

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 – All Invited

- **Christian Education** for adults begins at 11:00 am. See the classes listed below, all are welcome.
- **Caring and Sharing** coffee time is available in the center rear Fellowship Area, all are welcome.

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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 10, 2017

Let It Be.....

*We long to be comforted, we long for change. moving from uncertainty and fear,
 we call upon God to make things ready –
 the mountains leveled, the paths made straight, our hearts prepared.*

Community Life		Pastor Tim Schrag
Prelude		Dorothy Loepp, Alena Culbertson
Call to Worship		Henry Dick
*Hymns	<i>Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus Longing for Light</i>	Cindy Ropp HWB 178 STJ 54
*Prayer		
Children’s Time	The Woodworker’s Visit	Steve Stenger
Worship Music	<i>A Christmas Antiphonal</i>	Junior Choir
Wonder & Wisdom		Joe Warfel, Joe Culpepper
Offering		
*Hymn	<i>My Soul Proclaims with Wonder</i>	HWB 181
Congregational Prayer		
Worship Music	<i>Christmas Sanctus</i>	Advent Choir
Scripture Reading	Mark 1:1-8	
Sermon	<i>Something More...</i>	
Silent Reflection		
Confession and Words of Assurance		
*Hymn	<i>Good Christian Friends, Rejoice</i>	HWB 210
*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
	CE for Children	10:45 am
	CE for Adults	11:00 am
	Advent Orchestra	12:00 pm
	MYF	4:00 pm
	JMYF	5:00 pm
	Jr. Choir	6:00 pm
	Youth Choir	6:45 pm
	Adult Choir	7:30 pm
Mon Dec 11	Mennonite Women	9:30 am
Tue Dec 12	Wellness Committee	5:30 pm
	Church Board	6:30 pm
Wed Dec 13	Peace & Justice Comm.	5:00 pm
	Pastoral Council	6:30 pm
Thu Dec 14	Next Man Bible Study	6:15 am
	Youth Ministry Comm.	6:00 pm

Today

Advent Sunday School 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)

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 today 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.

Upcoming Events

Save the Date: All Church Winter Retreat at Camp Friedenswald is January 26-28! Questions can be directed to Shelly/Darvis King or Marge Nester. Details & sign up coming in December.

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.

Thank you to all who came to Gerlof's visitation and funeral service. Also to those who came to visit, sent cards, brought food and called us. It helped us to get through these last couple of weeks. Love, Roelie Homan and family.

The Student Mutual Aid Program will be making the spring college semester tuition payments in about a few weeks. Please make your contributions in the next two weeks so we have a better idea where we stand for our balance. Thank you!

14th Annual Alternative Gifts Fair: Inserts for chosen giving projects for AGI and MCC are now in church mailboxes, in time for Christmas mail! A summary of giving and participation in the fair is posted at the back of the sanctuary. Thanks to all who made this year's fair such a success!

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. **Contact Pastor Jane to register.**

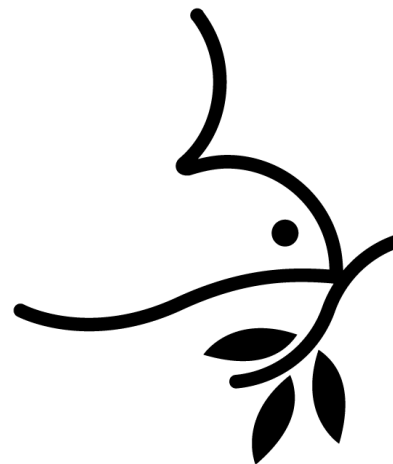
Extreme Grandparenting CE Class Lead by Steve Stenger and Joe Culpepper, using the book *Extreme Grandparenting*, written by Timothy & Darcy Kimmel. See more information in the Midweek Connection!

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



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A congregation of
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Second Sunday of Advent

December 10, 2017

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