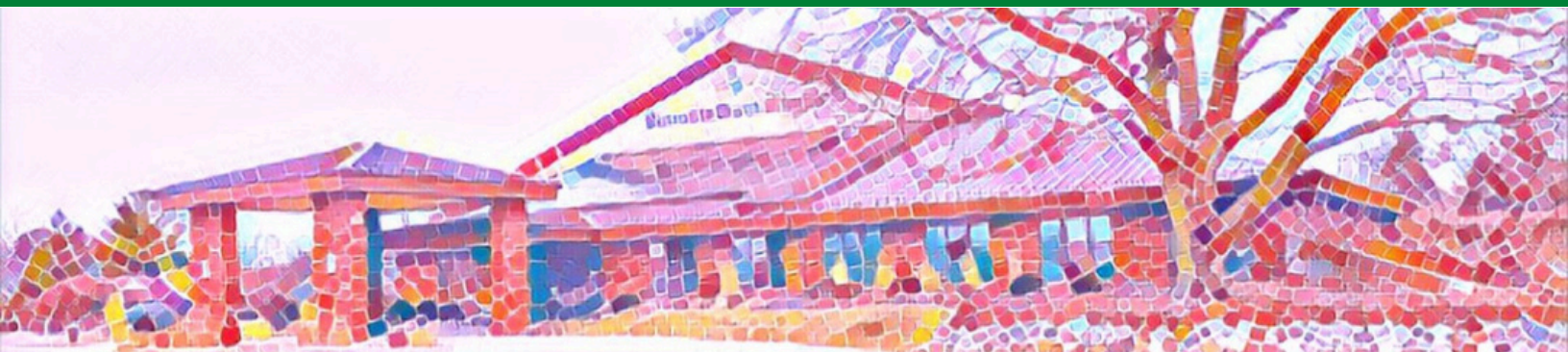


THE MIDWEEK



WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY 9:30 AM

This Sunday, Annabeth Roeschley, Executive Director of Brethren Mennonite Council for LGBT Interests, will preach a sermon titled To Love and Be Loved: Heart, Mind & Strength using 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 and Mark 12:28-44.

A sermon about how the church can practice love with and for lgbtq+ people.



After Worship

Adult CE

Journey Groups:
Group A (20's-30's)
Conference Room

Group B (40's-50's)
Conference Room

Group C (60's and above)
Room 4

Children & Youth CE

Pre-K-K Grade

2nd-4th Grade

5th-8th Grade

High School

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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High School Graduate Reception



this Sunday, May 5 after Worship

Please join us for cake and punch immediately following the service as we celebrate our high school graduates.

From Discipling Commission



Midwest Food Bank Volunteering

May 9 from 6-8pm

Our next volunteer night at Midwest Food Bank (MFB) is May 9 from 6-8pm. MFB wants us to sign up at least a week ahead of time to facilitate their project planning, so if you think you might go, **please sign up as early as possible using [this link](#)**. If you have any questions, please contact a member of the Outreach Committee.

From the Outreach Commission

Friday, May 10

Join us May 10th for a Family Fun Night Centered around the ways we are rooted and grounded in God's Love. Avanti's gondolas and yummy sides will be served for supper. Activities and crafts will feature dirt, plants, and gardening. Please sign up using Sign-Up Genius here.

From the Discipling Commission



MCC School Kit Sewers Needed

Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) school kit sewers are needed. If you would like to help sew school kit bags please notify Deanna. In July supplies to fill the bags will be requested from the congregation. Directions on how to sew the bags can be found on the MCC website [here](#). For those who have made the bags in the past, MCC has changed the size of the bags when first cutting out to 13 1/2 by 38 inches. Thanks to all who are willing to help.

From Deanna



A Note from the Satchwells

Thank you for the many ways we have felt loved and supported in the last two weeks. Your prayers, hugs, cards, messages, and meals have been so helpful to us. The work done by so many to prepare for the visitation and Celebration of Life service for Rick, the meal for our family on Friday, and the amazing lunch for all on Saturday is deeply appreciated. We have enormous love and gratitude for you, our church family.

From Connie, Lauren, Meredith Satchwell, Kristen Hartwig

A Note from Lucy



"Thank you all for the graduation card! I am graduating from Eastern Mennonite University (EMU) as a Spanish/ESOL education major, and I plan to teach middle school Spanish in Virginia starting in the fall. Your SMAP contributions, prayers, and well wishes have been so appreciated throughout the past four years. Thank you so much for your support!

From Lucy Unzicker

Delegates Needed



Central District Conference (CDC) Annual Meeting will be held June 20-22 at College Mennonite Church in Goshen, Indiana. We will need at least 2 delegates to represent our congregation. Please notify Mary Dyck of your interest.

