

# THE MIDWEEK



## WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY 9:30 AM

This Sunday, Lauren Satchwell will preach a sermon titled *Pressing On* using Matthew 14:22-33.

We know this walking on water story. As we look at it through the lense of our theme of renewal, boldness is key, even though success is not guaranteed. What does it look like to dare to trust Jesus completely?

## After Worship

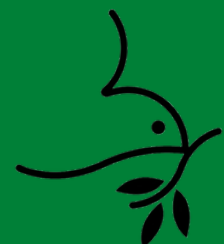
**Adult CE**  
**All Adults**  
Room 5/7/8

## 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](#).



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

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**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 **this Saturday, July 20**, candidate Lauren will meet with all members of the various teams and commissions.

Lauren will preach **this Sunday, July 21**. Afterwards the congregation will **vote** by paper ballot. Online ballots will be made available as well. After the service, Lauren will meet with the youth while the adults enjoy fruit and pastries. There will be no adult Sunday School. Then Lauren will be invited to the front of the sanctuary and interviewed by the PTSC, same as we did with Kevin. **(Also available to join by Zoom.)** Except, Lauren is in a unique position, we know her. Doug Luginbill suggests that we 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 this is what we intend to do!

**We invite you to add your questions by emailing Marcia or leaving them in her church mailbox by tomorrow, July 18.**

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

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



## Pastoral Candidate Voting

**This Sunday, at approximately 12:30 pm**

Based on the Pastoral Team Search Committee and the Vision Team's recommendation of pastoral candidate Lauren Satchwell, the Mennonite Church of Normal (MCN) is encouraged to vote regarding an invitation for Lauren Satchwell to join MCN's Pastoral Team to fill the ¼ time position. Voting will **begin on Sunday, July 21 at approximately 12:30 PM**, after the Q&A Session. Use [this link](#) to vote at that time. The link will also be sent by email when voting opens. **Votes will be accepted until 5:00 pm on Monday, July 22.** Paper ballots will be available at the church on the 21st. All are eligible to vote. Members and associate members will be filed as a voting quorum. Non-members are invited to vote as both voting totals will be captured and reported in tandem. Any questions can be directed to the Vision Team: Shelly King (chair), Shannon Neely, Erin Ponnou-Delaffon, Ben Roeschley.

*From the Vision Team*



## SMAP Lunch

**Sunday, July 28 after Sunday School**

Greetings, Mennonite Church of Normal Members and Friends! Everyone is invited to gather for lunch on July 28 after Sunday School to support the Student Mutual Aid Program (SMAP)! The SMAP committee is planning for another year of tuition support for those young people who choose to attend a Mennonite college or University. All regular attenders of Mennonite Church of Normal are eligible for this program. The success of this program depends upon the support of everyone, whether you have children or not. In your mailbox, you will find a SMAP brochure and pledge card. Please prayerfully consider your commitment, complete your form and return it to Darvis King. Broad-based support helps to ensure that SMAP will be viable for many years to come. Additionally, this is a very practical way for us to provide financial support to our Mennonite colleges and Universities and physical support by sending young people. They need our students! Looking forward to seeing all of you on July 28th! RSVP is not required but if you know you are coming please let the committee know here.

*From the SMAP Committee: Darvis King, Chair, Annette Harnish, Katie Driscoll*

## Tuesday, August 6 from 6-8pm

Our next volunteer night at Midwest Food Bank (MFB) is August 6 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*

## 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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## Civil Rights Trip Reflection



### Sunday, August 4 at 7:00 pm

**What:** See some pictures and hear Bess Desch and Judy & Lotus Hershberger offer reflections on their Civil Rights Trip to Memphis, Birmingham, & Montgomery earlier this summer.

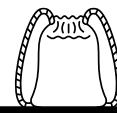
**When:** August 4, 2024 at 7:00 pm.

**Where:** Mennonite Residential Community Community Building.

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## Spending Plan Update



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?

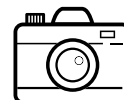
### **Renewing our relationships with all of creation** (Aug 11 – Sep 5)

- 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?*

*From the Pastoral Team*

## Sharing Our Gifts



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The "Sharing Our Gifts" slide show will be playing again this Sunday before and after the service and will be available to view in the following Midweek. If you've not sent in a photo yet, please do so! You can email them to the church office at [church@normalmennonite.org](mailto:church@normalmennonite.org). We're all eager to see how you are serving in your community!

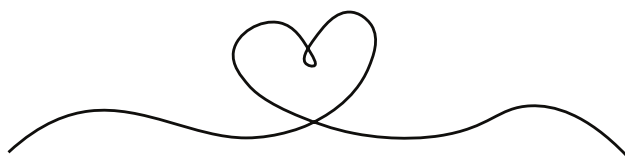
*From the Spiritual Gifts Discernment Team*



## CDC Connector

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The newest edition of Central District Conference's monthly Connector publication is now available to read [here](#). Inside you'll find an overview of the recent Annual Meeting with lots of photos, information about a sermon series on wisdom available through CDC, and a Doug's Mug about the recent Civil Rights tour. If you would like a paper copy, they will be available on the Library Table soon.



