

# THE MIDWEEK



## WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY 9:30 AM

**This Sunday Lauren Satchwell will be installed as a pastor at the Mennonite Church of Normal.** Doug Luginbill, Central District Conference's Conference Minister, will be preaching and will lead the installation along with Bryan Miller from Illinois Mennonite Conference. Lunch will be provided after Sunday School.

Doug Luginbill will preach a sermon titled *Journeying with Wisdom* using Proverbs 1:20-22, Wisdom of Solomon 7:26-8:1, and Mark 8:27-35.

The service will be live streamed on YouTube at this [link](#).

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

## 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



**Mennonite  
Church  
of Normal**

A congregation of  
Mennonite Church USA



## Picture Directory

**THIS Monday & Tuesday**

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

Photography for our new pictorial directory starts in just a couple of weeks! Photography will be taking place Monday, September 16 and Tuesday, September 17 at MCN. If you haven't scheduled already, we still have slots available and we want you to be included! You are an important part of our church family and our directory wouldn't be complete without you! When participating in a session, you will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait as well as an updated church directory. The process will only take about 30-45 minutes and you will have the opportunity to purchase family portraits.

You can schedule your appointment by contacting the office.

*From the Administration Commission*



## Park Fun & Coffee Run



**Saturday, September 21st from 9:00-10:30 AM**

The next Park Fun and Coffee Run event is Saturday, September 21st from 9:00-10:30 AM, all men/dads are invited to meet at Fusion Brew , while women/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*

## MDS IL Annual Meeting



**Saturday, September 21 from 10:30 am to 1:00 pm**

The Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) Illinois Unit annual meeting will be here at MCN on Saturday, September 21 from 10:30 am to 1:00 pm, and MCN members are invited to attend. There will be a light lunch so please notify the MCN office if you plan to attend in order for us to plan for lunch.

*From the Outreach Commission*



## Women's Bible Study

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**Thursday, September 26 at 9:30 am**

The women's Bible Study will begin meeting again this fall on September 26 at 9:30 a.m. We will be using a book by Liz Ditty, *God's Many Voices: Learning to Listen, Expectant to Hear*. Any woman is welcome to join this study. If you are interested, let the church office know as soon as possible so that a book may be ordered for you.

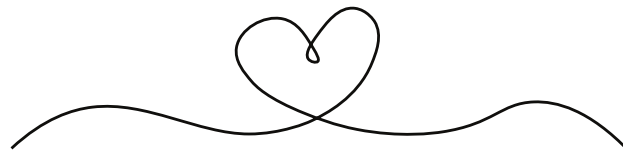
*From the Discipling Commission*

## Hike Canceled



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The hike that was scheduled for Thursday, September 12th has been canceled. It will be rescheduled at a later date.



## Birthdays & Anniversaries

CELEBRATING LIFE'S MOMENTS AT MCN



# This Week at MCN



A BRIEF LOOK AT THE CHURCH CALENDAR:

## Wednesday, September 11

**9:30 am** Wednesday Morning Book Group  
**7:30pm** Spiritual Gifts Discernment Team (Zoom)

## Thursday, September 12

**7:00 am** Next Man Bible Study  
**6:30 pm** Administration Commission (Zoom)

## Sunday, September 15

**9:30 am** Pastor Lauren Installation and Lunch

## Monday, September 16

**2:00 pm** Picture Directory Photography

## Tuesday, September 17

**2:00 pm** Picture Directory Photography  
**3:00 pm** Pastoral Team (Zoom)

## Wednesday, September 18

**9:30 am** Wednesday Morning Book Group



# Those Serving This Week



**South Greeters:** Roger and Linda Clemmons

**West Greeter:** Marcia Rossi

**Welcome Table:** Barry Weaver

**Ushers:** Mark Roeschley and Caleb Hall

**Offering Counter:** Gail Fisher

**Worship Planner & Leader:** Steve Benner

**Sharing Prayer Leader:** Kevin Chupp

**Children's Time:** Annette Harnish

**Scripture Reader:** Connie Satchwell and Gerson Corbarrubia

**Technology:** Caleb Augspurger & Rick Harnish

**Song Leader:** Cindy Ropp

**Accompaniment, Prelude, & Response in Music:** Bill West

**Infant Nursery - during CE:**

**Preschool Nursery:**

# 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.

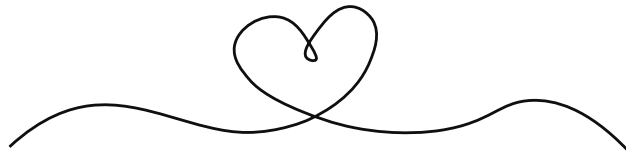


# Sharing of Joys and Concerns



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MCN IS ASKED TO BE IN CONTINUED PRAYER FOR FOR THE PROGRESSIVE CARE UNIT AT  
CARLE BROMENN MEDICAL CENTER—OUR PARTNER IN HEALING FOR 2024



## How to Recognize and Interrupt Possible Signs of Grooming

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**Monday, September 16, 2024 6:00pm CT**

On September 16, 2024, at 6 p.m. Central Time, join presenter Ross Erb, associate director of the Collins Center, and host Nancy Kauffmann, Mennonite Church USA interim denominational minister of Church Safety, for an informational webinar on the vital importance of recognizing possible signs of grooming that lead to abuse. Grooming often goes undetected until abuse has caused significant harm and damage. With years of experience in dealing with this issue, Ross will help us better understand what grooming is, how to identify it, and how to prevent it. **Learn more and register [here](#).**