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?*

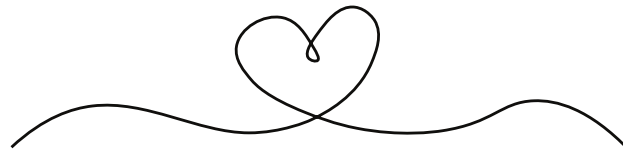
From the Pastoral Team

Updated Nursery Schedule



Discipling Commission (DC) is looking for volunteers to be in the infant nursery during adult Christian Education on **May 19th**. 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



Those Serving This Week



South Greeters: Roger and Linda Clemmons

West Greeter: David Voegtlin

Welcome Table: Mary Ann King

Ushers: Steve and Deb Stenger

Offering Counter: Kristen Hartwig

Worship Planner & Leader: Steve Benner

Sharing Prayer Leader: Lauren Satchwell

Children's Story: Shelly King

Scripture Reader: Nancy Fisher

Technology: Rick Harnish & Jaron Zehr

Song Leader: Wayne Hochstetler

Accompaniment, Prelude, & Response in Music: Elsa Raab

Infant Nursery – during worship: Open for parents

Infant Nursery – during CE: Ben Roeschley

Preschool Nursery: Courtney Yoder

Prayer Requests and Announcements

Prayer requests can be shared during the Sharing Joys and Concerns portion of our Worship Service. For other announcements, please send them to Lauren Satchwell ahead of time 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 Week at MCN



A BRIEF LOOK AT THE CHURCH CALENDAR:

Wednesday, May 1

9:30am Wednesday Morning Book Group

Thursday, May 2

7:00am Next Man Bible Study

9:30am Brave and Beloved Women's Bible Study

6:30pm Administration Commission (Zoom)

Monday, May 6

5:00pm Outreach Commission

Tuesday, May 7

3:00m Pastoral Team (Zoom)

Wednesday, May 8

9:30am Wednesday Morning Book Group

7:00pm Community Life Commission (Zoom)



Mennonite Disaster Service

Mennonite Disaster Service will be working in Westside Chicago neighborhoods beginning May 3rd. Volunteers will be working in homes affected by flooding in July, 2023. The work will include removing damaged belongings and fixtures, such as drywall and flooring, and performing mold remediation. The work will be conducted on Fridays and Saturdays, as well as Memorial Day, recruiting daily volunteers within driving distance of Chicago. This will be a cooperative effort with a number of disaster response organizations. The work involves energy but not advanced skills or construction knowledge. Youth who are 14 years or older and accompanied by parents/adults are welcomed. Volunteers should plan to get dirty, bring their own lunch for the day. Water and snacks will be provided. **If interested and available, please contact George Kalopis at cookcounty@mds.org.**

The days currently being scheduled are:

- May 3, 4
- May 10, 11
- May 17, 18
- May 24, 25
- May 27, 31
- June 1

Girl Named Tom



Friday, July 19, 2024
Presale: Thursday, 4/25 @ 10am
On sale: Friday, 4/26 @ 10am
[Click here to order tickets.](#)

The group Girl Named Tom will be at the Bloomington Center for the Performing Arts this July.



On Saturday, April 13, Shenandoah Valley Taxes for Peace held its third annual war tax redirection event. Members of 18 households, many of whom are members at [Community Mennonite Church](#) and [Shalom Mennonite Congregation](#), both of Harrisonburg, Virginia, donated \$5,888 to six nonprofit relief and peace organizations, including the MC USA [Church Peace Tax Fund](#). [Read more here.](#)

Sankofa Journey: A reflection on a civil rights pilgrimage

Earlier this year, James Rissler and Glen Guyton embarked on a pilgrimage through civil rights sites. James reflects on how this Sankofa Journey affected his view of race relations in the U.S. and in the Mennonite church. Read his blog post for Mennonite Church USA [here](#).

Spiritual direction: Holy hospitality

In a Menno Snapshot published by Mennonite Church USA (MC USA), Spiritual director Jenny Gehman reflects on her own journey to spiritual direction and the holy hospitality she experienced. Read the blog post [here](#).

The fruits of repair

In a blog post published by Mennonite Church USA (MC USA), Janet Elaine Guthrie shares about the influences that lead her to engage in the reparative action of donating her portion of the family farm, with the intent toward education and supporting Indigenous peoples. This blog is part of the ongoing [Learn, Pray, Join: Climate Justice: Seeking Shalom series](#). Read the blog post [here](#).