## Sharing of Joys and Concerns



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## 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:

## Saturday, July 20

**9:00am** Commissions/Teams Meet with Pastoral Team Candidate

## Sunday, July 21

**11:30am** Q& A with Pastoral Team Candidate

## Monday, July 22

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

**6:30pm** Great Hymnal Rack Project

## Tuesday, July 23

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

**6:30pm** Great Hymnal Rack Project

## Wednesday, July 24

**6:30pm** Congregational Care Committee (Zoom)

**6:30pm** Great Hymnal Rack Project



## Those Serving This Week



**South Greeters:** Zehr family

**West Greeter:** Paul and Mary Ann Watkins

**Welcome Table:** David Voegtlin

**Ushers:** Driscoll family

**Offering Counter:** Gail Fisher

**Worship Planner & Leader:** Janet Wilson

**Sharing Prayer Leader:** Lynette Miller

**Children's Story:** Janet Wilson

**Scripture Reader:**

**Technology:** Rick Harnish & Glenn Wilson

**Song Leader:** Cindy Ropp

**Accompaniment, Prelude, & Response in Music:** Denise Hedberg

**Infant Nursery – during CE:**

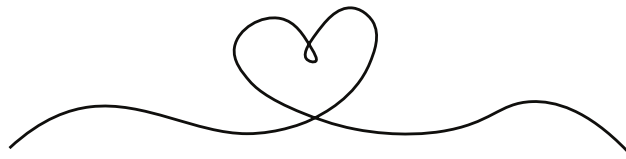
**Preschool Nursery:**



## Birthdays & Anniversaries



CELEBRATING LIFE'S MOMENTS AT MCN



**Host:**

**Steve Bustos,**  
Everence Stewardship  
Consultant

**Presenter:**

**Kim Miller,**  
Partner Relationship  
Specialist, Financial  
Choice (LSS)

## Scam-proof your finances

Webinar by Everence and Financial  
Choice (LSS)\*

**Thursday, July 25 at 2 p.m. ET**

Outsmart the scammers! Protect your finances by learning how to:

- Recognize the most common forms of scams and fraud.
- Reduce your risks.
- Take the next steps to report and respond if fraud occurs.

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# 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



## This is the Way God Made Me

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*A reflection on letting go. "Want to take your shoes off, Kadie?" My three-year old niece asks. She squats in front of me, tugging at one of my shoes. Phrases that I used at childhood playdates, pool parties, even church camps, float through my mind. I have Cerebral Palsy. I can't take off my shoes. My braces help me walk. This is the way God made me. 'This is the way God made me' was the line that I used when non-disabled children asked what happened to me, why I walked the way I did, or what those things were sticking out of my shoes. The words would sound apologetic, never proud."*  
**Read more in Katie Smith's article published by the Anabaptist Disabilities Network [here](#).**

## MCC Bike Michiana

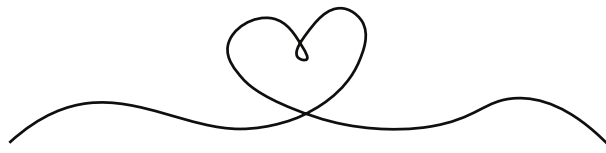
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Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) Bike Michiana: Join bicycle enthusiasts of all skill levels on September 13-15 to cycle through the beautiful lake and farmland region of southern Michigan and northern Indiana to support MCC's water projects in Bolivia. Hosted by Amigo Centre, registration includes cabin lodging and meals. **For more information and to register by August 30, click [here](#).**

## Ted Gossard reflects on recent civil rights pilgrimage

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*Ted Gossard attended Chapter 1 of Mennonite Mission Network's [Racial Justice Just Peace Pilgrimage](#) in May. This reflection was [originally posted](#) on his personal blog, June 22. "This May, I was part of a civil rights movement pilgrimage, led by Mennonite Mission Network. The trip began in Atlanta, Georgia, took us to Alabama and ended in Mississippi. A group of engaging, thoughtful people were a part of the tour. The trip was like a symphony, well-orchestrated, each part having its special contribution."*  
**Read more on Mennonite Mission Network's website [here](#).**



## Staff Contact and Building Open Hours

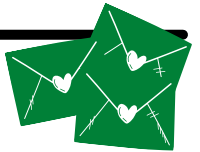
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<u>Building Open:</u>	<b>Standard Hours:</b> Monday, Wednesday-Friday 9AM-11AM and Monday-Friday 1:30PM-3PM.
<u>Lydia Hedberg:</u>	Office Administrator; <a href="mailto:church@normalmennonite.org">church@normalmennonite.org</a> ; 309-452-6622
<u>Rita 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

## Our Members in Care Facilities

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



## Commission Meeting Minutes

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# 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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