

# THE MIDWEEK



## WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY 9:30 AM

This Sunday, Kevin Chupp will preach a sermon titled *Shallow* using John 4:7-30.

We begin to consider renewing our relationship with ourselves with Jesus' conversation with a woman at the well. We quickly realize the power of being known, and thus the gift of vulnerability. How can we open ourselves up deeply enough to allow Jesus to address our greatest needs?

## After Worship

**Adult CE**  
**All Adults**  
Room 5/7/8

## 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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## Park Fun & Coffee Run

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**Saturday, July 13th from 9:00-10:30 AM**

The Community Life Commission invites you to catch up with MCNers at rotating coffee shops and parks this summer. The next Park Fun and Coffee Run event is Saturday, July 13th, all men/dads are invited to meet at Panera , while moms/women will meet at the playground with the kids. This gathering is to foster socialization with built-in childcare. It is also meant to be flexible and inclusive, so feel free to make adaptations that suit you. Persons of all ages, whether parents or not, are welcome. If you are in need of someone to monitor your child at the park or have any questions, please contact Leah.

*Sponsored by the Congregational Care Committee.*

# Lauren Satchwell is a candidate for the 1/4-time position on the pastoral team

Sunday morning it was announced to the congregation that **Lauren Satchwell** is a candidate for a 1/4-time position on the pastoral team. Her candidacy was unanimously approved by the Vision Team and the Pastoral Team Search Committee (PTSC).

On **Saturday, July 20**, candidate Lauren will meet with the various teams and commissions. A schedule, allowing 30 minutes to each group will be emailed to the chairs.

**Lauren will preach on Sunday, July 21.** Afterwards the congregation will vote by paper ballot. Online ballots will be made available as well. Some details about Sunday, July 21. First the sermon and then Lauren gets whisked away to meet with the youth while the adults enjoy special goodies and chat. There will be no adult Sunday school. Then Lauren will be invited to the front of the church and questioned by the PTSC, same as we did with Kevin. Except, Lauren is in a unique position. She is her and we know her. So, we turned to Doug Luginbill for guidance. He suggests that give Lauren "an opportunity to share more deeply from a sense of her call to the ministry and to reflect on how her gifts and commitments support and enhance the gifts and commitments of the congregation." And that is what we intend to do!

We invite you to add your questions by emailing or leaving them in Marcia Rossi's church mailbox by **Thursday, July 18**.

Oh and one last thing, Doug adds, have fun!!!

*Shelly King, Vision Team Chair  
Marcia Rossi, Search Committee Chair*

## Menno Haven Sunday



**Save the Date: Sunday, August 11, 2024**

- **Worship:** 10:00 am
- **Lunch will** be served by camp staff at noon. Cost: We request a \$10 donation for each person age 13 or above. (Collected at Menno Haven.) Community Life Commission will cover the rest.
- **Registration** is required by Monday, July 29; sign up [here](#).
- **Afternoon activities at the camp include** use of canoes and paddleboats, swimming in the pool, lawn games, fishing, hiking trails, and use of the activity center.
- **Camping:** a number of camping spots are available. Amy Reiman has agreed to be the contact for camping.
- **Carpool:** if you are willing to share a ride with another camp attendee please indicate on the registration form. If needing a ride, please indicate on the registration form.

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## A Note from MCC

*Below is a note from Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) regarding the March 2024 MCC Relief Sale.*

Your donated funds to MCC will be used with care and integrity, for the relief work of our partners in places like Ukraine, where sadly the war continues. Because of your donations, MCC partners in Mennonite Brethren and Evangelical Baptist churches are able to minister in their communities, both spiritually and materially, providing care, support, hope and solidarity during these very difficult and trying times.

- The funds you raised are helping the Church of the Brethren in Nigeria minister to displaced families who fled violent attacks on their villages and need material support, stability and trauma healing to move ahead with health and wholeness.
- Those funds are assisting our partners in Burundi respond with food and assistance to villagers displaced by devastating flood and landslides due to unprecedented amounts of rainfall over the past year.
- You are helping our brothers and sisters in Christ provide solidarity and support to earthquake victims in Syria and families experiencing the devastation of war in Gaza.
- Together we are helping small farmers dealing with frequent flooding in Bangladesh, giving new hope for growing crops on floating seedbeds or hanging pots that can produce vegetables in spite of frequent floodwaters on the ground. Thank you!

