

THE MIDWEEK



WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY 9:30 AM

This Sunday, Kevin Chupp will preach a sermon titled *Sidecar* using 2 Samuel 7:1-17.

As David realizes he has done more to establish himself than he has to establish God's presence among the people, Nathan makes it clear that this God who has been on the move with them will indeed move into this place and bless this kingdom. The bad news is, it is David's son, not himself, that will establish this kingdom. What do we do to establish God's presence in this place? What legacy do we leave for the next generation?

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

Journey Groups A & B
Conference Room

Journey Group C
Room 14

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

Schedule for Visiting/ Sitting with Alice Swift

Alice Swift is nearing her final days and visitors are appreciated. Sign-up. We offer this as a way to coordinate our efforts to ensure Alice has people with her as she is in her last days. If there is already someone listed for a time you are able to come, that doesn't mean you cannot visit then as well, though you might try be in touch with that person to make them aware. This schedule is here so we can effectively be aware of when our presence might be most helpful. If there are any changes in Alice's health or anything else of note, please don't hesitate to contact Pastor Kevin (kevin@normalmennonite.org) or any other members of the pastoral team.

Women's Ministry - Comforters for Appalachia

Tomorrow, Thursday, October 17

Choose which meeting time works for you. No Signup required. Just come to share Worship, Fellowship, and an Opportunity to join in service project. All ages invited.

1:00-3:00pm at the Mennonite Church of Normal

OR

6:30pm-8:30pm at the Mennonite Residential Community Building

Questions: contact Gerry Schrock or Deb Stenger

This event supported by Community Life Commission

Family Fun Night



Friday, October 18

You're invited to join us for Family Fun Night on October 18th for a meal, applesauce-making, crafts, singing and learning about God's love for YOU, the apple of God's eye. We're asking each family that attends to bring a 3-5 lb. bag of apples to donate toward our applesauce making activity. **Please sign-up.**

From the Discipling Commission



Blood Drive

Saturday, October 26th from 8:00am-12:00pm

We will once again be hosting an American Red Cross blood drive here at MCN on Saturday, October 26th from 8:00am-12:00pm. The Red Cross has been experiencing blood inventory shortages since this Summer. There are 3 ways you can help:

1. Schedule your appointment to donate blood [here](#)
2. Bake cookies for donors or volunteer to help Outreach Commission host the drive by signing up.
3. Spread the word by sharing this flyer.

Thanks for your help!

From the Outreach Commission

Dessert Reception



THIS Sunday, October 20 during Fellowship Hour

Lauren and Gerson invite everyone to a dessert reception during the fellowship hour this Sunday, October 20th to celebrate their recent marriage.

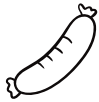
QPR Suicide Prevention Training Session



October 26, 2024 from 10:00 – 11:30 AM

QPR Suicide Prevention Training Session: 10:00 – 11:30 AM October 26, 2024 at the MRC Community Building: MCN member Steve Benner who is a Mental Health Awareness Trainer at the Center for Human Services will offer this session. QPR is a suicide prevention training for participants to be able to recognize the warning signs of suicide and Question, Persuade, and Refer people at risk for suicide for help. The training typically lasts 90 minutes. If interested, please contact Lotus Hershberger.

Sponsored by the Community Life Commission



Relief Sale Sausage

Pre-order: Now until November 2nd

Pick up: November 23rd, 2024

Have you been missing Mennonite Relief Sale Sausage? Lucky for you it is being offered right now! *Pre-order* between now & November 2nd. Sausage will be offered in 1lb bulk or 1lb whole link packages! Price: \$5.50/lb - payment due at time of pick up. (Cash, credit card and checks will be accepted.) Pick up will be November 23rd, 2024 from 7am-12:30pm at First Mennonite Church, Morton. Ben Roeschley has also offered to pick up MCN orders in Morton and bring them to MCN for local pickup later that morning. To order, please fill out the sign up sheet at the back of the sanctuary or order online [here](#).



Midwest Food Bank Volunteering

Tuesday, November 5 from 6 - 8 pm

Our next volunteer night at Midwest Food Bank (MFB) is November 5 from 6-8pm. MFB wants us to sign up at least a week (and ideally two weeks) 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.

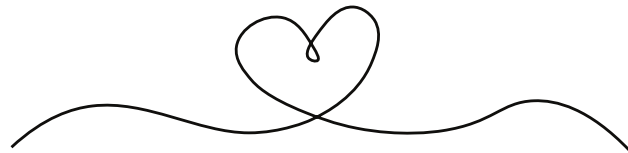
From the Outreach Commission

A Note from Lynn

Thank you to all who provided prayers, transportation, support and gifts of food as I recover from rotator cuff surgery. I am grateful for care from MCN folks to help heal and enhance good medical care.

