

# THE MIDWEEK



## WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY 9:30 AM

This Sunday, Ron & Jeanne Sears will preach a sermon titled *Great Grief, Lavish Love* using 1 Samuel 1:9-11, 19-20; 2:1-10.

Hannah, in this week's story from 1 Samuel, is deeply distressed and brokenhearted. She laments deeply her lack of a child and presents herself to the Lord. There is great grief among us today, in our world, our churches, and our personal lives. Do we stay grounded in this reality? Do we allow for lament? How do we present ourselves to God when we find ourselves in grief? How might the love of God for us be found in the midst of grief? Be praying for God to be with us as we journey with Hannah's story together.

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  
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# Schedule for Visiting/ Sitting with Alice Swift

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## Zoom Meeting for Parents of Youth (Grades 6-12)

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## Blood Pressure Checks

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**This Sunday, October 13th after Worship**

Carol Josefson will be available after worship Sunday, October 13 to check Blood Pressures. She will be in the office closest to the mailboxes.

*Congregational Care Committee*

# Bringing Hope

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**Tomorrow, October 10th at 6:30 pm**

I have been introduced to a ministry that is reaching out to women in the illicit spa industry here in Bloomington/Normal. There are a number of local spas that 'employ' Asian women who may be victims of trafficking, but at the least, are living and working under severe conditions. See below for details about an informational meeting if you would be interested in being involved in this ministry.

*Pam Hodel, for the Outreach Commission*

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## The Other America



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**October 11 and October 12 at 7:30pm & October 13 at 2:30pm**

Coalescence Theatre Project presents staged readings of ***The Other America*** by Pedro Eiras about a man who leaves Brazil to find a new life as an undocumented immigrant in the United States. The staged readings will take place at Illinois Art Station (near the ISU campus on Vernon next to the Constitution Trail) this coming Friday, October 11 and Saturday, October 12 at 7:30pm and on Sunday, October 13 at 2:30pm. The performances are FREE and no reservations are necessary.

**ABOUT THIS PLAY:** "*The Other America* tells the story of João da Silva, a young man who leaves Brazil to find a new life as an undocumented immigrant in the United States of America... In his epic, difficult, and often-times comedic journey, João encounters the many extraordinary challenges that all immigrants face as they cross the border toward the land of opportunity, freedom, and bravery... only to discover that there is another America, one in which opportunity is only for a very few, freedom often unattainable, and bravery an act of daily survival." For more info, please click [here](#).



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## Monday, October 14th

The church office and building will be closed all day on Monday, October 14th in observation of Indigenous People's Day.



## Parables Concert

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### Tuesday, October 15th at 7 pm

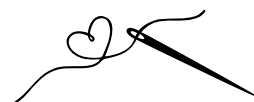
The Parables, an eight student worship ensemble from Goshen College, will present a program called "Building Bridges" at the Mennonite Church of Normal at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, October 15th. Please bring children along with yourselves to this one hour event! They're even going to sing the Beatles hit "Eleanor Rigby"! **Download a shareable flyer [here](#).**

Please let Shelly King know if you would help provide a light supper for the students, and let Marge Weaver know if you would help with housing the students.

*In Peace, Phil Dick, Chair of the Outreach Commission*

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## Mennonite Women



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## Blood Drive

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### 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 here.
3. Spread the word by sharing [this flyer](#).

Thanks for your help!

*From the Outreach Commission*



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## 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*



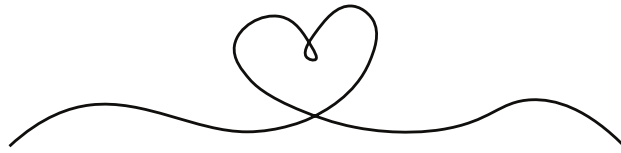
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## Midwest Food Bank Volunteering

**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*



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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.



# 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



## Those Serving This Week



**South Greeters:** Brandon family

**West Greeter:** David Voegtlin

**Welcome Table:** Mary Jantze

**Ushers:** Roger and Linda Clemmons

**Offering Counter:** Gail Fisher

**Worship Planner & Leader:** Jane Roeschley

**Sharing Prayer Leader:** Lynette Miller

**Children's Time:** Darrel Miller

**Scripture Reader:** Tanya Kasongo

**Technology:** Adam Augspurger & Wyatt Fisher

**Song Leader:** Cindy Ropp

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

**Infant Nursery - during CE:**

**Preschool Nursery:**



## Birthdays & Anniversaries



CELEBRATING LIFE'S MOMENTS AT MCN



A BRIEF LOOK AT THE CHURCH CALENDAR:

