

Mennonite Church of Normal

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For our guests

- The guestbook and name tags are at the Welcome Table, as well as a small gift for our first-time visitors.
- There is opportunity for introduction of guests during the pre-service time.
- Large print hymnals and hearing devices are available. Ask a greeter or any one of the ushers.

Caring for our children – Professionally-staffed child care is offered beginning at 9:20 am.

- **Toddler Nursery** for newborns through age 2, including a nursing nook, and crib room.
- **Preschool Nursery** for ages 3-5 (Pre-K), in Room 11.
- **Children's Time** during worship. Children are invited to come to the platform.

Following Worship

- **Christian Education** for adults begins at 11:00 am. See the classes listed below.
- **Caring and Sharing** time is available in the center Fellowship Area.

Christian Education

Children

10:45 am

Gather 'Round (age 3-1st grade) Room 11
Nursery (newborn – age 3) Room 3

SHINE: Living in God's Light Curriculum

PreK (3 & 4 year olds) Rooms 13 & 14
Kindergarten & Grade 1 Room 11
Grades 2 Room 12
Grades 3 – 5 Room 9

Youth

10:45 am

Grades 6 – 8 Room 8
High School Rooms 5 & 7

Adults

11:00 am

Making Sense of God, Cory Culbertson, Leader,
North Mezzanine

Adult Bible Study—Covenant with God, Darrel
Miller, Leader, Conference Room (Room 2)

Trauma and Healing, various leaders, Room 4
(by Kitchen)

Caring and Sharing Fellowship Area

Mennonite Church of Normal

Vision and Mission

The Mennonite Church of Normal is a nurturing Anabaptist community that fosters the Christ-centered spiritual growth of all people. As followers of Jesus, we aspire to transform our communities and world into places of peace, healing, and hope.

Through our worship, Christian Education for all ages, fellowship, and service to others in love, the Mennonite Church of Normal lives out Anabaptist values of peace, reconciliation, discipleship, and community. Our belief in Jesus calls us to pray, share our faith, work toward peace and social justice, and create a culture of care and generosity.

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Order of Worship

September 10, 2017

Community Life

Pastor Tim Schrag

Sponsor Recognition

Pastor Matt Hickman

Prelude

Youth Musicians

Call to Worship

Kay Reimer

*Hymns

Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord Cindy Ropp, Denise Hedberg
Lord, Thou Dost Love (v 1, 3, 4) HWB 76
HWB 387

*Prayer

Offering

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

*Hymn

Lord of All Good

STJ 60

Scripture Reading

Romans 12: 1-8

Shannon Neely

Sermon

Generosity and Our Whole Selves

Offering My Gifts, Affirming the Gifts of Others

Lauren Satchwell
Leadership Selection Committee

*Hymn

Take My Life (v 1, 2, 6)

HWB 389

*Benediction

*Postlude and Dismissal

Seeds Sending Song

These seeds you have sown,
in our hearts and in our bones,
cover them with your love.
Use our hands, use our feet
to show your love and your peace,
And cover us,
cover us,
cover us with love.

**Please stand as you are able.*

*Parents/Caregivers, please note that Children's CE dismisses at 11:45.
Please remember to silence your cell phone.*

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Weekly Calendar

Today	Pre-Service Prayer	9:00 am
	Worship	9:30 am
	CE for Children	10:45 am
	CE for Adults	11:00 am
	Mennonite College Fair	5:00 pm
Mon Sept 11	Mennonite Women	9:30 am
Tue Sept 12	Church Board	6:30 pm
Thu Sept 14	Next Man Bible Study	6:15 am
	Youth Ministry Comm.	6:00 pm

Upcoming Event

It's apple harvest time! The Millers are inviting everyone out on Saturday, September 16, at 8:30 am, to pick and bag apples and make cider. We will plan to work until midday and lunch will be provided. Address is 821 E Raab Rd., Normal.

It's a relatively large crop, so many helpers will be needed. As in the past, you are welcome to help yourself to apples and cider as supplies allow. Also, apples will be held back for the Relief Sale and local charities. If you have gently used bags from previous harvests, please bring them as well.

This is a great event for families as there are things to do for all ages. For questions and additional information, contact Eric or Chellie Miller.

MDS Trip, Greenbrier, West Virginia, Oct. 15-21
Join in housing rehab following serious flooding in Greenbrier, WV. Please talk to Pastor Jane ASAP if interested. More info at <https://mds.mennonite.net/volunteer-opportunity/greenbrier-county-wv/>

Work Day at Emmanuel and Tanya's home on Saturday, November 4, from 8:00-noon. Volunteers (16 or older) to work and to provide snacks may sign up by using the link in the Midweek.

Today

New Adult Sunday School classes will begin. There are three options available:

Trauma and Healing In this class the following aspects of trauma will be addressed: definitions, common responses, effects of unhealed trauma, ways to break the cycle of trauma, and the church's response to trauma. Some members of the congregation who have experienced trauma will tell their stories. Local agencies who work with trauma survivors will address the class. The class can be meaningful to anyone because trauma has touched many lives.

Making Sense of God is a discussion class led by Cory Culbertson and based on the book of the same name by Timothy Keller. The class will look at some of the pressing questions of Christian faith in an secular world, like:

- Is faith in God intellectually defensible?
- Are we all free to create our own values in life?
- Does justice depend on God?

It is not required to read the book to participate in the class. Those having the book will be able to read about the class topics in more depth.

Adult Uniform Series is entitled "Covenant with God" and explores the major covenants God has made with people on behalf of the earth and the human community. Covenant forms the foundation for the coming Messiah and salvation for the world. Darrel Miller will be teaching this class.

MCN Spending Plan Status

Thank you for your offerings.
Year-to-date Income \$279,296
Year-to-date Expenses \$315,816
July Income \$62,525
July Expenses \$37,490
Attendance on September 3 was 178.



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Offering Christ's peace to hearts, homes, community and world