From Lynn Reha

The newest edition of Central District Conference's monthly Connector publication is now available to read [here](#). The theme for this month is worship. It contains reflections from several CDC congregations who tried out wild church worship over the summer as well as an invitation to participate in the series of wisdom mini-retreats happening this year on zoom. If you would like a paper copy, they will be available on the Library Table soon.



Those Serving This Week



South Greeters: Adam Augspurger and Lotus Hershberger
West Greeter: Judy Hershberger
Welcome Table: Bernice Valverde
Ushers: Driscoll family
Offering Counter: Mark Roeschley
Worship Planner: Holly Zehr
Worship Leader: Shannon Neely
Sharing Prayer Leader: Lauren Satchwell
Children's Time: Gail Fisher
Scripture Reader:
Technology: Adam Augspurger & Ryan Miller
Song Leader: Barry Weaver
Accompaniment, Prelude, & Response in Music: Bill West
Infant Nursery - during CE:
Preschool Nursery:



Birthdays & Anniversaries

CELEBRATING LIFE'S MOMENTS AT MCN



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



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

This Week at MCN



A BRIEF LOOK AT THE CHURCH CALENDAR:

Wednesday, October 16

9:30 am Wednesday Morning Book Group

7:00 pm Discipling Commission (Zoom)

Thursday, October 17

7:00 am Next Man Bible Study

9:30 am Women's Bible Study

1:00 pm Women's Ministry - Comforters for Appalachia

6:30 pm Administration Commission (Zoom)

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Friday, October 18

5:30 pm Family Fun Night

Saturday, October 19

9:00 am Worship Commission (Zoom)

Sunday, October 20

11:00 am Lauren & Gerson Wedding Dessert Reception

Tuesday, October 22

3:00 pm Pastoral Team (Zoom)

Wednesday, October 23

9:30 am Wednesday Morning Book Group

6:30 pm Congregational Care Committee (Zoom)



Conflict: The Joys and Challenges

October 22, 2024

2 p.m. ET/11 a.m. PT on Zoom

Conflict Transformation
Learn, Pray, Join.

A webinar hosted by Lorraine Stutzman Amstutz, with Michelle Armster, Jacob Cook and Hyacinth Stevens.
Intérprete al español disponible.




In this webinar, we will discuss the importance of conflict transformation and the recent collaborative training on conflict transformation. The training was conducted in partnership with Mennonite Church USA, Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) Central States, and Eastern Mennonite Seminary (EMS). We will be joined by Michelle Armster, executive director of MCC Central States, Rev. Dr. Jacob Alan Cook, who teaches Christian ethics and peace theology and co-directs the Shalom Collaboratory at EMS, and Hyacinth Stevens, executive director of MCC East Coast. Together, we will explore the training and discuss the future steps they envision for providing ongoing training to congregations and institutions. [Register here.](#)

Conflict Transformation

Learn, Pray, Join.

[Lea la versión en inglés aquí.](#) Mennonite Church USA's Peace and Justice ministry has begun the latest Learn, Pray, Join initiative, with a focus on conflict transformation. The initiative will run from late-September through mid-November and features the voices of experts in conflict resolution and restorative justice. This campaign also draws attention to Mennonite Central Committee's new adult Sunday school curriculum, "[Peaceful Practices](#)," which encourages participants to work through divisive issues through healthy dialogue. [Read more here.](#)

When a Person Who Is a Known Sex Offender Wants to Attend Your Church

Oct. 28, 2024 at 7 p.m. ET/4 p.m. PT on Zoom

A webinar with Eric Massanari, Jolene Miller, Kristin Jackson and Michael Danner, hosted by Nancy Kauffmann.






Many congregations have established safety protection policies to proactively provide a secure and healthy environment for individuals of all ages to connect with God. However, when a person who is a known sex offender seeks to join the congregation, what steps should the congregation take? This webinar is the first of a three-part series from Mennonite Church USA. [Register here.](#)

Mennonite Public Educators

a group that brings together Mennonite teachers and other education professionals who work in a public school setting in the US or Canada for mutual encouragement, support, and learning

join us!

info@MennoniteEducation.org

Thursday, October 17 at 6 p.m. CT

Mennonite Education Agency has partnered with Mennonite Public Educators to offer an exciting opportunity **for all public-school educators** to gather virtually for a time of mutual support, encouragement and learning! **Registration for this event can be found [here](#).** The next meeting is Thursday, October 17 at 6p.m. CT on Zoom. This meeting's theme is: How do we, as educators and peacemakers, live out our values in a polarized political environment during an election year?

