

THE MIDWEEK



WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY 10 AM AT CAMP MENNO HAVEN

Join us for worship at Camp Menno Haven this
Sunday, August 11th at 10:00am!
Find directions [here](#).

There will be **no** worship at 805 S Cottage this
Sunday.

This Sunday, Kevin Chupp will preach a sermon titled
Greenness using Isaiah 55.

Isaiah 55 paints a picture of a musical creation.
Mountains and hills “burst into song” and trees “clap
their hands.” What does their song sound like? How are
cypress and myrtle a “memorial” for the Lord? What do
the green things that grow around us teach us about
who God is? How do we give plants the honor they
deserve as heralds of God’s peace? How do we join in
their song?

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



Mennonite
Church
of Normal

A congregation of
Mennonite Church USA



Sunday, August 11, 2024

Worship: 10:00 am

This Sunday, as we gather at Camp Menno Haven, we will plan to take our weekly offering.

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 was required by Monday, July 29.

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.

Sponsored by the Community Life Commission



MCN Work Day

Thursday, August 8 at 6:30 pm

When? 6:00 - 8:30 PM on Thursday, August 8

What? MCN Work Night

Who? All able-bodied people who are willing to lend a hand in caring for the MCN facilities under the direction of the Administration Commission

We will be checking the condition and operation of interior items such as doors, windows, walls, ceilings and floors.

We will be weeding and trimming outdoor beds and landscaping, checking gutters and drainage, clearing exits, and attending to other outdoor maintenance.

Please bring appropriate tools such as hoes, trimmers, loppers, buckets, garbage cans, and other items that would seem necessary for completing the jobs above. Snacks would be welcome, as well. Please contact Mark Roeschley with any questions.

From the Administration Commission

Installation



Sunday, September 15th

On Sunday, September 15th Lauren Satchwell will be installed as a pastor at the Mennonite Church of Normal. Doug Luginbill, Central District Conference's Conference Minister, will lead the installation and preach the sermon. Lunch will be provided after Sunday School.

From the Pastoral Team Search Committee and Vision Team



Park Fun & Coffee Run Saturday



August 17th from 9:00 - 10:30 AM

The next Park Fun and Coffee Run event is Saturday, August 17th from 9:00-10:30 AM, all women/moms are invited to meet at Fusion Brew (503 S Main St. Normal, IL), while dads/men will meet at the park 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 Roeschley Walker.

From the Community Life Commission



Picture Directory

September 16th & 17th from 2 - 8:30 pm each day

It's time for our new Pictorial Directory! Our dates of photography are September 16 and 17. Just for participating you will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait and a church directory. You will be able to view your images right away and have a chance to purchase family portraits for your memories or gifts.

You can make an appointment after church next Sunday, August 18 at a table in the back or contact the church office. We look forward to seeing you there!

From the Administration Commission

MDS in Barre, VT

See photos from Mennonite Disaster Service's work in Barre, Vermont that Wayne and Lois Hochstetler and Gerry Schrock shared from their time there [here!](#)

Pridefest

Once again, this year we took part in the “Blessed at Pridefest” blessing booth this past Saturday in Downtown Bloomington. Outreach Commission provided the banner this year, in order to make our booth easier to find, and community clergy (including Pastor Kevin) offered blessings for all who sought them. Pictured here is the first shift of volunteers at the booth. Clergy and support came from Calvary United Methodist Church, Carle BroMenn Spiritual Care, First Christian Church, First Presbyterian Church, First United Methodist Church, Mennonite Church of Normal, Moses Montefiore Temple, New Covenant Community, Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington-Normal, and Wesley United Methodist Church.

From the Outreach Commission



It's Annual Evaluation Season!



Background: It's time for annual evaluations! Each year Vision Team (VT) and the Spiritual Gifts Discernment Team (SGDT) are responsible for leading the evaluation process of several groups within the church structure. Intending to minimize survey fatigue, VT and SGDT have teamed up to align the timelines and conduct as one process.

What it is: There are three annual evaluations we're seeking to complete:

- **Evaluation of members of the Pastoral Team** (conducted by VT)
- **Evaluation of Vision Team** (conducted by SGDT)
- **Self-evaluation of Commissions and Teams** (conducted by SGDT)

The first two evaluations are open to anyone from the congregation to complete. The third is intended for members of a commission or team to complete.

