please contact Lynette Miller or Lauren Satchwell.

Celebration of Dorothy Loepp's Contribution to Worship Music

Sunday, April 14th at 3:00 pm

Join us as we sing, listen, and share with each other at MCN at 3:00pm on April 14th. This celebration will be acknowledging the fifty-three years that Dorothy Loepp has contributed to our worship. A reception will follow. We invite contributions of pictures of Dorothy at the organ and piano. Please submit items to the church office by April 1st. Further, in honor of Dorothy, we are establishing a scholarship that will provide funds for those who would like to receive professional lessons on organ or piano. You can read more about the scholarship and how to contribute to this fund [here](#). Checks can be made out to Mennonite Church of Normal with the memo line "Music Scholarship."

From the Worship Commission



Bluebell Meditation Walk

Saturday, April 20th at 10 am

Bluebells are a riot of luscious blue across several areas at Humiston Woods during April each year. Jane Roeschley is hosting a Bluebells Meditation Walk for Women's Ministry on Saturday, April 20, 10 am. See more information [here](#).

From the Women's Ministry Committee, part of the Community Life Commission

Upcoming Office Closures



Office Closed: Monday 4/1 & Friday 4/5

Next week, the church office/building will be closed all day on Monday, April 1st and Friday, April 5th. Thank you for your understanding!

From Lydia in the church office



Harvella Celebration of Life

Affiliation Survey



MCN Conference Affiliation Survey

The congregation was invited by the Vision Team to provide feedback on the topic of MCN's dual conference affiliation. This survey is for information gathering and will not be directly used to make long-term decisions. This weekend, the Vision Team will be compiling the responses to this survey. If you would still like to provide your feedback on this topic, **please complete the survey linked here by Friday evening, March 29.** Any questions can be directed to a member of the Vision Team.

From the Vision Team



Pastoral Care

If you or a loved one would like to share with the Pastoral Team, making them aware of joys or concerns, please contact Lauren Satchwell or Lynette Miller. This is welcome anytime, but especially as Pastor Kevin is on leave through mid-May and Pastor Ron continues to recover. You can reach Lynette or Lauren through email, text, or calling, in that level of urgency. Thanks for your help in knowing how to care for our church family!



Young Adults from MCN

Discipleship Commission would like to compile a roster of college age young adults (ages 18-22) who have been a part of our congregation. We would like this roster to include any young adult in that age range whether they are attending college or not. If you have an adult child in that age range and have their consent to be included on the roster for outreach and communication, please email Holly Zehr with their name, birthdate, email and preferred mailing address. Thank you!

From the Discipling Commission

Updated Nursery Schedule



Discipling Commission (DC) is looking for volunteers to be in the infant nursery during adult Christian Education on **April 21st and May 12th**. Please note, you must have already completed a background check with MCN to volunteer in the infant/preschool nursery. If you are interested in being added to a future schedule of nursery volunteers but have not received a background check, please contact Holly Zehr.

From the Discipling Commission



Discipling Commission Request

Are you called to minister to the youngest newcomers in our congregation and their caregivers? Discipling Commission is seeking persons who feel called to minister to young families and infants ages birth to 3 in our nursery. So far, two persons from our congregation have indicated interest! We would like to have 2 additional people. This ministry would be to serve as a host for families that use the infant nursery. You would be present in the nursery to help meet the needs of young parents and provide care for their children when and if they are ready for that and be a companion to whoever is using the space. As a nursery host, you would make sure the space is well-stocked with extra diapers, wipes, snacks, and tissues and that it is comfortable and clean. You would check in with parents to see if they need you to watch their child while they use the restroom or get a drink. Your ministry would include regularly praying for young families and their children in the birth to 3 age range. We would prefer a person or team of persons to take a month at a time to serve in this role to establish continuity and trust. You're invited to prayerfully consider this opportunity. If you'd like to express interest or have questions, please contact Holly Zehr.

