

# ***THE MIDWEEK***



## **WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY 9:30 AM**

This Sunday, Kevin Chupp will preach a sermon titled *Lost & Found* using Isaiah 6:1-8.

When Isaiah encounters God in an unimaginable vision, his immediate response is to say “I am lost” because he felt unworthy of this situation, for having “unclean lips” by his own description. However, when he was told that his guilt and sin had been dealt with, he replies to the call of the Lord saying “Here am I; send me!” How does someone make such a shift aside from such a dramatic intervention? How do we “find ourselves,” or change our self-perception enough that we feel worthy of God’s calling for us?

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

Nomad Theatre Presents  
a staged reading of

**#ENOUGH: EVERY FIFTEEN MINUTES**

BY MCKENZIE BOYD, ARIANNA BRUMFIELD, WILLA COLLEARY, ANYA JIMÉNEZ, TAYLOR LAFAYETTE, TAIN LEONARD-PECK, CAMERON THIESING, WYN ALYSE THOMAS, MAGGIE MUNDAY ODOM

**NOMAD**  
THEATRE THAT MOVES→

**DETOURS**

Friday, November 15th  
7:30 pm  
805 S Cottage Ave, Normal

Saturday, November 16th  
2:00 PM  
1613 E Emerson St, Blomington

Admission is Pay What You Can.  
50% of proceeds will be donated  
to the Illinois chapter of the  
Everytown for Gun Safety  
Support Fund

SCAN ME 

For more information, scan or  
visit [www.nomadtheatre.org](http://www.nomadtheatre.org)

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**#ENOUGH**  
PLAYS TO END GUN VIOLENCE

2022

WELCOME TO AMERICA, where every fifteen minutes, a person is killed with a gun. In eight short plays written by teens for teens, the winners of the 2022 #ENOUGH: Plays to End Gun Violence competition contend with the way this statistic shapes young people's lives. Taken together, #ENOUGH: Every Fifteen Minutes is a poignant portrait of a uniquely American crisis by the generation it impacts the most.

\*Some plays contain adult language and depictions of gun violence.



## Spending Plan Hearing

**THIS Sunday, November 17 at 1:00 pm**

The Administration Commission has developed the 2025 Spending Plan together with all of the other Commissions and Vision Team. We encourage you to review the document prior to the Spending Plan Hearing on November 17 following a potluck hosted by the Fellowship Committee. During the Spending Plan hearing, we anticipate that each commission will share and discuss their own document. In addition, we have several issues on which we'd value your opinion. **View the 2025 Spending Plan [here](#).**

*From the Administration Commission*



## Potluck Information

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### **THIS Sunday, November 17**

Meal for the Congregational meeting is Potluck Style!! As a suggestion we would recommend dividing things up by last name as follows:

- A-H Desserts
- I-P Main course
- Q-Z salads

Feel free to trade with someone. Please try to provide for at least 6-8 people. Also, if you want your container back, please try to label it well.

*From the Fellowship Committee*

## Alternative Gifts Fair



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### **November 17 after Worship at the Mennonite Church of Normal**

Sunday November 17 is the last day of our Alternative Gifts Fair. We want to thank those who have already responded very generously! Shoppers who buy gifts Sunday will have inserts describing their gifts in their mailboxes on Sunday November 24th.

Families have again come up with wonderful booths. This year we are offering a prize of tickets to the local college or professional athletic event, or local theater of their choice, to the family with the most creative booth, and gift cards to all other booth sponsors. (Prizes are being given by supporters of the Fair.) The winning booth will be announced before the Congregational Potluck and Meeting, together with the amount raised by that time.

At the Congregational Meeting we will consider our budget for the coming year. The Alternative Gifts Fair booths speak to us of a different budget, of needs far beyond our shores and sometimes beyond our comprehension. We are all very fortunate that we have the financial power to realistically consider both budgets. We thank the Outreach Committee for supporting this year's Alternative Gifts Fair.

*From Mark and Pam and Meredith*

## Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

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### **Sunday, November 24th at 4 pm**

We are excited to once again be a part of the Interfaith Thanksgiving Service! There will be music, singing, reflections, and prayers from local Christian, Muslim, Jewish, Unitarian, and Hindu communities in Bloomington-Normal. Pastor Kevin will be offering a prayer. We hope you will join us for this unique event, but if you want to contribute to this service we also invite you to bring pie to share in fellowship afterward. **You can [sign up here](#).**



## Doll Clothes Sale

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### Sunday, December 1st after Worship

Mark your calendars for December 1st! Once again this year you can shop Lois's vast selection of handmade doll clothes that fit American Girl! Simply stick around after worship to take a look at all of the truly unique options. Lois is generously donating all of the proceeds to our Mennonite Youth Fellowship (MYF).

