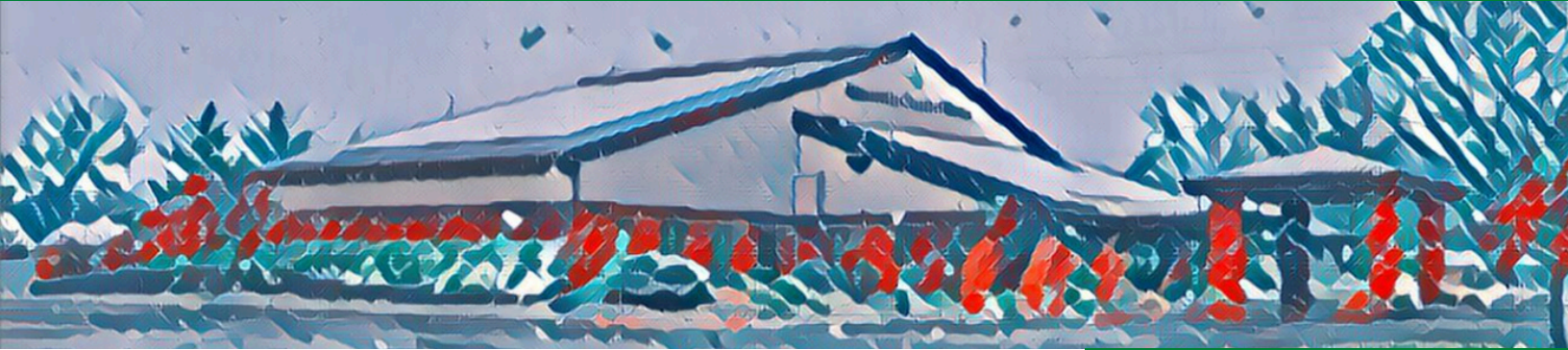


THE MIDWEEK



WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY 9:30 AM

This Sunday, Kevin Chupp will preach a sermon titled *Shabbat Shalom* using Luke 6:1-16.

Continuing in Luke's gospel, Jesus and his disciples have their eating habits scrutinized by some nearby Pharisees. In the context of the sabbath, the discussion that followed made it clear what Jesus' priorities are. What is the sabbath for, according to Jesus? What are rules for?

After Worship

Adult CE

Salt & Light
Room 14

Children & Youth CE

Pre-K-K Grade
2nd-4th Grade
5th-8th Grade
High School

The service will be live streamed on YouTube at this [link](#).
The bulletins get posted under the Worship tab of our [website](#).



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Communion This Sunday

This Sunday, February 2

We will celebrate Communion in worship this Sunday with Kevin Chupp leading. In preparation, we are all encouraged to engage in self-examination of both our relationships with God, and with others. We also receive specially designated gifts for our Mutual Aid Fund on Communion Sundays as a means of assisting others in need through being the Body of Christ. There will be a special basket in the back of the sanctuary for those funds.

If you would like to take communion at home, please contact Kevin Chupp.

International Student Dinner



Friday, February 7th

Ashley is looking for volunteers to help provide food for the international student dinner at Wittenberg Lutheran Center on February 7th. You can drop it off at MCN on Sunday, arrange a pick up with Ashley, or drop off at Wittenberg on Friday the 7th between 6-6:30pm. **Sign up [here](#).**

Shared by Ashley

Il Mennonite Relief Sale



Friday, March 14 and Saturday, March 15, 2025

The 67th Annual Illinois Mennonite Relief Sale is scheduled for Friday, March 14 and Saturday, March 15, 2025, at the Interstate Center in Bloomington. NEW THIS YEAR on Friday, March 14, there will be a Trivia Night from 6:00 P.M. until 8:30 P.M. Doors will open at 5:00 P.M. Some food and beverages will be available Friday evening. Learn more on the website [here](#).



Coffee Meet Up

Saturday, February 15th 9:00AM - 10:30AM

The Community Life Commission invites you on Saturday, February 15th from 9:00AM - 10:30AM. All are welcome to this time of fellowship and connection.