From the Discipling Commission

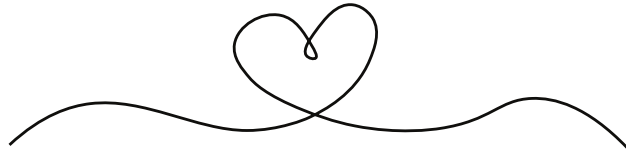
MCN Call for Submissions



- **Theme:** "Behold! I am making all things new." (Revelation 21:5)
- **Deadline:** We will begin accepting submissions starting May 6th (to Pastor Kevin)
- **Format/medium:** visual art (painting, sculpture, photography, video, design, etc.), poetry, musical performance, composition, or others!
- **Description:** This Summer (May 26th - September 1st) we at MCN we will be reflecting on how, with Jesus, we can work toward making all things new, focusing on the renewal of all our basic relationships: with God, with others, with self, and with all of creation. You can learn more about this series [here](#). To aid us in worship and reflection, we are hoping for new artistic works on that theme. Submissions might focus on the renewal of one specific aspect/relationship or simply the idea of renewal more generally. Artists will be encouraged to share briefly about their submission in Sunday worship.
- **Prompts:** *What does renewal look like? What grows from things that have died? What kinds of old things do you enjoy restoring or seeing restored? What does renewal sound like? What words or notes together put you in the mindset of hopeful expectation?*

From the Pastoral Team

The newest edition of Central District Conference's monthly Connector publication is now available to read [here](#). The theme of this issue is Welcome and Belonging, part of CDC's year-long series on stories that were gathered from the sacred listening process. It includes articles from two congregations about welcoming refugees and becoming an inclusive congregation. We also hear from a hospice chaplain about how she creates sacred spaces of belonging for patients and their families. If you would like a paper copy, they will be available on the Library Table in the coming weeks.



This Week at MCN



A BRIEF LOOK AT THE CHURCH CALENDAR:

Wednesday, March 27

9:30am Wednesday Morning Book Group

Thursday, March 28

7:00am Next Man Bible Study

Saturday, March 30

9:00am Vision Team Retreat

Sunday, March 31

No Christian Education

Monday, April 1

All Day Office Closed

5:00pm Outreach Commission

Tuesday, April 2

3:00m Pastoral Team (Zoom)

Wednesday, April 3

9:30am Wednesday Morning Book Group



Birthdays & Anniversaries



CELEBRATING LIFE'S MOMENTS AT MCN



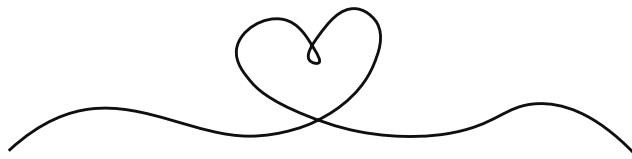
Prayer Requests and Announcements

Sharing of Joys and Concerns have returned to open mic sharing during the services. Please send Lauren Satchwell your announcements 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





Climate Justice, Indigenous Justice

Mennonite Church USA
Climate Justice Ministry

April 2, 2024

2 P.M. ET/11 A.M. PT

On Zoom

A webinar hosted by Karla Stoltzfus Detweiler, with Sarah Augustine, Sheri Hostetler, Manuel May Castillo, Mark Charles and Lorraine Stutzman Amstutz.

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BLOOMINGTON-NORMAL ALUMNAE CHAPTER &
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2024 community HEALTH FAIR

Saturday, April 6, 2024

10AM - 12PM Wood Hill Towers 104 E. Wood Street	11AM - 1PM Sunnyside Park 407 E. Jackson Street
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Free Screenings, Information, Food and Fun!

- Kidney care
- Blood pressure
- Diabetes
- Behavioral health
- Weight loss
- And more!

For questions please contact: 309-829-3360 ex. 220



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FRIDAY MARCH 29 8-11 PM
\$8-ADVANCE \$10-DOOR





Friday, March 29 (virtual) at 6:30 PM Central

Dear Igbtqia+ kindred, the Brethren Mennonite Council for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Interests (BMC) and Wildwood are holding space for you on Good Friday. This will be a simple ritual to lament queer and trans violence, hold loss together, and affirm our belovedness. RSVP to receive the Zoom link.