Webinar: Civilian casualties by Turkish and Iranian military operations 1991–2024

November 2nd at 1PM Central Time

Join the Iraqi Kurdistan team for a webinar about their latest report, "Civilian casualties of Turkish and Iranian military operations in Northern Iraq: January 1991 – June 2024." This report collates, documents, and verifies the immediate harm to the civilian population—death and injury—caused by Turkish and Iranian military operations inside Iraqi Kurdistan, as well as the broader impact on civilian life. This webinar will go beyond the civilian casualties in Northern Iraq and address the broader impacts, such as forced displacement, environmental damage, and socioeconomic implications, and will include stories from civilians still resisting this violence. **Register for the webinar [here](#).**

From the Community Peacemaker Teams' Newsletter

Peaceful Options for Training & Careers Webinar

Peaceful Options for Training & Careers (POTC) is a collaboration between Mennonite Central Committee U.S. (MCC) and Mennonite Church USA (MC USA). It aims to counter the military recruitment of U.S. youth. The project's vision is to connect young people with volunteer advisors or counselors who can assist them in finding non-military career, service, and training opportunities. In this webinar, hear more about the project from our panelists: Glen Guyton, executive director of MC USA, Joe Roos, chair of POTC and pastor at Peace Mennonite Fellowship, Melissa Atchison, pastor at Manhattan Mennonite Church and a spiritual director, and Titus Peachey, retired peace educator for MCC US and current counselor on the GI Rights hotline. **Watch the video [here](#). Visit the website [here](#).**

Meat Canning

December 6th, 7th, 9th, & 10th at Freeport Mennonite Church

In an effort to stamp out hunger in our community and worldwide, we are delighted to inform you that Freeport Mennonite Church (FMC) will host the Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) Canner again this year for the 2024-2025 canning season. As communities and nations continue to deal with issues locally and globally, we "can" come together and make positive, lasting relationships while helping feed those in need.

We collect donations for the meat canning project throughout the year, especially during October and November. The Canning Ministry at Freeport Mennonite is an above-budget project that is done entirely through donations like yours. The more contributions we receive, the more people we can help. We are excited to announce that we have been given four days to can meat.

As MCC's 78th year of meat canning begins, FMC has partnered with MCC for the 72nd year. We couldn't be more excited to invite others to join us in this unique mission project. Tim Bastian is also returning this year as our canning coordinator. MCC is always looking for "canner guys" who can make a two-year commitment, so if you know of someone who might be interested in learning more, let us know. We would be happy to connect them with MCC.

This project is open to anyone and everyone: businesses, school groups, churches, civic organizations, families, and individuals. If you or anyone you know would like to help stamp out hunger, we will be canning December 6th, 7th, 9th, & 10th at Freeport Mennonite Church, 3416 E Brick School Rd., Freeport, IL 61032. If you don't have time to help, consider giving your financial support by mailing a check to Freeport Mennonite Church at the above address with Meat Canning in the memo. If you are interested in seeing what happens at "meat canning" or would like to see the portable canner, feel free to contact Tim Bastian (Meat Canning Coordinator), David Graybill and Toby Penner (Assistant Canning Coordinators). Additionally, we are happy to announce that last year's canner boy, Caleb Moss, and his dad, Steve Moss, joined the canning committee. Also, if you are interested in someone coming to talk about the canning project at your business, school group, church, or civic organization, don't hesitate to contact one of the above individuals.

Freeport Mennonite Church produced 21,000 cans of chicken last year. Ten percent of the cans (2100) stayed in our community, distributed at Freeport Area Church Cooperative (FACC), Rockford Rescue Mission, Joseph's Pantry in Freeport, Lancaster Food Pantry of Lancaster, Wisconsin, and Faith Community Church of Davis. The remaining ninety percent was sent to MCC to use in their missions worldwide.

The MCC Canning event isn't just a four-day effort, and it isn't just about canning meat. Women in Mission and Service (WMS) collected comforters, baby blankets, Dignity Kits, School Kits, Hygiene Kits, and Sewing Kits throughout the year. These items were also sent to MCC for distribution worldwide.

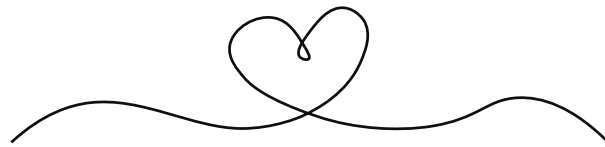
This project continues to be needed all around the world. We encourage you to be a part of this year's canning project. Some canning shifts fill up fast, so you will want to call and sign up for a shift early before they are filled. Call to sign up. Again, this year, we have **online sign-up/scheduling for shifts [here](#)**.

From Freeport Mennonite Church



On September 30th, Rachelle Friesen was arrested by Toronto Police Services at Pearson International Airport. Friesen was going to the US for a short trip to visit her colleague. Her return ticket was for October 2nd. She was arrested for allegedly taking part in nonviolent direct actions holding weapons manufacturers accountable to their participation in the genocide of the Palestinian people. **Read Community Peacemaker Teams' full statement [here](#).**

From the Community Peacemaker Teams' Newsletter

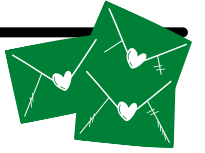


Staff Contact and Building Open Hours

<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, Spiritual Gifts Discernment Team, and Visitation 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

Work Order & Purchase Request Forms

Item Check-Out Request Form

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, Team, & Committee Members