From the Community Life Commission

Quilt Tops



February 21 and 22

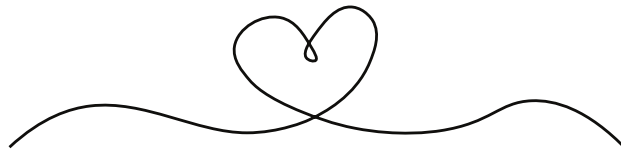
The First Mennonite Church in Morton is having a Quilt Bash February 21 and 22. They are inviting our church to participate in knotting comforters for MCC. They also are requesting pieced tops to be used for this project. If you can donate a quilt top please let Gerry know.

Shared by Gerry



CDC Connector

The newest edition of Central District Conference's monthly Connector publication is now available to read [here](#). This month's issue includes news from Camp Friedenswald, an update from Matt Pritchard, immigration resources for congregations, ideas for yard signs for peace, and the latest edition of Doug's Mug. If you would like a paper copy, they will be available on the Library Table soon.



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, January 29

9:30 am Wednesday Morning Book Group

Thursday, January 30

7:00 am Next Man Bible Study

Sunday, February 2

Wednesday, February 5

9:30 am Wednesday Morning Book Group

3:00 pm Pastoral Team (Zoom)



Birthdays & Anniversaries

CELEBRATING LIFE'S MOMENTS AT MCN

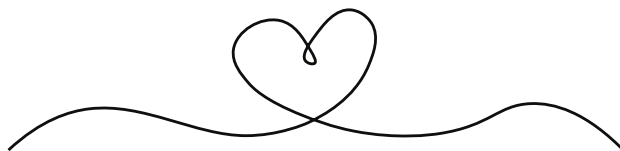


Anniversaries

Birthdays



Those Serving This Week



CDC Mid-Year Gathering

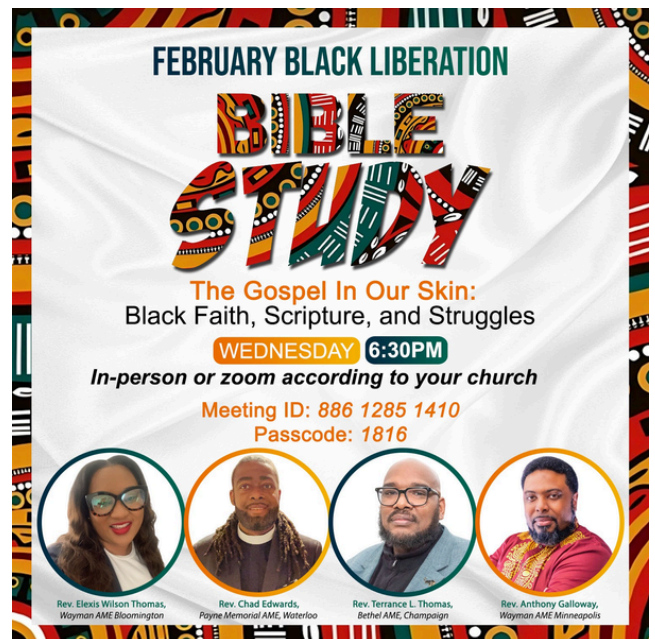
Saturday, February 1 at 8:30 am CT

Central District Conference's Mid-Year Gathering is taking place this Saturday, February 1st at 8:30-11 am Central Time through Zoom. View the schedule and resources [here](#). Join the Zoom meeting

What does it mean to provide sanctuary for undocumented people?

Wednesday, Feb. 5, 2025 at 6 pm Central Time

What does it mean to provide sanctuary for undocumented people? This webinar on Feb. 5, 2025, at 7 p.m. ET/4 p.m. PT, will feature several pastors whose congregations have previously served as sanctuaries. Lawyers from the Institute of Constitutional Advocacy and Protection will discuss the legal issues related to sanctuary, specifically focusing on section 1324, and will allow time for participants to ask questions. For churches that are currently working with or are interested in supporting undocumented individuals in their communities, this webinar will provide crucial information on what to expect and what legal assistance is available if your church faces challenges from ICE or immigration agents. **Learn more and register [here](#).**



Camp Friedenswald Summer Staff

Camp Friedenswald is now accepting applications for Summer Staff 2025! If you are interested in joining a vibrant, grounded, and creative community for the summer dedicated to nurturing the lives of young people, drawn to inclusive leadership development, and in awe of the ways the Holy shows up in the natural world [apply here!](#) (deadline: February 15, 2025). Questions? Contact Gwen Gustafson-Zook at gwen@friedenswald.org.