How to complete: There are two Google Forms that can be completed:

There will also be paper versions of the evaluations available to complete in the church office.

When to complete: As soon as you can! But we plan to have these surveys open for at least 3 weeks and start processing responses by August 15.

Final comments: Thanks for your participation in helping our church function better. If you have a question regarding the evaluation process, please reach out to Ben Roeschley or another member of the Vision Team.

From the Vision Team



The ***Vision Team*** asked. *You* answered.

Here is what *you* had to say about what you are most proud of about our church's **past**:

RELATIONSHIPS

- The faithful, multiple generations of families that continue to worship at MCN.
- The mutual respect of the merger that valued open communication and planning. The many relationships fostered through the years.
- That we felt like a family, building our church and MRC.
- Close friends.
- The relationships everyone has built and developed.

PEACE & JUSTICE

- That MCN has continued to support peace and justice, MCC, MDS, missions, colleges, and camps. It "feels" like a place where being a convinced Anabaptist/Mennonite is a good fit.
- SMAP, coordinated, cooperative service projects.
- Being a peace church.
- The way people have pulled together to answer Christ's call.

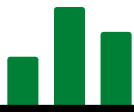
INCLUSIVITY AND WELCOME

- Dirk Willems' noble deed living on. Oh! MC of Normal! -the warm welcoming nature.
- Struggling to listen to all voices and finally going with love messages and inclusion.
- Our decision to become welcoming.
- The intentionality taken to create the best environment for congregants.
- Inclusivity.

WORSHIP/MINISTRY

- Quality singing.
- Children's Time and programming.
- MCN incorporated educational and worship materials into our ministries -- SS for the kids, hymnals, worship planning magazine, etc.
- The varied music.
- The Anabaptist Perspective in worship

Shared by the Vision Team

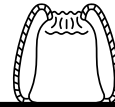


Dorothy Loepf Music Scholarship Application Period is Now Open!

At the time of the celebration of fifty-three years of wonderful worship music provided by Dorothy Loepf, a generous amount of donations was collected to create a scholarship for piano and organ lessons. Applications are now being accepted for the coming academic year. The scholarship is open to children, youth, and adults of all ages. More information about the scholarship can be found. A brief application form is.

Shared by the Worship Commission

MCC School Kits



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:

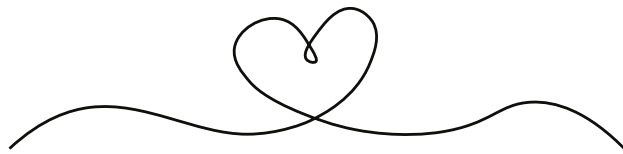
Renewing our relationship with self (July 14 – Aug 4)

- 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 of Joys and Concerns



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.



Those Serving This Week



Worship Planner & Leader: Lynette Miller

Sharing Prayer Leader: Lynette Miller

Children's Story: Darrel Miller

Scripture Reader: Melika, Ross, & Emily Hershberger

Song Leader: Barry Weaver



Birthdays & Anniversaries



CELEBRATING LIFE'S MOMENTS AT MCN

This Week at MCN



A BRIEF LOOK AT THE CHURCH CALENDAR:

Wednesday, August 7

6:30 pm CE Committee (Zoom)

Thursday, August 8

6:30 pm MCN Work Day

Sunday, August 11

10:00 am Menno Haven Worship Service (no worship at 805 S Cottage)

Tuesday, August 13

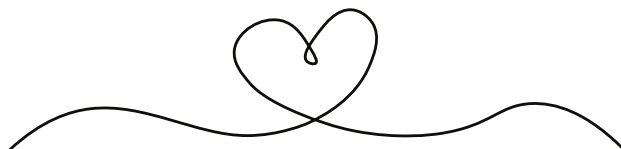
3:00 pm Pastoral Team (Zoom)

7:30 pm Spiritual Gifts Discernment Team (Zoom)

Wednesday, August 14

9-11 am Office/Building Closed

7:00 pm Community Life Commission (Zoom)





Saturday, August 10th from 10 am to 5 pm

Charlotte Hedberg will be selling her artwork at The Painted Wraith Street Festival. The Festival will be August 10th in Downtown Bloomington adjacent to the Farmers Market. The festival will have over 50 vendors selling their various creations as well as live music. Charlotte will be selling prints and stickers of her original paintings and drawings as well as some original artworks. You can see more of Charlotte's artwork on her website [here](#).