## Menno Haven's FALL WORK DAY

### POSSIBLE PROJECTS

- Painting Projects
- Splitting Wood
- Reconditioning a Trailer
- Spreading Mulch
- Deep Cleaning
- Outside & Inside Tasks



Tuesday, Oct 1  
Wednesday, Oct 2



Lodging is available  
upon request

RSVP &  
INFO

[www.mennohaven.com/work-day](http://www.mennohaven.com/work-day)  
[sheena@mennohaven.com](mailto:sheena@mennohaven.com)  
815-255-4649

Menno Haven depends on, and greatly appreciates, the hard work of volunteers like you to keep our 231 acres of sanctuary looking great!



# SPEAKUP

*God is talking through you*

SEPTEMBER 20-22 CAMP FRIEDENSWALD

Women near and far, please join us for an MW USA Retreat hosted with Central District Conference Mennonite Women. Child care provided. Can't make it to Camp Friedenswald? Let's partner together on your retreats and programming!

*Open to all women and femmes.*



REGISTER HERE

MENNONITE WOMEN USA




## Take a powerful journey through history and justice

**March 11-18, 2025**

Mission Network will lead a U.S. Civil Rights Just Peace Pilgrimage **for individuals**, offering you a chance to connect with others in this profound experience.

**Interested?** Contact Stephanie Weaver at [StephanieW@MennoniteMission.net](mailto:StephanieW@MennoniteMission.net).



**Mennonite Mission Network**

## Climate Justice Corner

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Summer is a great time to enjoy local, seasonal produce. While eating well, you're also taking care of our planet! Eating more plants and cutting food waste are two of the biggest steps people can take to cut their personal and household greenhouse gas emissions. According to [Project Drawdown](#), out of the 100 top solutions for drawing down carbon and reversing global warming, [reduced food waste](#) ranks #3 and [plant-rich diets](#) ranks #4. (Hawken, Paul, ed., Drawdown: The most comprehensive plan ever proposed to reverse global warming. New York: Penguin Books, 2017.) You can learn more about connections between faith and food by viewing MC USA's webinar [Faith, Food, Soil and Climate](#).

*Shared by Karla Stoltzfus Detweiler, Mennonite Church USA Climate Justice Coordinator*

## Peace and reconciliation workshop empowers Ecuador's evangelical leaders

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In the heart of Ecuador, [FEINE Consejo de Pueblos y Organizaciones Indigenas Evangélicos del Ecuador \(Council of Indigenous Evangelical Peoples & Organizations\)](#) began the Training School for Evangelical Leaders of Ecuador (EFLEE) as a new initiative to support regional and national church leaders. Through this program, amidst the growing demand for peace and reconciliation in the region, Mission Network, partnering with FEINE, gives peacebuilding workshops that are a vital initiative aimed to equip leaders with the skills and knowledge to foster peace within their communities. **Read more from Mennonite Mission Network [here](#). [Versión en español](#).**

## September 29th is Anabaptist Community Bible Day

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### September 29th

Anabaptism at 500 has declared September 29, 2024 as Anabaptist Community Bible Day to celebrate and reaffirm shared values of community, discipleship and peacemaking. This special day provides an opportunity for congregations to come together in unity, explore the rich history and teachings of Anabaptism and engage with the unique insights offered by the Anabaptist Community Bible. **Learn more [here](#).**

## Mosaic Conference board proposes withdrawal, partnership with MC USA

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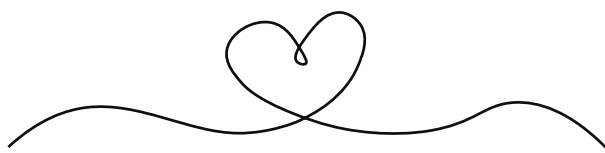
"Leaders of Mosaic Mennonite Conference, one of Mennonite Church USA's largest conferences, are recommending withdrawal from membership in the denomination while continuing in 'partnership and collaboration' with it. Mosaic's Conference Board on Aug. 19 affirmed a proposal by Mosaic's Pathways Steering Team, which began a process in 2022 to clarify the conference's priorities and its relationship with MC USA and other Anabaptist communities." **Read the rest of Tim Huber's article for [Anabaptist World](#) [here](#).**

# MC USA responds to Mosaic proposal with questions, disappointment

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“Mennonite Church USA’s Executive Board and staff responded with disappointment and questions to [the Aug. 22 announcement](#) by Mosaic Mennonite Conference that its leaders are recommending withdrawal from denominational membership while continuing in partnership and collaboration.

[A Sept. 9 MC USA statement](#) acknowledged the denomination has partnerships with former agencies such as Everence and MHS [Mennonite Health Services] Association but indicated there is no precedent for conferences to be in partnership outside the ‘voluntary association’ of conferences that already exists within MC USA. ‘Such a major change would require involvement from all member conferences, a process that would involve the Constituency Leaders Council and likely not come to the MC USA Delegate Assembly until 2027,’ said MC USA moderator-elect Marty Lehman in the MC USA release.” **Read the rest of Tim Huber’s article for *Anabaptist World* [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, Spiritual Gifts Discernment Team, and Visitation Team
<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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## Work Order & Purchase Request Forms

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