

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

Tim Schrag, Senior Pastor
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Order of Worship December 17, 2017

Let It Be.....

Rejoicing in God’s comfort, we catch God’s vision of shalom. We choose to join the Spirit that is already at work restoring and renewing the whole creation.

Community Life		Pastor Tim Schrag
Prelude		Advent Orchestra
Call to Worship		Lynette Miller
*Hymns		Barry Weaver, Elsa Raab
	<i>Hark! The Herald Angels Sing</i>	HWB 201
	<i>Angels We Have Heard on High</i>	HWB 197
*Prayer		
Worship Music	<i>Christmas Joy</i>	Youth Choir
Children’s Time	The Woodworker’s Visit	Steve Stenger
Worship Music	<i>Christmas Joy</i>	Junior Choir
	<i>Silent Night</i>	
Wonder & Wisdom		Joe Warfel, Joe Culpepper
Offering		
Worship Music	<i>Come Unto Him</i>	Youth Choir
Congregational Prayer		
Worship Music	<i>Candlelight Christmas Canon</i>	Advent Choir
Scripture Reading	Luke 1:46b-55	
Sermon	<i>An Upside Down Wholeness</i>	Rev. Joe Culpepper
Silent Reflection		
Confession and Words of Assurance		
*Hymn	<i>It Came Upon a Midnight Clear</i>	HWB 195
*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
	Feedback Group	12:00 pm
	Youth Groups	5:00 pm
	Youth Choir	6:45 pm
	Adult Choir	7:30 pm
Tue Dec 19	Financial Stewardship	4:30 pm
	Longest Night Service	6:30 pm
Thu Dec 21	Next Man Bible Study	6:15 am

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)

Upcoming Events

The Longest Night Service is Tuesday, December 19, at 6:30 pm. We hope you can join us!

The Christmas Eve Service is Sunday evening, December 24 at 6:30 pm. The Fellowship Committee invites you to bring a plate of Christmas cookies to share after the service. Please bring your own plate and take any leftovers home at the end of the evening. We can enjoy cookies during the time of visiting that follows the service.

Save the Date: An MYF fundraiser at Pizza Ranch, Thursday, January 4 from 5-8pm. Dine-in, Carry-out, and Delivery all help!

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

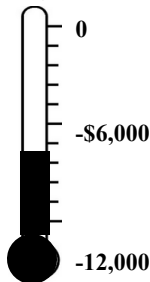
All Sharing and Prayer Requests to Pastor Tim During Advent - Please write out or send by email to Pastor Tim all items for sharing and prayer for Sunday worship. There is no open microphone sharing during Advent.

The SMAP (Student Mutual Aid Program) spring term college payments are due by early January. When we include spring/summer semesters, payments total ~\$33,000. The current balance of the SMAP fund is ~\$26,000 so we are still short ~\$7,000. Please consider making a contribution or if you have made a pledge please make that payment prior to the end of the year. This program has been supported by our church for almost 40 years and we would like to be able to continue to fully support students attending Mennonite colleges. If you have any questions please see Darvis King.

Extreme Grandparenting CE Class Lead by Steve Stenger and Joe Culpepper, using the book *Extreme Grandparenting*, written by Timothy & Darcy Kimmel, as a resource and guide for discussion. Topics include grandparenting step-grandchildren, good gifting to grandchildren, and long distance grandparenting. The class will also spend significant time focusing on spiritual issues and how grandparents can give a legacy of faith to their grandchildren.

Deadline for MDS Trip registration: Please sign up for the February 11-17, 2018 MDS trip to Coastal Bend, Texas by January 7. See 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 December 10 was 197



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A congregation of
 Mennonite Church USA

Third Sunday of Advent

December 17, 2017

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