

## God's People Gather to Worship

"You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden... In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. Matthew 5:14, 16

### 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	
<b>Children</b>	
10:45 am	
Gather 'Round (ages 3-1st)	Room 11
<b>SHINE Curriculum</b>	
Nursery	Nursery
3 & 4 year olds	Rooms 13 & 14
Grades K-1	Room 11
Grades 2 & 3	Room 12
Grades 4 & 5	Room 9
Grades 6-8	Room 8
<b>Adults &amp; Teens</b>	
Discussion and Input Tim Schrag, Facilitator Classroom 4	
Peeling Away the Layers Melika Hershberger, leader, NW Under Mezzanine	
Lectio Divina and Contemplative Response Elsa Raab, Jane Roeschley, Leaders, Pastor Tim's Office	
Bible Study Darrel Miller, Leader Conference Room	
High School Study Jon and Janelle Friesen Leaders, Rooms 5 & 7	

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Get connected! For more information on any of the following ministries, contact the office.	
* Junior & Youth Choirs	* Area Clusters
* Junior High Fellowship	* Mennonite Women
* Senior High Fellowship	* Book Studies
* Young Families	* Homebuilders
* Women's Bible Studies	* Seniors Events
* Next Man's Bible Study	* Parish Nurse

## Order of Worship January 22, 2017

Community Life	Pastor Tim Schrag
Scripture Focus	Darvis King
<i>Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Matthew 5:3</i>	
Prelude	Dorothy Loepp
Call to Worship	
*Hymns	Barry Weaver
<i>Blessed Jesus, At Your Word</i>	
<i>Blessed Savior, We Adore Thee</i>	
	HWB 13
	HWB 107
*Prayer	
Children's Time	Darrel Miller
Offering	
Confession	Back of Bulletin
Sharing and Congregational Prayer	
*Hymn	<i>Beauty for Brokenness</i>
	STS 115
Scripture	Matthew 5:13-16
Sermon	<i>The Chemistry of Witness</i>
*Hymn	<i>You are Salt for the Earth</i>
	HWB 226
*Benediction	
*Postlude and Dismissal	
<i>*Please stand as you are able.</i>	
<i>Parents/Caregivers, please note that Children's CE dismisses at 11:45.</i>	
<i>Please remember to silence your cell phone.</i>	

## Weekly Calendar

Today	Pre-Service Prayer	9:00 am
	Worship	9:30 am
	CE for Children	10:45 am
	CE for Adults	10:45 am
	Cong. Meal	noon
	Cong. Annual Mtg.	1:00 pm
	Senior High Youth	5:00 pm
	Junior Choir	6:00 pm
	Youth Choir	6:45 pm
Wed Jan 25	Adult CE Teachers	7:00 pm
Thu Jan 26	Next Man Bible Study	6:15 am
Jan 27-29	Camp Friedenswald Retreat	
Jan 27-29	Senior High Retreat at Menno Haven	

### Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, hear our confession.  
Our faith is uncertain,  
our forgiveness slow,  
our conviction weak,  
our compassion wavering.

We have exalted the proud and powerful,  
put down the weak,  
saturated the rich with good things,  
neglected the poor,  
sent the hungry away empty-handed.

We have helped ourselves.

Show us your mercy.  
Help us show mercy,  
through your Son, our Savior. AMEN

**All Church Winter Retreat at Camp Friedenswald** EVERYONE is invited to a weekend of fellowship and fun at camp, January 27-29! Friedenswald is a beautiful retreat in southern Michigan with comfortable, warm lodges to accommodate us. Opportunities for social time or solitude abound! Activities for the weekend include sledding, tubing, hiking, relaxing, eating, cross country skiing, reading, games, worship, fellowship, and more! More details and sign up at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e094faaa87-allchurch>

**The Annual Meeting** of the Mennonite Church of Normal is today at 1:00 pm. An expanded agenda has been printed and is placed into your mailboxes. It includes the Vision and Mission Statement, for which the Board will be asking affirmation, and some questions that will help you participate in the "Hearing from the Congregation" agenda item.

**Congregational Meal** Preceding the meeting will be a congregational meal. The menu for this meal includes a macaroni and cheese bar and salad. This meal is a fund raiser to help with the expenses of sending our youth to Orlando for MCUSA Youth Convention 2017. All are invited to participate in the meal and the meeting.

#### MCN Spending Plan Status

Thank you for your offerings.

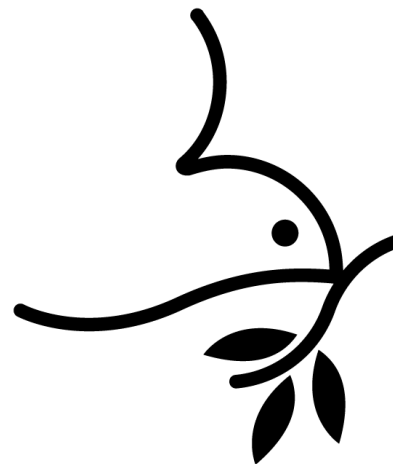
December Income \$74,511.16

December Expenses \$45,696.87

2016 Income \$505,846.55

2016 Expenses \$507,475.78

Attendance on Jan 15 was 194.



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A congregation of  
Mennonite Church USA

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