MC USA announces convention details

Mennonite Church USA is pleased to announce that the 2025 MC USA biennial national gathering and leading faith formation event, Follow Jesus '25, will take place July 8-12, 2025, at the Koury Convention Center in Greensboro, North Carolina. Follow Jesus '25 will be held in a smaller, more intimate setting, so as to provide a more convenient and economical location for convention-goers. Despite the change of venue, the schedule of events during the four-night convention will remain largely the same as previous years, with daily worship, hymn sings, recreation time and an exhibit hall. Learning tracks, with theme-driven learning sessions, will take the place of seminars. A one-day [Women in Leadership](#) summit will be held July 8, prior to the opening session of the convention. Read more about the 2025 Convention [here](#).



Bring the Peace Nominations

Mennonite Church USA is seeking nominees for its 2024 #BringThePeace awards. The annual award is given to two honorees: a legacy peacemaker in recognition of their life's work and a young peacemaker (age 16-25), who can help inspire other young leaders. Submit your recommendations for nominees by completing [this form](#) before April 19.



Mental Health First Aid Begins With You

You are more likely to encounter someone in an emotional or mental crisis than someone having a heart attack. Mental Health First Aid teaches you how to identify, understand, and respond to signs of mental illness and substance use disorders. This training gives you the skills you need to reach out and provide initial support to someone who may be developing a mental health or substance use problem and help connect them to the appropriate care.

On average,
135
people die by suicide every day.
- American Foundation for Suicide Prevention

Over 75% of the nearly
107,000
drug overdose deaths in 2021
involved an opioid.
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

About
1 IN 4 adults
suffer from a diagnosable mental
disorder in any given year.
- Johns Hopkins Medicine

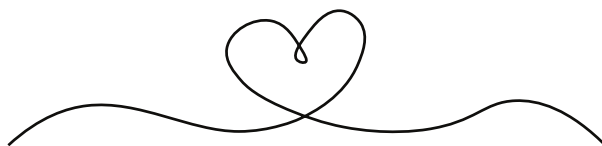
Upcoming Course Dates All courses 8am to 5pm

Date	Course	Place
Tues., 4/16/24	Youth MHFA	Carle Health & Fitness Center, Bloomington, IL
Wed., 5/1/24	Adult MHFA	Chestnut Family Health Center, Bloomington, IL
Fri., 6/7/24	Youth MHFA	OSF St. Joseph Medical Center, Bloomington, IL
Wed., 7/24/24	Adult MHFA	Unitarian Universalist Church, Bloomington, IL
Tues., 8/6/24	Adult MHFA	Carle Health & Fitness Center, Bloomington, IL
Fri., 9/20/24	Youth MHFA	OSF St. Joseph Medical Center, Bloomington, IL
Tues., 10/8/24	MHFA for Older Adults	Carle Health & Fitness Center, Bloomington, IL
Thur., 11/7/24	Youth MHFA	Chestnut Family Health Center, Bloomington, IL
Fri., 12/6/24	Adult MHFA	OSF St. Joseph Medical Center, Bloomington, IL

To register, please go to:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2024mhfa>
or scan the QR code to the right.



For More information email:
maureen.sollars@mcleancountyil.gov
or call (309) 888-5539



Commissions and Teams Contact List

Staff Contact and Building Open Hours

Building Open:

Standard Hours:

Monday, Wednesday-Friday 9AM-11AM
and Monday-Friday 1:30PM-3PM.

Upcoming Changes:

Closed: Monday 4/1 & Friday 4/5

Lydia Hedberg:

Office Administrator; church@normalmennonite.org; 309-452-6622

Rita Munkakusi:

Custodian

Kevin Chupp:

Pastor Kevin will be on parental leave until May 6th. You can reach him by phone if you have an emergency, and he will respond to emails as he is able.

Pastor for Outreach Commission, Worship Commission, Congregational Care Committee, and the Spiritual Gifts Discernment Team; kevin@normalmennonite.org

Lynette Miller:

Pastor for Discipling and Community Life Commissions

Ron Ropp:

Pastor for Pastoral Care

Lauren Satchwell:

Pastor for Vision Team & Administration Commissions

Our Members in Care Facilities

PLEASE REMEMBER THESE MEMBERS IN YOUR PRAYERS.
SEND A CARD IF THE SPIRIT LEADS YOU!



Commission Meeting Minutes

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!

Item Check-Out Request Form

Work Order & Purchase Request Forms

Structure Documents