The poster is for Mennonite Voluntary Service (MVS) in Tucson, AZ. It features a circular photo of five young people in white t-shirts standing in front of a building. Below the photo, there are two smaller images: one of people working in a field and another of a woman smiling. The text on the poster includes 'MVSers needed TUCSON, AZ', 'Be part of the bigger picture APPLY BY MAY 15', and a list of placement examples: Adult Literacy Assistant, Home Repair Worker, Indigenous Solidarity Organizer, Legal Orientation Assistant, and Library Volunteer Coordinator. The Mennonite Mission Network logo is at the bottom.

Mennonite Voluntary Service (MVS) is a one-year volunteer service experience for individuals age 20+, with the opportunity for a placement extension for an additional one to two years. Learn more [here](#).

Webinar: Love God, Love Your Neighbor, Love Yourself Spiritual practices that Nurture Life

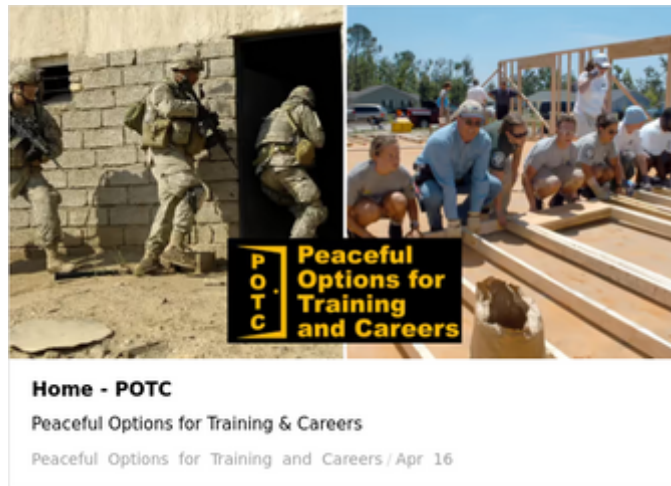
Karla Stoltzfus Detweiler, MC USA's climate justice coordinator, and Lorraine Stutzman Amstutz, MC USA's denominational minister for Peace and Justice, spoke with Andrew Hudson, Sibonokuhle Ncube and Sarah Werner for the second of four webinars in MC USA's "Learn, Pray, Join: Climate Justice: Seeking Shalom" initiative. **Watch the recording here in [English](#) | [En español](#).**



Watch the Shine webinar [here](#) to learn the six practices that grow faith at home and how you can join this exciting initiative!

Defending our home with CPT

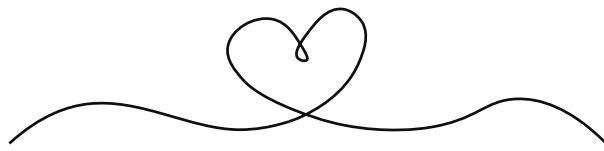
The Campaign for Secure Dwellings matched faith communities with families in the West Bank to put pressure on Israeli and US authorities to stop home demolitions. Read more on the Community Peacemaker Team (CPT) website [here](#).



Peaceful Options for Training and Careers (POTC) has launched a website (explorePOTC.org) where young adults across the U.S. can find information about non-military career, service and training opportunities. POTC is an independent initiative formed by Mennonite Church USA and Mennonite Central Committee to address the widespread issue of military recruitment on high school campuses. Read more [here](#).

MCC program in Appalachia changes name

Mennonite Central Committee's (MCC) home repair program in Appalachia has a new name – MCC Appalachia Build – as of April 2. This name replaces the former name, Sharing With Appalachian People (SWAP). MCC Great Lakes, which oversees the program, decided to change the program's name after hearing requests from local staff, the community and board members. "MCC Appalachia Build was chosen as the new name to reflect the goals of our program, which are to build relationships between homeowners and volunteers, to build understanding of the people and place, and to build safe housing for those in need," explains Kristin Overstreet, MCC Appalachia program director. Read the rest of the story by Jennifer Steiner for MCC [here](#).



Staff Contact and Building Open Hours

<u>Building Open:</u>	Standard Hours: Monday, Wednesday-Friday 9AM-11AM and Monday-Friday 1:30PM-3PM.
<u>Lydia Hedberg:</u>	Office Administrator; church@normalmennonite.org ; 309-452-6622
<u>Rita Munkakusi:</u>	Custodian
<u>Kevin Chupp:</u>	Pastor for Outreach Commission, Worship Commission, Congregational Care Committee, and the Spiritual Gifts Discernment Team; kevin@normalmennonite.org ;
<u>Lynette Miller:</u>	Pastor for Discipling and Community Life Commissions
<u>Ron Ropp:</u>	Pastor for Pastoral Care
<u>Lauren Satchwell:</u>	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!



Commissions and Teams Contact List

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!

Commission Meeting Minutes

Item Check-Out Request Form

Work Order & Purchase Request Forms

Structure Documents
