

Mennonite Church of Normal

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Order of Worship January 14, 2018

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 and Youth 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
Grades 6 – 8 Room 8

Adults and High School 11:00 am

Listening Session in Sanctuary

Tim Schrag, Senior Pastor
tim@normalmennonite.org

Jane Roeschley, Associate Pastor
Worship & Lay Ministries
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Lynn Reha, Office Manager
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Lauren Satchwell, Interim Administrative Assistant
Youth Ministry Leader
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Chris Culbertson, Children's Ministry Leader
chrisculbertson22@gmail.com

Community Life

Pastor Tim Schrag

Prelude

Dorothy Loepp

Call to Worship

Darrel Miller

*Hymns

Cindy Ropp

*The God of Abraham Praise
Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

HWB 162

HWB 65

*Prayer

Children's Time

Chris Culbertson

Offering

Sharing and Congregational Prayer with the Lord's Prayer

*Hymn

Holy

STJ 15

Scripture Reading

James 5:19-20

Darvis King

Sermon

Truth or Consequences?

Silent Reflection

*Hymn

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

HWB 71

*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
	CE for Children	10:45 am
Church Bd.	Listening Session	11:00 am
Central & SW Clusters	Potluck	12:00 pm
	Junior High Youth	5:00 pm
Tue Jan 16	Financial Stewardship	4:30 pm
	Youth Ministry	6:00 pm
Wed Jan 17	Peace & Justice	5:00 pm
Thur Jan 18	Next Man Bible Study	6:15 am
	Worship Committee	5:00 pm
Jan 19-21	Junior High Retreat at Menno Haven	

Today

At 11:00, the Church Board will hold another quarterly "Listening Session" during the Christian Education hour. First, the Board will report back to you about the difference the 2 prior Listening Sessions have made to the Board. This will take place in the Sanctuary in a large group. Then in small groups, the Board will solicit your feedback regarding LGBTQ issues.

Of Note

Lost and Found There are a number of items in the lost and found. Unclaimed items will be removed on January 17th.

Returning Citizens Care Kits, Co-Sponsored by Peace & Justice and Outreach Committees
We are collecting Returning Citizens Care Kits for persons returning to our community from prison. Lists of items are available in the Midweek Connection. Please bring to the red tub in the atrium.

Would you like to be of service to your church community? We are beginning to work on our schedule for Ushers, Greeters and the Welcome Table. If you have done it in the past year and want to continue, you do not need to contact me, unless you want to have your name removed. If you have not participated before but would like to be a part of this ministry, please email or call me. *Louise Reeser* reeserfarms@gmail.com, or 826-3423.

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. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the atrium or at the signupgenius link that was in the Midweek.

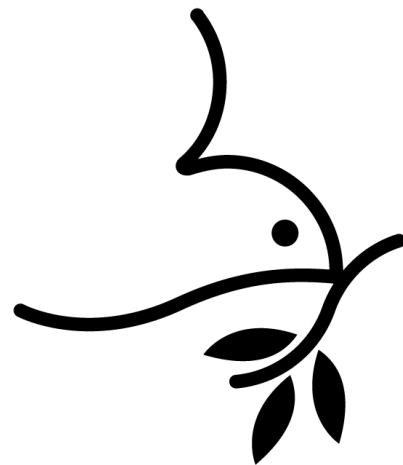
Sunday, January 21 Congregational Meal
The MYF will prepare and serve a congregational meal will take place at noon. The funds generated from this meal will help the MYF attend the Serving with Appalachian People program this summer.

Sunday, January 21 Congregational Meeting
The Congregational Meeting will feature a vote on the proposed 2018 Spending Plan, an opportunity to affirm the 2017 Annual Reports.

Communion February 4 We will celebrate Communion in worship here at MCN (changed from January 28). In preparation, we are all encouraged to engage in self-examination - of both our relationship with God, and with others. We also receive specially designated gifts for our Mutual Aid Fund on Communion Sundays, as a means of assisting others in need through being the Body of Christ.

Homebuilders will be 7:00 pm on Sunday, Jan 21 at the MRC Community Building. The speaker will be Ben Webb who is running for the Illinois House of Representatives in the 105th District. Ben teaches English and Theater at University High School in Normal. All are invited.

<p>MCN Spending Plan Status Thank you for your offerings. 2017 Income \$532,180 2017 Expenses \$528,302 December Income \$60,439 December Expenses \$48,356</p>
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