

God's People Gather to Worship

The author of Psalm 84 wrote: "My heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God" (verse 2, NRSV). We welcome each of you as we share the privilege of worshipping God together.

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 (ages 3-1st)	Room 11
<i>SHINE Curriculum</i>	
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
Adults & Teens	
The New Jim Crow David Harnish & Amy Reiman, Leaders, Sanctuary	
Adult Bible Study Judy Hershberger, Leader Conference Room	
High School Study David Warfel Leader, Rooms 5 & 7	

Mennonite Church of Normal	
805 S Cottage Ave – Normal IL 61761 Ph (309) 452-6622	
church@normalmennonite.org	
Tim Schrag, Senior Pastor tim@normalmennonite.org	
Jane Roeschley, Associate Pastor Worship and Lay Ministries jane@normalmennonite.org	
Matt Hickman, Associate Pastor Youth and Family Life matt@normalmennonite.org	
Lynn Reha, Administrative Assistant lynn@normalmennonite.org	
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

April 30, 2017

Community Life		Pastor Tim Schrag
Prelude		Dorothy Loepp
Call to Worship		Pastor Jane Roeschley
*Hymns	<i>Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing!</i> <i>Let's Sing Unto the Lord</i> <i>Alleluia</i>	Barry Weaver HWB 278 HWB 55 HWB 101
*Prayer		
Children's Time		Chris Culbertson
Offering		
Sharing and Congregational Prayer		
*Hymn	<i>Lord, You Sometimes Speak</i>	HWB 594
Scripture	<i>I Peter 2:18-25</i>	Shannon Unzicker
*Sermon	<i>Careful Choices</i>	
Silent Reflection		
*Hymn	<i>Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah</i>	HWB 582
*Benediction		
*Postlude		
*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
	Junior High Youth	5:00 pm
	Senior High Youth	5:00 pm
	Youth Choir	6:45 pm
Tue May 2	Staff Meeting	10:30 am
Thur May 4	Next Man Bible Study	6:15 am
	Outreach Committee	5:00 pm

Opportunities to Serve

Summer Sunday School Volunteers Needed
The Christian Education committee is looking for help with the children's Sunday School experience this summer in order to give our fabulous year-round teachers a much-deserved break! Volunteers can use the curriculum plan and activities provided for their day or choose to follow their own plan and "theme" with stories, songs, games, crafts, etc. of their own choosing (possibly centered around another culture, another area of interest, music, nature, etc.).

Summer Worship You are invited to sign up for one or more Sundays this summer to: provide special worship music, vocal or instrumental, to bring fresh flowers for in front of the pulpit, or to request a favorite hymn. Use this link to sign up www.SignUpGenius.com/go/8050A4BA4A92BA57-special

Visitor "Peace Bag" Assembling Volunteer Needed: A volunteer (or two) would be welcome to put together a new supply of the white and blue "guest bags" that are given to first time visitors at our Welcome Table on Sunday mornings. Our supply has run low. All the materials are here at church. Someone working about an hour could really help us restock. Be in touch with Pastor Jane.

Of Note

CE Class on Trauma and Healing The Wellness Committee is developing an Adult Christian Education Class on Trauma and Healing. Please take a 2 minute survey to help them plan a class that best meets the congregation's needs. Thank you! <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MXVMWDL>

Thank you

Financial Stewardship Committee says a big THANKS! to all who helped replace our broken kitchen appliances. It was a huge team effort.

Upcoming Events

Heart and Soul Concert Heart and Soul is a Decatur-based choir for people with special needs, led by Don Martin. They will present a concert at MCN on May 13 at 4:00 pm.

Jewish and Palestinian Voices for Peace

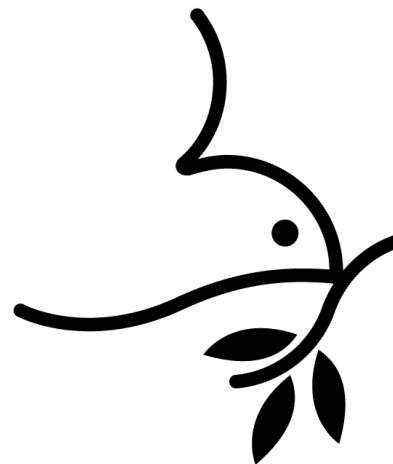


At the invitation of the Outreach and Peace and Justice Committees, there will be a Jewish and Palestinian Voices for Peace program at MCN at 7:00 PM Sunday, May 14.

Women's Retreat at Menno Haven May 5-7
Camp Friedenswald Work Day May 13
Central District Conference June 22-24
MCUSA Conference July 4-8

MCN Spending Plan Status

Thank you for your offerings.
Year-to-date Income \$103,429
Year-to-date Expenses \$128,431
March Income \$37,344
March Expenses \$44,233
Attendance on April 16 was 262.



Mennonite Church of Normal

A congregation of
Mennonite Church USA

April 30, 2017

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