

Mennonite Church of Normal

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Order of Worship February 4, 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.

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.

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
 High School Rooms 5 & 7

Adults 11:00 am

Exploring Your Fit, Pastor Jane Roeschley, Leader, North Mezzanine
Adult Bible Study—Faith in Action, Darrel Miller, Leader, Conference Room (Room 2)
Extreme Grandparenting, Steve Stenger & Joe Culpepper, Leaders, Room 4 (by Kitchen)
Caring and Sharing Fellowship Area

Staff

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Community Life		Pastor Tim Schrag
Prelude		Dorothy Loepp
Call to Worship		Melika Hershberger
*Hymns	<i>O Worship the Lord When Peace, Like a River</i>	Barry Weaver HWB 124 HWB 336
*Prayer		
Children’s Time		Holly Zehr
Offering		
Sharing and Congregational Prayer		
*Hymn	<i>How Clear is Our Vocation, Lord</i>	HWB 541
Scripture Reading	James 1:2-4, 12	Caleb Augspurger
Sermon	<i>Food for the Journey</i>	
Hymn	<i>Eat This Bread (sing twice)</i>	HWB 471
Service of Communion		
*Hymn	<i>I Am The Bread of Life (v. 1, 3, 5)</i>	HWB 472
*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 & Communion	9:30 am
	CE for Children	10:45 am
	Blood Pressures Taken	10:45 am
	CE for Adults	11:00 am
	Youth Groups	5:00 pm
	Junior Choir	6:00 pm
	Youth Choir	6:45 pm
Tue Feb 6	Worship Committee	5:00 pm
Thur Feb 8	Next Man Bible Study	6:15 am
	CE Committee	7:00 pm

Today

We will celebrate Communion in worship. On Communion Sundays, an offering is taken for specially designated gifts for our Mutual Aid Fund, as a means of assisting others in need through being the Body of Christ.

Of Note

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. Bring to the red tub in the atrium, or a donation may be made to MCN, for use by the Outreach Committee, to purchase the items on your behalf.

Lent At Home Worship Guides

You can nurture your children's faith at home this Lent and Easter with family worship. Find a free, downloadable guide at www.anabaptistfaithformation.org. For use between March 1 and April 16 (Easter Sunday), it includes a daily Bible reading, short litany, songs, hands-on activities and questions to ponder together.

Upcoming Events

Game Night for Families with Young Children

Friday, February 16 from 5:00 to 7:00 in the Fellowship Area of MCN, North Main Cluster will hold a game night for families with children 5th grade and younger. North Main Cluster is sponsoring the event and all families with young children are invited. Please RSVP to Lynn Reha or Chris Culbertson.

Surprise Luncheons! Feb 25, 2018

The goal is to get us into each others' homes to get to know each other in a way that is different from what happens at church and in our more formal programming. If you have some experience in hosting church families, perhaps you should be guests this year. If you are nervous about having people in your home, we will make it as easy as possible. Try it, you might like it!

This year we are having pizza! The host will provide the crust and sauce. Each guest/guest family will be asked to bring toppings of their choice. The host family will also provide drinks, and a game that will be suitable for the ages of the guests in your group. Information about sign up will be in your mailboxes on Feb 11.

60th Anniversary Illinois Mennonite Relief Sale

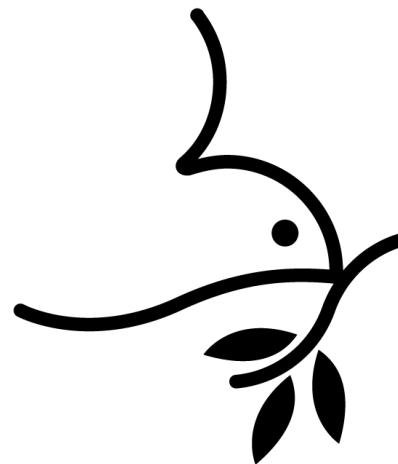
March 16-17, 2018 at the Interstate Center in Bloomington. The theme is "60 Years of Christian Relief Ministry" * More information to come

Midwest Food Bank Volunteer Opportunities

March 22 or May 11 or August 20 from 6-8pm
Come join us in a fun evening of service to others at Midwest Food Bank! Anyone 10 yrs or older is welcome. Sign up through the link in the Midweek or contact the church office.

MCN Spending Plan Status

Thank you for your offerings.
Year-to-Date Income \$34,550
Year-to-Date Expenses \$44,628
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Attendance on January 28 was 123.



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