These are only a few of the examples from over 500 MCC projects happening in 45 countries around the world. You can find more stories at [mcc.org](http://mcc.org). Thank you for being a part of this work of offering hope in the name of Christ to children and families around the world. Also, please thank all the people at your churches for their volunteerism, donations, enthusiasm, and support for the relief sale. While we celebrate your success this year, please remember to invite folks to be thinking ahead about what roles they might fill in the festivities next year! It's a great opportunity to invite new energy for activities that might happen at next year's sale.



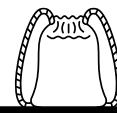
## Widow's Cruse

Our Widow's Cruse cart has been looking lean. You can find ideas (from [Feeding America](#)) on how to help below. Our Widow's Cruse offering goes to the Mt. Pisgah Food Pantry.

### **What food you can donate to your local food bank**

Food banks accept dry and canned food donations (any food that is "shelf-stable" or nonperishable). Please only donate food that hasn't reached its "sell-by" date yet. Food banks often need items like:

- Peanut butter
- Canned soup
- Canned fruit
- Canned vegetables
- Canned stew
- Canned fish
- Canned beans
- Pasta (most prefer whole grain)
- Rice (most prefer brown rice)
- Personal care and household items



Last year Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) shipped 81,048 school kits to communities in Burundi, Chad, Ethiopia, Malawi, South Sudan, Ukraine, the U.S. and Zambia. Notebooks and pencils are treasures for families who struggle to access or afford school supplies. MCC school kits are often requested after disasters as they help bring a sense of normalcy to children whose families have been forced to flee their homes.

This year through the end of August our church is again requesting school supplies for this project. Following is a list of supplies that need to be purchased for each bag. **New items only**

- 4 spiral notebooks (70 sheets each. Can be wide lined or narrow). No more than 70 sheets each.
- 8 new UNSHARPENED pencils
- 1 ruler (good quality). Must indicate 30 cm in addition to inches
- 12 colored pencils (in packaging)
- 1 large eraser
- 4 new black or blue ballpoint pens

*Kits also include 1 small all metal pencil sharpener (one or two holes). DO NOT PURCHASE THIS ITEM AS IT WILL BE PROVIDED. They have been purchased in bulk from Amazon as they are hard to find in stores.*

There are bags provided in back of the sanctuary for you to take home and fill or you can also just bring the supplies in a store plastic bag and we will place them in a cloth bag for you. Thanks so much for your participation in this project. This project will run through the end of August at which time the supplies will be collected and distributed to a MCC drop off location.



## MCN Call for Submissions

- **Theme:** "Behold! I am making all things new." (Revelation 21:5)
- **Deadline:** Pastor Kevin is now accepting submissions through September 1st!
- **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:

### **Renewing our relationship with self** (July 14 – Aug 4)

- What experiences of grace, courage, or hope have restored your sense of confidence in your own identity?

### **Renewing our relationships with all of creation** (Aug 11 – Sep 5)

- What deepens your sense of interconnection with creation? How do you grow in your sense of place and rootedness?

- You can see more detail about this series [here](#). To aid us in worship and reflection, we are hoping for artistic works by you 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 (or during CE, for more lengthy presentations).
- **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?*



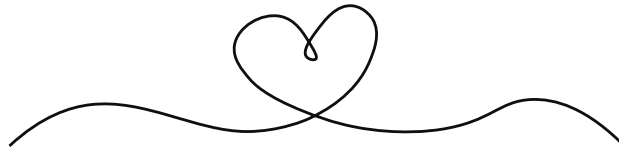
# Joe's Bike Trip



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My bike tour of the middle section of the Lewis & Clark Trail begins on Fri., June 21. After driving to Great Falls, MT, my long-time friend Guy, a retired forester, & I will cycle from Great Falls to Council Bluffs, IA - four weeks & around 1,300 miles. Guy's wife, Pam, will drive support for us which will help especially in the more remote areas of Montana, North & South Dakota. I will be posting daily on Facebook, Instagram, & at [this website](#) with a more detailed narrative with some reflections & more photos Keep us in your prayers & follow along if you like!

