

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 (ages 3-1st)	Room 11
SHINE Curriculum	
Nursery	Nursery
3 & 4 year olds & Kindergarten	Rooms 13/14
Grades 1-4	Rooms 9/12
Grades 5-8	Room 8
Adults & Teens	
Sermon Response Class Steve Stenger, Janet Wilson and Roger Clemmons, leaders, Room 4 (by kitchen)	
Adult Bible Study Judy Hershberger, and Lynette Miller, Leaders, Conference Room	
Caring and Sharing	Fellowship Area
High School Study Matt Hickman Leader, Rooms 5 & 7	

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.	
Tim Schrag, Senior Pastor tim@normalmennonite.org	
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Lauren Satchwell, Interim Administrative Assistant church@normalmennonite.org	

Order of Worship

August 20, 2017

Community Life		Pastor Tim Schrag
Prelude		Chris Culbertson
Call to Worship		Marge Weaver
*Hymns	<i>I Owe the Lord a Morning Song^</i> <i>This is a Day of New Beginnings</i>	Barry Weaver HWB 651 HWB 640
*Prayer		
Children's Time		Melika Hershberger
Offering		
Sharing and Congregational Prayer with Lord's Prayer		
*Hymn	<i>Will You Come and Follow Me</i>	STS 39
Scripture Reading	Matthew 15:21-28	JB Ponnou-Delaffon
Sermon	<i>To See Over the Horizon</i>	
Silent Reflection		
*Hymn	<i>God Moves in a Mysterious Way</i>	STJ 104
*Benediction		
*Postlude and Dismissal		

**Please stand as you are able.
 ^ Favorite Hymn Request.*

*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
	Child Protection Meeting	12:00 pm
	End of Summer Youth Cookout	5:00 pm
Thu Aug 24	Next Man Bible Study	6:15 am

Of Note

Congregational Action Pastor Jane Roeschley's current term as Associate Pastor will expire soon. Based on the recent congregational evaluation of Jane's ministry the Church Board unanimously and enthusiastically recommends that the congregation extend to Jane another call for 5 years. According to our constitution this calls for congregational action. That vote is scheduled for next Sunday, August 27, at the end of the morning worship service. If you know you will be absent August 27, you may receive an absentee ballot from the church office, to be returned prior to August 27. If anyone has a question about this process, please talk with Wayne Hochstetler, Congregational Chairperson, or any of the 6 Church Board members.

MDS Trip, Greenbrier, West Virginia, Oct. 15-21

Join in housing rehab following serious flooding in the Greenbrier, WV community with a group of volunteers from Joliet that Gerry Schrock worked with when she was in Greenbrier this summer. She says they are "a lot of fun". We will be a joint Joliet-Normal group (15 is group max) for the week of October 15-21. See more info about Greenbrier at <https://mds.mennonite.net/volunteer-opportunity/greenbrier-county-wv/> To sign up or ask further questions see Pastor Jane.

Today

Parents of 3rd - 5th graders: You're invited to a parent meeting today (Sunday, August 20th) during the Sunday School hour in the 3rd - 5th grade classroom. You'll get an overview of your child's class, meet other parents, and give some input on your child. If you have any questions, see Chris Culbertson.

All-Youth Cookout at the Unzicker's, 5:00 pm. It will be a time of fun, food, and fellowship!

- New 6th graders will be welcomed to the JMYF
 - Current JMYF students will have a chance to catch up with everyone
 - New 9th graders will be welcomed into the MYF
 - Outgoing sponsors will be recognized for their service
 - 2017 graduates are invited for one last hurrah
- We will carpool for the in-town kids, meeting for departure at church at 4:20p.

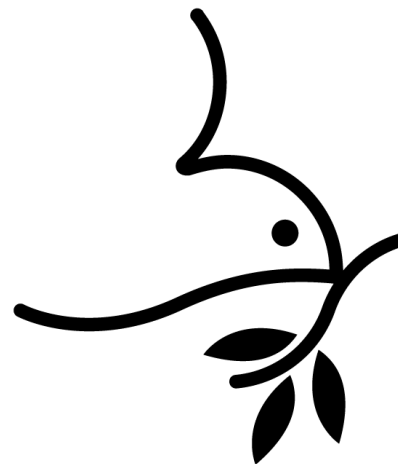
Upcoming Events

A little reminder: D. Paul Miller will be 100 on August 30th. You are invited to celebrate with him at Westminster Village on August 26th from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served in the Social Center. We would love to have you join us! Your presence would be your gift to him. He would love you see you there!
Brenda, Rich and Don

Mennonite Colleges and University Fair, Sept. 10 5:00 pm, at MCN. Reps will get to know our kids and kids from area youth groups.

MCN Spending Plan Status

Thank you for your offerings.
Year-to-date Income \$279,296
Year-to-date Expenses \$315,816
July Income \$62,525
July Expenses \$37,490
Attendance on August 6 was 200.



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