

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 24, 2017

Community Life		Pastor Tim Schrag
Prelude		Lydia Hedberg
Call to Worship		Pastor Jane Roeschley
*Hymns	<i>Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness God Is Here Among Us</i>	Barry Weaver STS 1 HWB 16
*Prayer		
Children’s Time		Holly Zehr
Offering		
Sharing and Congregational Prayer		
*Hymn	<i>Spirit of the Living God</i>	HWB 349
Scripture Reading	Romans 15: 1-7	John Reimer
Sermon	<i>[Christian] Unity, a Preview</i>	
*Hymn	<i>We Will Walk With God</i>	STJ 78
*Benediction		
*Postlude and Dismissal		

*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.

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
	JMYF & MYF Youth Groups	5:00 pm
	Junior Choir Park Pizza Party	5:00 pm
	Home Builders	7:00 pm
Tue Sept 26	Outreach Committee	4:45 pm
	Leadership Selection	5:30 pm
Thu Sept 28	Next Man Bible Study	6:15 am

Today

Home builders 7:00 pm Sept 24 at MRC Community Building. Topic: Hospice program & services. Speaker: Joanna Oyer, MSW, LCSW who works for OSF Hospice. She will share about hospice services and benefits

Of Note

Our congregation, in an action on Aug 27, voted on a resolution to recall Pastor Jane Roeschley. Of the 123 votes cast, the resolution passed with a 93.5% majority. Jane has accepted the recall with joy and anticipation

MCN Spending Plan Status

Thank you for your offerings.
Year-to-date Income \$333,271
Year-to-date Expenses \$358,729
August Income \$53,975
August Expenses \$42,913
Attendance on September 17 was 203.

Upcoming Events

World Communion Sunday will be celebrated next Sunday, October 1. Contributions for the Mutual Aid Fund are specifically sought on Communion Sundays.

Restorative Practices Seminar Thurs. Oct. 19
This seminar explores the fundamental principles, philosophy, theories, practices, models, and skills of restorative practices. Fees covered, talk to Pastor Jane if interested.

Menno Haven Volleyball Tournament Sat. Oct. 21
Bring a team of 4 or 6 for a day of games, food, and prizes. Register by Oct. 11 with form on the camp bulletin board or www.mennohaven.com.

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

Calling All Quilters! Gather with a community of other quilters who share your passion and interest at the MCC Quilting Retreat at Camp Friedenswald in Cassopolis, Michigan, on November 3-5. Come alone or with a group, with skills to share or interest in learning, with a project for an MCC auction or a project of your own.



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Mennonite Church USA

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