*From Joe*



## Those Serving This Week



## Sharing of Joys and Concerns



# Prayer Requests and Announcements

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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



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A BRIEF LOOK AT THE CHURCH CALENDAR:

### Wednesday, July 10

**7:00pm** Discipling Commission (Zoom)

### Thursday, July 11

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

**7:00pm** Pastoral Team Search Committee (Zoom)

### Saturday, July 13

Park Fun & Coffee Run

### Tuesday, July 16

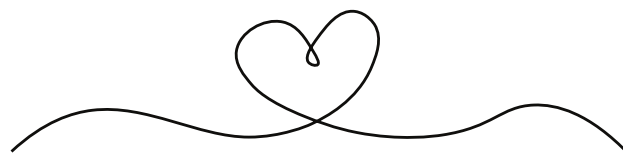
**3:00pm** Pastoral Team (Zoom)

**7:00pm** Spiritual Gifts Discernment Team (Zoom)



## Birthdays & Anniversaries

CELEBRATING LIFE'S MOMENTS AT MCN



## God so loved the ... cosmos?

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"Jesus died for creation as well as for us. We can participate in redeeming the world."  
Read more in Shirley Yoder Brubaker article for *Anabaptist World* [here](#).

# Mennonite Action Organizing Two Major Mobilizations for a Ceasefire in July

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## July 18-28

This July, Mennonite Action continues its efforts to advocate for a ceasefire in Gaza. Join Mennonite Action from July 18-28 for an 11 day, 135 mile march from Harrisonburg to Washington DC. You can sign up or learn more [here](#).

## July 28-30

Additionally, from July 28-30 Mennonite Action will participate in an interfaith mobilization for a ceasefire in DC. You can sign up to or learn more [here](#).

## Two Events on July 24

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*Below is a message from the Brethren Mennonite Council for LGBT Interests (BMC):*

We are thrilled to share with all of you that BMC's nearly 50-year archive now has a permanent home at the [Tretter Collection for GLBT Studies](#) at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis! We envision this site as a living archive, a place where members of the BMC community can come and engage the vibrant history of our LGBTQIA+ Anabaptist movement. [Read more in our official press release here](#). We'll be sharing this news more widely in the coming days, but wanted you to hear it first!

### **Come celebrate this accomplishment with BMC at two special events on July 24.**

Join BMC friend and LGBTQ Religious Archives Network archivist Doris Malkmus as she goes "[Behind the Scenes at the Archives](#)." This webinar will give you a chance to "tour" the back room of the Tretter Collection and hear from curator Aiden Bettine about how he builds relationships with donors, processes collections, and keeps them secure in subterranean stacks. **Register for the webinar [here](#).**

Then join us for "[Queering Our Anabaptist Archive](#)," a BMC talk-back right after the webinar on July 24. Executive Director Annabeth Roeschley and Board Chair Xaris A. Martínez will share details about BMC's archival process, pictures of our move, and exciting ways to engage our living archive. We're excited to discuss how queer and trans archival work is a crucial part of activism today. Bring your questions and [register for this virtual BMC event here](#).

*Note: These are back-to-back events but have separate registrations. Recordings of both events will be posted on the BMC website, for those who aren't able to join us on July 24.*

With our archives housed at Tretter, BMC claims the importance of telling our own story, told in connection with but not through a dominant religious institutional lens. This aligns with BMC's prophetic position as a grassroots organization flourishing on the margins of denominational space for nearly 50 years. The archives project been a years-long journey for our organization, made possible in consultation with BMC's board of directors, with the foresight and care of early BMC leaders and Brethren archivist Ken Shaffer, with the encouragement of the LGBTQ-RAN, and with financial support provided by a bequest from BMC ancestor Daniel "Joe" McRoberts (1940-2019).

