

## God's People Gather to Worship

Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life." John 4:13-14

### 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.

<b>Christian Education</b>	
<b>Children</b>	
<b>10:45 am</b>	
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>	
<b>The New Jim Crow</b> David Harnish & Amy Reiman, Leaders, Sanctuary	
<b>Adult Bible Study</b> Judy Hershberger, Leader Conference Room	
<b>High School Study</b> David Warfel Leader, 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 March 19, 2017 Lent 3 We Thirst

*Our bodies know a desperate need for water. We cannot even survive without it. Likewise, our deepest selves are parched and yearn to be drenched in God's love. God, who is love, quenches our thirst so that we can live into the fullness of life.*

Community Life		Pastor Tim Schrag
Prelude		Dorothy Loepp
Call to Worship		David Warfel
*Hymn	<i>Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing You Are All We Have</i>	Wayne Hochstetler HWB 12 STJ 29
*Prayer		
Children's Time		Louise Reeser
Offering		
Confession and Words of Assurance		Screen and Back of Bulletin
Worship Music	<i>At the Foot of the Cross</i> Dengler & Dengler	Adult Choir
Congregational Prayer with Lord's Prayer		
*Hymn	<i>There is a Well</i>	STS 64
Scripture	John 4:5-30	Lenten Drama Group
Sermon	<i>Water, For All?</i>	
*Hymn	<i>O Let All Who Thirst</i>	HWB 495
*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
	Relief Sale Meal	12:00 pm
	Junior High Youth	5:00 pm
	Senior High Youth	5:00 pm
	Junior Choir	6:00 pm
	Youth Choir	6:45 pm
	Adult Choir	7:30 pm
Tue Mar 21	Staff Meeting	10:30 am
	Church Board Retreat	6:00 pm
	Lenten Drama Group	6:30 pm
Thu Mar 23	Next Man Bible Study	6:15 am
Fri Mar 24	Bethel College Choir	7:00 pm

**Sharing and Requests for Prayer during Lent** We will again have all Sharing and Requests for Prayer being given to the Community Life Pastor ahead of worship during Lent: March 19, 26 ; April 2 and 9.

**Lenten Drama Group** Participants today are Bess Desch, Claire Dyck, Wilma Dyck, Deborah Spacek, Lois Hochstetler, Abby and Joe Warfel, Wayne Hochstetler and Joe Culpepper.

**Worship Visuals** *Restore Us, O God* is our Lenten worship theme. Visuals on the table (scattered Legos that become orderly) and on the wall (wrinkled, knotted panels that become smooth) offer us visual ways to reflect on God's mission to bring complete restoration wherever needed in our lives and in our world.

### MCN Spending Plan Status

Thank you for your offerings.  
 Year-to-date Income \$66,085.07  
 Year-to-date Expenses \$84,289.92  
 February Income \$31,894.46  
 February Expenses \$44,431.85

**The 59th Illinois Mennonite Relief Sale.** A BIG THANK YOU to all of you who baked, made arts & craft items, worked at the Sale etc. You helped make the Relief Sale a big success. Please remember to bring the yard signs back to the church.

**Bethel Choir** The Bethel College Concert Choirs invites you to join them at the Mennonite Church of Normal on 7:00 pm Friday, March 24, for a benefit concert. All proceeds from a free -will offering will go to MCC Relief. An informal cookie reception will immediately follow the concert.

### Confession and Words of Assurance

*Leader:* O God, you are the Living Water. You restore us to life. But, God, we confess that in our lives' desert moments we forget your faithfulness. Our bodies grow tired; our hearts dry up; our minds are slow to remember that you are our Deliverer.

**People: When we see the dryness behind and before us, we quarrel with one another and burden each other. We ask, as the Children of Israel asked, "Is the Lord even among us?"**

*Leader:* Forgive us, Lord, for in the harshness of life's desert journey we quickly focus on ourselves. We forget that you have been and you are, and will forever be our Deliverer.

(Pause for silent Confession).

*Leader:* Restore in us a remembering spirit that we may hope in you again. Renew our hearts, O Lord. Make us generous in our prayer that we may worship you anew!

**ALL: God of mystery, restore us.**

*Leader:* O let all who thirst, come to the Water. And let all who have nothing, come to the Lord. Come - without money or price. Come and draw freely from the well of our Lord.



# Mennonite Church of Normal

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March 19, 2017

**Restore Us, O God  
Lent 3  
We Thirst**

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