## Church Retreat



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### January 24-26, 2025

Please consider joining us for a weekend of fellowship and fun at Camp Friedenswald, January 24-26! Friedenswald is a beautiful retreat in southern Michigan with a large, comfortable, warm lodge for us to stay in. Whether you're looking for social time or solitude, there's something for everyone. Activities for the weekend can include sledding, tubing, hiking, relaxing, eating, cross country skiing, reading, games, worship, fellowship, and more! For more information contact Shelly and Darvis.

## Advent Ensemble



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Do you play an instrument? Do you like playing with other people? If so, join the MCN Advent Ensemble! Whether you have been playing for a year, haven't played in years, or play all the time, you are welcome to join us! We welcome all instruments: band, orchestra, harp, recorder, any instrument! There's a part for everyone. **If you are interested, please sign-up [here](#).** I look forward to playing with you! If you have any questions, please contact Lydia at 309-452-6622 or [church@normalmennonite.org](mailto:church@normalmennonite.org).

*From Lydia Hedberg*





## SAAC Survey

The Safety, Access and Accommodation Committee is seeking your input as we organize our work going forward. Adults and youth (jr high and high school age), please complete the online survey to the best of your ability. We are looking to identify knowledge and needs in our church community. Be as detailed as possible as that will help us in planning. We will be reaching out to the younger children after a church service in the coming weeks to answer a few brief questions. Parents, if you want to include helpful information about your child(ren) in your own survey, please do. The survey will be live until midnight on Wednesday, November 27. Paper copies will be available at the church if you would prefer that format. We are excited for your responses to aid us as we look to providing for safety and accommodation in the workings of MCN! [Click here to take the survey.](#)

*From the Safety, Access and Accommodation Committee  
Cindy Ropp, Mark Hodel, Darvis King, Marcia Rossi, and David Voegtlin*

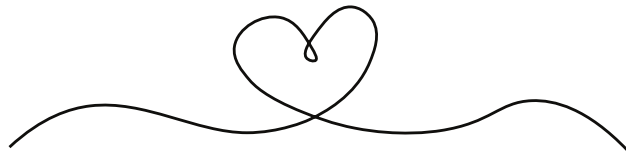
## Periodical Renewals



## Requests from the Fellowship Committee

1. Would you consider joining the Fellowship Committee? The Fellowship Committee is looking for 1-2 more people to join them in 2025.
  2. Would you consider serving as a Coffee Hour Host? We could use more volunteers in our Coffee Hour Host rotation. Orientation would be provided.
  3. Would you consider donating snacks for the after worship Coffee Hour? You could make baked goods that could be frozen or purchase premade items.
- Please contact Marianne or Leah if you are interested in any of the above!

*From the Community Life Commission*



## *Birthdays & Anniversaries*

CELEBRATING LIFE'S MOMENTS AT MCN



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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*



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



# Those Serving This Week



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**South Greeters:** Steve and Deb Stenger  
**West Greeter:** Annette Harnish  
**Welcome Table:** David Voegtlin  
**Ushers:** Eric and Chellie Miller  
**Offering Counter:** Kristen Hartwig  
**Worship Planner & Leader:** Marge Weaver  
**Sharing Prayer Leader:** Kevin Chupp  
**Children's Time:** Shelly King  
**Technology:** Caleb Augspurger  
**Song Leader:** Barry Weaver  
**Accompaniment, Prelude, & Response in Music:** Elsa Raab

## This Week at MCN



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A BRIEF LOOK AT THE CHURCH CALENDAR:

### Wednesday, November 13

**9:30 am** Wednesday Morning Book Group  
**7:00 pm** Community Life Commission (Zoom)  
**7:00 pm** Fellowship Committee (Zoom)