Shared by Central District Conference

#This Is Welcome

The Trump administration has already begun to conduct mass deportations of immigrants, and to curtail legal immigration pathways like asylum and parole. A [slew of executive orders](#) signed immediately after inauguration will attempt to end birthright citizenship, punish sanctuary cities, send military troops to the border, and otherwise restrict immigration. We expect to see an increase in family separation, racial discrimination, and other harmful conditions. Congress has already [passed anti-immigrant legislation](#) as well, making detention of migrants accused of minor crimes mandatory. With this context in mind, how should Christians respond?

As Jesus says in Matthew 25:40 (NIV), "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." Later in verse 43, Jesus continues, "I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me."

The Interfaith Immigration Coalition (IIC), of which MCC U.S. is a longstanding member, invites people of faith to sign a petition expressing support for policies that welcome the sojourner, including:

- Safeguard the right to seek protection from persecution;
- Manage our nation's borders humanely, transparently, and responsibly;
- Provide opportunities for people to immigrate to the U.S.;
- Ensure individuals can remain with their families without fear of deportation and apply for citizenship; and
- Respect and protect human rights and work for peace globally to prevent forced migration and displacement.

This petition will be sent to members of Congress to demonstrate widespread support for welcoming immigrants and refugees in need. Please be on the lookout for other opportunities to contact your members of Congress or meet with their staff directly throughout the year. [Sign the petition here](#).

Galen Fitzkee

Legislative Associate, MCC U.S. National Peace & Justice Ministries

College Scholarships

Everence offers college scholarship opportunities for you or your children. Eligible students can be chosen to receive one of more than 40 scholarships of \$3,000, \$2,000 or \$1,000 for the coming academic year. Applications are accepted through Feb. 28. **Visit everence.com/college-scholarships for more information and to download the application.** Everence also offers student loans. Visit [Everence Student Loans](#) for more information.

Can nonviolent struggle defeat a dictator?

Can nonviolent struggle defeat a dictator? This database emphatically says yes. The Global Nonviolent Action Database details some 40 cases of mass movements overcoming tyrants through strategic nonviolent campaigns. **Read *The Nation* article "What Does It Mean to Be Palestinian Now?" [here](#).**

Shared in the Community Peacemaker Teams' Weekly Newsletter

CPT Delegations

Immerse yourself in a life-changing experience: Join a Community Peacemaker Team (CPT) delegation! Witness firsthand CPT's on-the-ground experiment in non-violence. Travel with us for 7-14 days and connect with communities striving for peace. CPT delegations offer a unique opportunity to be part of something bigger than yourself. No prior experience necessary! Delegations are open to anyone who wants to learn more about non-violent peacemaking. **Learn more and apply [here](#).**

[Colombia](#)

December 6-14, 2025

[Lesvos](#)

June 9 – 15, 2025

[Palestine](#)

February 14 – 26, 2025

April 15-27, 2025

May 10 – 22, 2025

September 11 – 21, 2025

October 29 – November 8, 2025

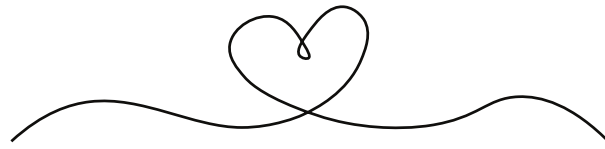
[Turtle Island](#)

August 2025, TBC

[Iraqi Kurdistan](#)

October 9 – 21, 2025

From the Community Peacemaker Teams' Weekly 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!



Commissions and Teams Contact List

Commission, Team, & Committee Members

Commission Meeting Minutes

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!

Work Order & Purchase Request Forms

Item Check-Out Request Form