## Wednesday, October 9

- 9:30 am Wednesday Morning Book Group
- 6:30 pm Advanced Care Planning Meeting (Zoom)
- 7:00 pm Zoom Meeting for Parents of Youth (Grades 6-12)

## Thursday, October 10

- 7:00 am Next Man Bible Study
- 9:30 am Women's Bible Study
- 7:00 pm Fellowship Committee (Zoom)

## Saturday, October 12

## Sunday, October 13

## Monday, October 14

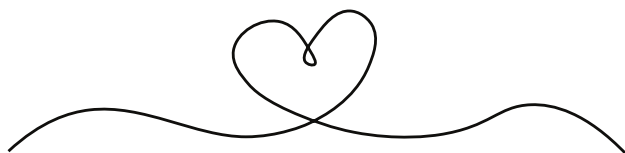
**All Day** Building/Office Closed for Indigenous People's Day

## Tuesday, October 15

- 7:00 pm Goshen College's The Parables Concert
- 7:30 pm Spiritual Gifts Discernment Team (Zoom)

## Wednesday, October 16

- 9:30 am Wednesday Morning Book Group



**Christmas Getaway**  
DECEMBER 13-15, 2024

FOOD | WORSHIP | MUSIC

REGISTER AT [MENNOHAUEN.COM/FAMILYGETAWAYS](http://MENNOHAUEN.COM/FAMILYGETAWAYS)  
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**Here With Purpose**  
WEBINAR SERIES

The first webinar in our *Here With Purpose* series

**Immigration. Service. Justice.**

Wednesday, October 23  
2 p.m. and 7 p.m. ET

**Register today!**

Discover how doing voluntary service influenced the career paths of immigration justice advocates. Be inspired, uplifted and empowered by their stories and experiences.

Mennonite Mission Network

## 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](mailto:info@MennoniteEducation.org)

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### 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?

## Climate Justice Corner

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### Psalm 74 (CEB, selected verses)

A prayer for communities suffering from Hurricane Helene.

12b God, who makes salvation happen in the heart of the earth

13 You split the sea with your power...

15b You made strong-flowing rivers dry right up...

17 You set all the boundaries of the earth in place...

19b Don't forget the lives of your afflicted people forever!

21b ...let the poor and needy praise your name!

Faith communities can offer refuge and healing when disasters strike. [One Home One Future](#) offers a wealth of [Disaster Preparedness resources](#). The video recording [Climate Resiliency as an Act of Love](#) shares stories of resilient congregations and offers tools for congregations seeking to support their communities in times of disaster. Mennonite Disaster Service, which works to address the unmet needs of the most vulnerable, are currently onsite in North Carolina to assess the damage of Hurricane Helene. Read their update [here](#).

*From Karla Stoltzfus Detweiler, Mennonite Church USA Climate Justice Coordinator*

## Writing the Anabaptist story for the 21st century

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In a Menno Snapshot for Mennonite Church USA, Historian Troy Osborne shares several principles that he followed when he created the new survey of the Anabaptist story from Herald Press. **Read it [here](#)**.



# Inside the Witsuwit'en nation's fight to defend their lands against fossil-fuel companies

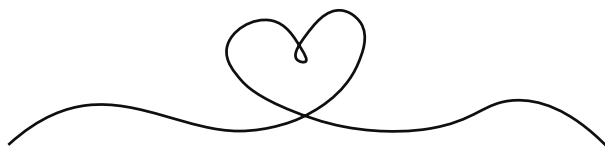
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"*Yintah* — the Witsuwit'en word for "land" — tells the story of an Indigenous nation fighting for sovereignty and resisting the construction of oil and fracked-gas pipelines across their territory. The film follows Tsakë ze' Howilhat Freda Huson, Tsakë ze' Sleydo' Molly Wickham and their fellow land defenders over a decade, as they reoccupy their traditional territory and galvanize their nation against several of the world's largest fossil-fuel companies. The making of this historical documentary has been over 10 years in the making. With over 1200 hrs of footage we carefully worked with the house groups represented to guide the process and approve all decisions made. We are so thrilled that CBC is showing a television version to an audience we might not otherwise reach." **Read more [here](#).**

## Save the Date for Follow Jesus '25!

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Watch a Save the Date video from Mennonite Church USA [here](#).



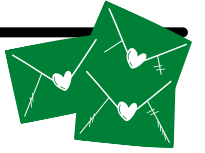
## Staff Contact and Building Open Hours

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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; <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

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



## Commission Meeting Minutes

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## Work Order & Purchase Request Forms

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## Item Check-Out Request Form

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## Commissions and Teams Contact List

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## 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

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## Structure Documents

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