### Thursday, November 14

**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** Women's Ministry - Comforters for Appalachia

### Friday, November 15

**Morning** Office/Building Closed  
**7:30 pm** Nomad Theatre Company #ENOUGH: Every Fifteen Minutes

### Saturday, November 16

**9:00 am** Worship Commission (Zoom)

### Sunday, November 17

**After Worship** Alternative Gifts Fair  
**After CE** Spending Plan Potluck & Hearing  
**7:00 pm** Adult Choir

### Tuesday, November 19

**7:30 pm** Spiritual Gifts Discernment Team (Zoom)

### Wednesday, November 20

**9:30 am** Wednesday Morning Book Group  
**6:30 pm** Administration Commission (Zoom)



Mennonite Arts Weekend: "Engaging in the Mysteries of the Creator" is the theme for the Mennonite Arts Weekend, **February 7-9, 2025, in Cincinnati, Ohio**. This weekend celebrates the creativity and discipline of Anabaptist Mennonite artists. Presentations and workshops start on Friday evening and conclude with Sunday morning worship. Activities and workshops designed specifically for children are planned throughout the weekend. A nursery will be available. Saturday lunch and dinner are included. Now is the time to take advantage of the early-bird registration offer and sign-up for limited spaces in workshops. **Find the list of presenters and registration, location, and lodging information [here](#).**

## Mennonite Action Mass Call

**Thursday, November 21 at 7 pm CST**

On Thursday, November 21 at 8pm EST / 5pm PST, Mennonite Action will hold its one-year anniversary mass Zoom call. In the wake of the US elections, we will gather to recommit ourselves to this movement for peace, justice, and liberation. Mennonite Action leaders will announce our strategic plans for 2025 and beyond. We will explain crucial information about the future of our movement, including upcoming opportunities for collective action and local organizing. We hope to see you on the call. **Click [here](#) for details and to RSVP.**

## Rachel's tears: A reflection on the anniversary of the Israel-Hamas war

On this one-year anniversary of the beginning of the Israel-Hamas war, Oct. 7, Amy Yoder McGloughlin reflects on how the imagery of Rachel's tears applies to the current war. **Read the her reflection published by Mennonite Church USA [here](#).**



# How to Challenge Christian Nationalism: Building Peace in an Age of Extremism

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On Oct. 8, AMBS Associate Professor Drew Strait, PhD, gave a public lecture in South Bend, Indiana, sharing insights from his new book, *Strange Worship: Six Steps for Challenging Christian Nationalism* (Cascade, 2024). The event drew 93 in-person participants, and 117 devices connected via livestream. **View a recording of Drew's lecture [here](#).** Interested in going deeper? Learn more about why Christian nationalism is a threat to democracy and the church's witness, and how faith communities can counter political idolatry, radicalization and violent extremism.

- Gather a group to view and discuss the [video of Drew's lecture](#) together.
- Gather a group to read and discuss [Drew's book](#); it's written as a handbook with discussion questions for use in small groups and with a call/response for use in congregations.
- [Invite Drew to speak](#) to your group or congregation, either in person or online!

## A prayer for conflict transformation

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Stanley Green offers a prayer, calling us to conflict transformation and peace, while asking God for wisdom and courage to enact change in a world full of discord and despair. It is part of Mennonite Church USA's ongoing Learn, Pray, Join: Climate Justice: Conflict Transformation series. **Find the prayer [here](#).**

## Credit 101

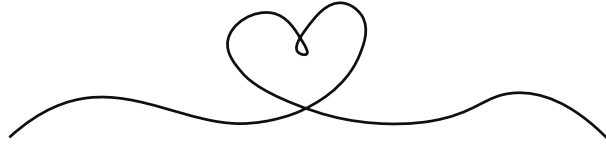
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Everence shared ways to cultivate healthy credit habits in your child's life by teaching them the basics [here](#).

# Christ at the Borders pilgrimages give perspective on immigration

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"From mid-June to early July, Mennonite Mission Network hosted three back-to-back-to-back Christ at the Borders Just Peace Pilgrimages. These week-long trips to South Texas and the U.S.-Mexico border help participants learn about the realities and implications of migration, as well as how churches and communities of faith are responding to it. In the stifling southern heat of June and July, three separate groups made their way to South Texas to participate in Christ at the Borders pilgrimages. These pilgrimages, part of Mennonite Mission Network's Just Peace Pilgrimage program, introduce participants to the realities and implications of migration, including its causes and how some churches and communities of faith are responding". **Read the rest of Zachary Headings' article for Mennonite Mission Network [here](#).**



## Staff Contact and Building Open Hours

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| <u>Building Open:</u>    | <b>Standard Hours:</b><br>Monday, Wednesday-Friday 9AM-11AM<br>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  |

## Commission Meeting Minutes

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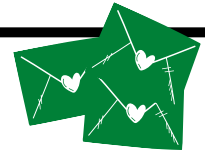
## Work Order & Purchase Request Forms

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# Our Members in Care Facilities

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



## Item Check-Out Request Form

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## Commissions and Teams Contact List

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## Items for the Midweek



## Commission, Team, & Committee Members

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## Structure Documents

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