Wishing you all courage and joy this Pride season. With gratitude,

Annabeth Roeschley  
Executive Director



## Update from Camp Friedenswald

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Camp Friedenswald is radiating with joy and the sounds of summer! As we enter July and the final week of youth camp, we do so with 105 Junior Campers (grades 5-6) - the most campers we've had in one week for over 20 years! Camp feels full, alive, and bustling with energy. We are grateful for the summer staff, volunteers, and the campers who have joined the camp community this summer. As campers come and go each week, we celebrate and honor the ways that relationships are being formed and deepened. **Read the newsletter [here](#) for stories from the summer, staff transitions, and job openings.**

## US Mennonites call on federal representatives to support a permanent ceasefire

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Mennonite Action has set a new goal of 10,000 signatures from Mennonites, friends of Mennonites, and Christians committed to seeking peace from across the US. Achieving this new goal will show our representatives the size and breadth of our movement - and that we are growing in numbers by the day. **Sign the petition and learn more [here](#).**

## Menno by Choice: Blog Call

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Members of Mennonite Church USA (MC USA) who were not raised in a Mennonite tradition or people who grew up in MC USA but feel that they have actively chosen to remain Mennonite as they grew into their faith are invited to submit a 500-900 word blog about why they have actively chosen to be a Mennonite. **Read more about this call for blogs and upload your submission [here](#).**

## Mennonite Brethren in Colombia offer shelter

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The Mennonite Brethren conference in Colombia has called on the global Anabaptist family to support them in prayer after the La Samaritana MB congregation in La Toma gave shelter in May to about 300 people fleeing violence between illegal groups and the army. The Mennonite Brethren Churches of Colombia council of elders made the request in a pastoral letter from Mennonite World Conference President Henk Stenvers. People who abandoned their farms and animals after being caught in the crossfire were welcomed at the church building with food, mattresses and messages of encouragement. **Read more in the *Anabaptist World's* article [here](#).**

## Girl Named Tom staying true to selves

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Read a transcript of the Q & A Interview Girl Named Tom, the musical group made up of siblings Caleb, Joshua and Bekah Liechty, did with *Anabaptist World* [here](#).

## Topic: Sun Safety

Celebrate UV safety month during our sunniest month of the year! The sun warms our skin and can lend us its golden hue, but it unfortunately damages skin as well, leading to dryness, damage, and an increasing likelihood of developing skin cancer. Protect yourself this summer with a sunscreen with at least SPF 30, UV protective sunglasses, and consider protective clothing and full coverage shoes as well as wide brimmed hats to shade the face.

Learn how to perform a skin self-check here (though you should see a board-certified dermatologist for any areas of concern):

<https://www.aad.org/public/diseases/skin-cancer/find/check-skin>

Find information about what to wear to protect yourself from the sun here:

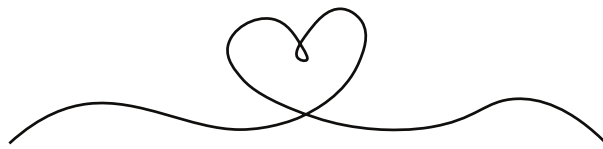
<https://www.aad.org/public/everyday-care/sun-protection/shade-clothing-sunscreen/what-to-wear-protect-skin-from-sun>



Carle Faith Community  
Nursing Network

Faith Community Health at Carle connects you and your faith community to needed healthcare and wellness support, taking a whole-person approach to health.

To learn more about bringing healthcare and wellness resources to your faith community, call (217) 902-3160 or email [FaithCommunityHealth@carle.com](mailto:FaithCommunityHealth@carle.com).



## Staff Contact and Building Open Hours

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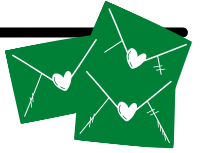
<u>Building Open:</u>	<b>Standard Hours:</b> Monday, Wednesday-Friday 9AM-11AM and Monday-Friday 1:30PM-3PM.
<u>Lydia Hedberg:</u>	Office Administrator; <a href="mailto:church@normalmennonite.org">church@normalmennonite.org</a> ; 309-452-6622
<u>Rita Munkakusi:</u>	Custodian
<u>Kevin Chupp:</u>	Pastor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

## Commission Meeting Minutes

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# Our Members in Care Facilities

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



## Items for the Midweek



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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

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## Commissions and Teams Contact List

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## Work Order & Purchase Request Forms

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## Structure Documents

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