

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	
Making Sense of God , Cory Culbertson, Leader, North Mezzanine	
Adult Bible Study—Covenant with God , Darrel Miller, Leader, Conference Room (Room 2)	
Trauma and Healing , various leaders, Room 4 (by Kitchen)	
Caring and Sharing	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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Order of Worship November 19, 2017

Community Life		Pastor Tim Schrag
Ministry Moment	A New Way to Offer Your Gifts	Lynn Reha
Prelude		Youth Musicians
Call to Worship		Marge Weaver
*Hymns	Glenn Wilson, Dorothy Loepp <i>Praise to the Lord, the Almighty</i> <i>Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus</i>	HWB 37 HWB 178
*Prayer		
Children's Time		Laura Dick
Offering		
Sharing and Congregational Prayer		
*Hymn	<i>Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing</i>	HWB 110
Scripture Reading	James 3:1-2	Rita Ngongo
Sermon	<i>That Pesky Tongue</i>	
Silent Reflection		
*Hymn	<i>Love Divine, All Love Excelling</i>	HWB 592
*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
	MYF Fundraiser Meal	12:00 pm
	Congregational Meeting	1:00 pm
	Youth Groups	5:00 pm
	Jr. Choir	6:00 pm
	Youth Choir	6:45 pm
	Homebuilders	7:00 pm
	Adult Choir	7:30 pm
Thu Nov 23	Thanksgiving, Church Office Closed	
	Thanksgiving Potluck	12:00 pm
Fri Nov 24	Church Office Closed	

Of Note

Thanksgiving Day Meal, Are you interested in the Thanksgiving Potluck at 12:00 pm on November 23? For details and to sign up, visit the link in the Midweek or sign up on the Community Events bulletin board in the atrium.

Northwest Neighborhood Community Center Christmas Party! December 2nd, 2017. 5-7pm
If you are interested in volunteering for this event, they are looking for help with set up/clean up, meal prep and servers, and activity leaders. If interested in helping with food, contact Jordan at jwilie77@gmail.com. There is also a need for Gift card donations. If you can donate a gift card, please give to Amy Reiman.

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.

Coats and Winter Gear for Returning Citizens
Jobs Partnership, a ministry that assists citizens returning to society from prison, is in need of winter coats, hats, gloves, and boots for men and women. New or *good* used items may be collected in the red tub in the Atrium for the next month (until Dec 10). Questions - ask Mary Jantze.

Today

14th Annual Alternative Gifts Fair, Don't miss your chance to shop and admire booths today, the final day of this year's Alternative Gifts Fair. Thanks to everyone who already participated! Over \$9,500 was raised for MCC and AGI in the first week. 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 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 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!

A Congregational Meeting, will take place at 1:00 pm. During this meeting the proposed 2018 Spending Plan will be presented. There are updated paper copies on the Entrance Table, and on the website under Education & Nurture/ Helpful Documents.

Homebuilders

When: Nov 19 at 7:00 PM

Where: MRC Community Building

Speaker: Gabby Bontea, Director, Safe Harbor Shelter

Title: Homelessness in McLean Co., Is it a Problem?

Description: Come and hear Gabby Bontea, Director of Salvation Army's Safe Harbor Shelter talk about the Shelter. What it is. What they do. Why it is needed.



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