GAMEO takes multilingual focus and welcomes new leader

The management board of the [Global Anabaptist Mennonite Encyclopedia Online](#) (GAMEO) held its annual meeting both in person in Goshen and Elkhart, Indiana, and by Zoom on May 24, 2024. This meeting brought together board members from the United States, Canada, and the Netherlands to discuss the upcoming year of projects and to facilitate a transition in board leadership. The Mennonite Church USA (MC USA) Historical Archives is one of seven partner organizations that manages GAMEO. **Read more in new release from the GAMEO management board and published by MC USA [here](#).** *Picture: GAMEO board members at the Mennonite Church USA Offices in Elkhart, Indiana. On Screen: Anicka Fast (Mennonite World Conference), Ken Sensenig (Mennonite Central Committee) Standing: Elizabeth Miller (General Editor; Institute for the Study of Global Anabaptism), Aileen Friesen (Incoming Chair; D. F. Plett Historical Research Foundation, Olivia Krall (Mennonite Church USA), Jon Isaak (Outgoing Chair; Mennonite Brethren Historical Commission), Alf Redekopp (Associate Editor) Sitting: Laureen Harder-Gissing (Mennonite Historical Society of Canada), Bert Friesen (Associate Editor). Photo by Martin Gunawan.*



Apache Stronghold

Prayer Journey

July 13-September 11, 2024

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Journey of prayer to the Supreme Court to stop the shattering of the human existence and to protect Mother Earth.

- [Lummi Nation - Washington State July 13th](#)
- [Thacker Pass - Nevada Aug. 6th](#)
- [Bay Area - California Aug. 8th](#)
- [Los Angeles, California Aug. 10th](#)
- [Quechan - Yuma, AZ Aug. 12th](#)
- [Tucson, AZ Aug. 13th](#)
- [Phoenix, AZ Aug. 15th](#)
- [Dook'o'noosliid - Flagstaff, AZ Aug. 16th](#)
- [Hopi - First Mesa, AZ Aug. 17th](#)
- [Diné - Gallup, NM Aug. 18th](#)
- [Albuquerque, NM Aug. 20th](#)
- [Pueblo, CO Aug. 22nd](#)
- [Oklahoma City, OK Aug. 24th](#)
- [St. Louis, MO Aug. 27th](#)
- [Lexington, KY Aug. 29th](#)
- [Montgomery, AL Aug. 31st](#)
- [Cherokee, NC Sept. 1st](#)
- [Winston-Salem, NC Sept. 2nd](#)
- [Raleigh, NC Sept. 4th](#)
- [Wake Forest, NC Sept. 5th](#)
- [Washington, DC Sept 8th, 10th, & 11th](#)

August 4, 2024, the Apache Stronghold continued their prayer journey to stop the shattering of human existence and to protect Mother Earth. The prayer journey began in the Lummi Nation, north of Seattle, in July, and it will conclude on September 11, 2024 when the Apache Stronghold files their appeal at the US Supreme Court in Washington, DC, with stops along the way visiting tribes and supporters for prayer and ceremony. The full route is outlined above. **Read the full press release [here](#). Learn more about the Apache Stronghold [here](#).**

Oak Flat is a sacred site of the Apache people in Arizona and has been for centuries. An Australian mining company Resolution Copper is planning to make it an underground copper mine. Mining would ultimately cause it to collapse and be destroyed. A group of Anabaptist leaders called [The Coalition to Dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery](#) supports their efforts.



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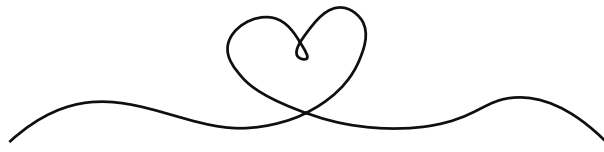


More information
815.255.4649

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Visit our website
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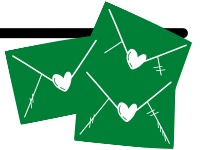


Staff Contact and Building Open Hours

<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>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!



Commission Meeting Minutes

Commissions and Teams Contact List

Commission, Team, & Committee Members

Work Order & Purchase Request Forms

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
