

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.

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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.

Christian Education

Children

10:45 am

Gather 'Round (age 3-1st grade) Room 11
Nursery (newborn – age 3) Room 3
PreK (3 & 4 year olds) Rooms 13 & 14
Kindergarten & Grade 1 Room 11
Grades 2 Room 12
Grades 3 – 5 Room 9

Youth and Adults

11:00 am

Crafting - Conference Room
Banner coloring - Room 4
Music - High School Room
Food - Kitchen
Quilting - Junior High Room
Woodworking - MRC Shop

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Order of Worship December 3, 2017

Community Life

Pastor Tim Schrag

Prelude

Lydia Hedberg

Call to Worship

Lynette Miller

*Hymns

*O Come, O Come, Immanuel
Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness*

Glenn Wilson
HWB 172
STS 1

*Prayer

Children's Time

The Woodworker's Visit

Steve Stenger

Worship Music

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Advent Choir

Offering

Congregational Prayer

Wonder & Wisdom

Joe Warfel, Joe Culpepper

*Hymn

I Will Come to You in the Silence

STS 49

Scripture Reading

Mark 13:24-27

Sermon

Silent Reflection

*Hymn

To Us a Child of Hope is Born

HWB 189

*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.*

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Weekly Calendar

Today	Pre-Service Prayer	9:00 am
	Worship	9:30 am
	Blood Pressures Taken	10:45 am
	CE for Children	10:45 am
	CE for Adults	11:00 am
	Newcomer Feedback	12:00 pm
	Youth Groups	5:00 pm
	Jr. Choir	6:00 pm
	Youth Choir	6:45 pm
	Adult Choir	7:30 pm
Mon Dec 4	Camp Friedenswald	6:30 pm
Tue Dec 5	Worship Committee	5:30 pm
Thu Dec 7	Next Man Bible Study	6:15 am
Sat Dec 9	Kasongo House Blessing	12:00 pm

Today

Advent Sunday School begins today! Didn't sign up? No problem! Feel free to join a class. Here are the locations:

Crafting - Conference Room
 Banner coloring - Room 4
 Music - High School Room
 Food - Kitchen
 Quilting - Junior High Room
 Woodworking - MRC Shop (follow the chalk signs outside on the pavement)

Upcoming Events

Camp Friedenswald is Coming to Bloomington-Normal! You are invited on Monday, December 4th at 6:30pm at MCN for an update from Camp.

The Kasongo Family House Blessing will be Saturday, December 9, at noon, 711 W Mulberry St, Bloomington. Anyone wishing to attend is welcome. They plan to move in on Dec 10-11. Speak to Tanya if you would like to help.

Calling all Musicians! Whether you've been playing for a year or haven't played for years we want you in our Christmas Orchestra. All ages and woodwinds, brass, strings, and percussion are welcome. Rehearsals are Dec. 10th after church (lunch provided), Dec. 16th at 1:30-3:00, and a performance in the service on the 17th. Contact Lydia, Alena, or Wesley if you're interested.

Of Note

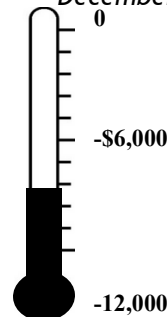
All Sharing and Prayer Requests to Pastor Tim During Advent - Please write out or send by email to Pastor Tim all items for sharing and prayer for Sunday worship. There is no open microphone sharing during Advent.

14th Alternative Gifts Fair: The final donations have been tallied! Thanks to your generous giving, we were able to raise \$23,900 (MCC-\$16,653; AGI-\$7247) this year! Last year's total was: \$21,689. Inserts have been ordered and will be in your mailboxes along with your shopping lists by Sunday, December 9th. Thanks again to those who made the fantastic booths, the singers, cashiers, and all the very generous donors.

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.

Exploring Your Fit CE Class - January - March 2018 A good "fit" between *who* we are and *how* we serve God and offers the best chance for meaning, significance and joy to result. It also reduces frustrations and disappointments. Exploring Your Gift class takes a look at how God made you - personality type, natural gifts, spiritual gifts, season of life, Enneagram, and more. **Please contact Pastor Jane to register.**

We are making progress with bringing down the deficit. Please help bring it to zero in December. -Financial Stewardship Comm.



MCN Spending Plan Status	
Thank you for your offerings.	
Year-to-date Income	\$471,741
Year-to-date Expenses	\$479,945
November Income	\$42,275
November Expenses	\$38,513
Attendance on Nov. 26	was 193.



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A congregation of
Mennonite Church USA

December 3, 2017

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