

# 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
<i>SHINE: Living in God’s Light Curriculum</i>	
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	
<b>Making Sense of God</b> , Cory Culbertson, Leader, North Mezzanine	
<b>Adult Bible Study—Covenant with God</b> , Darrel Miller, Leader, Conference Room (Room 2)	
<b>Trauma and Healing</b> , various leaders, Room 4 (by Kitchen)	
<b>Caring and Sharing</b>	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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Lynn Reha, Office Manager officemanager@normalmennonite.org	
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# Order of Worship November 12, 2017

Community Life		Pastor Tim Schrag
Ministry Moment	All Ages Advent Sunday School	Chris Culbertson
Prelude	Twelve Days of Christmas for Alternative Gifts Fair	
Call to Worship		Pastor Jane Roeschley
*Hymn	<i>Come, Thou Fount</i>	Cindy Ropp, Chris Culbertson HWB 521
*Prayer		
Children’s Time		Alena Culbertson
Offering		
Sharing and Congregational Prayer		
Worship Music	<i>We Are Blessed</i>	Youth Choir
Scripture Reading	James 2:12-13; Psalm 145:8-10	Gail Fisher
Sermon	<i>A Merciful Invitation</i>	
*Hymn	<i>Come, Ye Disconsolate</i>	HWB 497
Service of Communion		
*Hymn	<i>Open My Eyes</i>	STS 65
*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
	Alternative Gifts Fair	10:45 am
	CE for Children	10:45 am
	CE for Adults	11:00 am
	Youth Groups	5:00 pm
	Jr. Choir	6:00 pm
	Youth Choir	6:45 pm
	Adult Choir	7:30 pm
Mon Nov 13	Mennonite Women	9:30 am
Tue Nov 14	Church Board	6:30 pm
Thu Nov 16	Next Man Bible Study	6:15 am
	Youth Ministry Comm.	6:00 pm

## Of Note

**Thank you so much to all of you (28!) who came Sunday to sing Gerlof's favorite hymns in our apartment. Gerlof was singing along. We were deeply touched by our loving and caring church family.—Gerlof and Roelie Homan**

**Atrium Holiday Decorating** We are seeking a few volunteers interested in organizing simple Christmas decorating (i.e. wreaths, garlands, trees) for our Atrium and Entry Hallway. Please talk to Pastor Jane.

**A congregational meeting** will take place on Sunday, November 19 at 1:00 pm. During this meeting the proposed 2018 Spending Plan will be presented. There are updated (oops...there was a mistake in the copies published on November 5) paper copies on the Entrance Table, and on the website under Education& Nurture/Helpful Documents.

**A congregational meal**, which is a fundraiser for the High School Youth Group, will precede the congregational meeting. Come enjoy salad, bread, and lasagna made by the youth!

## Today

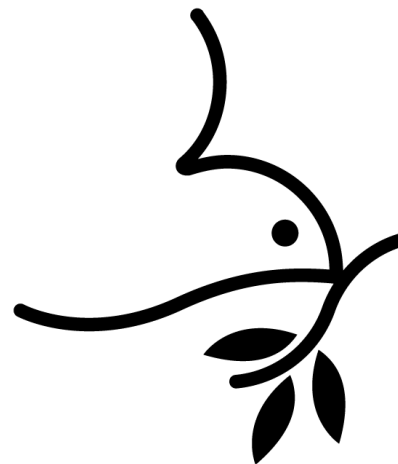
**Communion Today** Contributions for the Mutual Aid Fund are specifically sought on Communion Sundays. Resources from this benevolent fund are disbursed by the Pastoral Council in times of discerned need. Simply include your offering clearly marked "Mutual Aid" when the plate is passed. Your gift will be gratefully received, and carefully distributed. A basket is also available in the Atrium, marked Mutual Aid Donations.

**14th Annual Alternative Gifts Fair:** We hope that you will come by, this Sunday and next, to shop and see the booths made with so much care and creativity by our youth and their families. If you need a shopping list, more are available at the checkout tables. Checks can be made out to the church, and all gifts are tax-deductible. Gifts may be made in any amount to any project.

**During the month of December**, our CE hour will be having an intergenerational Advent event. Children through adults will have the opportunity to participate in groups that will develop a project and decide how to bless others with the results of their work. Today and Nov. 19, participants are requested to sign up for a group of interest at a designated Advent table at the Alternative Gifts Fair. This will help leaders to know how many will be participating in their group and plan accordingly for supplies and distribution of tasks. A description of the different groups is located on a flyer in your mailbox.

### MCN Spending Plan Status

Thank you for your offerings.  
Year-to-date Income \$429,466  
Year-to-date Expenses \$441,432  
October Income \$60,529  
October Expenses \$42,858  
Attendance on November 5 was 182.



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**November 12, 2017**

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