

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.

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)
Embracing the Uncertain, Lynette Miller, Leader, Pastor Tim’s Office
Caring and Sharing Fellowship Area

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Order of Worship February 18, 2018

An Everlasting Covenant

An everlasting covenant is made between God, the people, and every living creature. God’s intention for relationship is expansive!

Yet we, in our narrow-mindedness, often exclude.

How might we expand our understanding of God’s ways to realize that all are included in God’s covenant?

Community Life		Pastor Tim Schrag
Prelude		Elsa Raab
Call to Worship		Lucy Unzicker
*Hymns	<i>Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise Come, Thou Fount</i>	Cindy Ropp HWB 70 HWB 521
*Prayer		
Children’s Time		Shelly King
Offering		
Confession		
Silent Reflection		
Scripture Proclamation	Psalm 25:1-10	Barry Weaver
*Hymn	<i>All Things Bright and Beautiful</i>	HWB 156
Congregational Prayer		
Scripture Reading	Genesis 9:8-17; Psalm 36:5-9	JB Ponnou-Delafon
Sermon	<i>All or Nothing?</i>	
*Hymn	<i>All Creatures of Our God and King</i>	HWB 48
*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
	CE for Adults	11:00 am
	Youth Groups	5:00 pm
	Junior Choir	6:00 pm
	Youth Choir	6:45 pm
	Adult Choir	7:30 pm
Thur Feb 22	Next Man Bible Study	6:15 am

Today

Lenten Focus: This year's visual focus is "The Curtain of Lent" The fabric draped over the cross reminds us of a curtain that is hung at a window, and the knots in the fabric symbolize how God's promises connect--or "knot" us--to God. In preparing for his ministry and the fulfillment of God's plan, Jesus "pulled a curtain" over his everyday life--his routine, his family, and his disciples--to spend 40 days alone in the wilderness, fasting and praying. During Lent, we also can choose to "pull a curtain" over things in our lives--distractions, unhealthy habits, or areas of imbalance--in order to focus more on God's work in our lives and reflect on the promises we find in Jesus' life, death, and resurrection.

Beginning this Sunday, during the CE hour, a six week Lenten study using the book "Embracing the Uncertain: A Lenten Study for Unsteady Times" by Magrey R. deVegas will be offered. This study will use characters from scripture to focus on the uncertainties of life such as worry, mortality, forgiveness, faith, etc. If you are not currently attending a class, you are welcome to participate in this study. Although the book is not required, it is an excellent read. The class will be taught by Lynette Miller and will be held in Pastor Tim's office.

Homebuilders, tonight at 6:30 pm, at the MRC Matt Harms, the grandson of Hazel Yoder will be presenting on his trail-related projects through the Middle East--primarily in the occupied Palestinian Territories, Israel, Jordan and Sinai.

Of Note

All Sharing and Prayer Requests to Pastor Tim During Lent 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 Lent.

Families with children: It's not too late to start Lent family worship. Just go to www.anabaptistfaithformation.org and download "Between Me & You," a free guide for family worship from now through Easter, April 1.

Upcoming Events

Surprise Luncheons! Next Sunday, Feb 25
Information about sign up is in your mailbox.

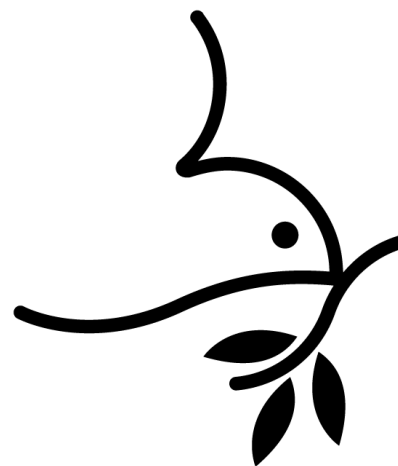
60th Anniversary Illinois Mennonite Relief Sale
March 16-17, 2018 at the Interstate Center. Sign up sheets, supplies and information is available in the atrium. Signup to be a volunteer! Everyone can play a part to promote and assist with this sale for the purpose of alleviating suffering at home and abroad. Questions may be directed to Deb Stenger or Gerry Schrock.

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! Sign up through the link in the Midweek or contact the church office.

SAVE THE DATE! The Peace and Justice Committee is sponsoring the folk music and social commentary of Tom Neilson on Friday, April 20th at 7 p.m. Come enjoy the music that others have called "creative and compelling" and "thoughtful." Donations will be accepted at the door; all are welcome!

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 February 11 was 157.



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Lent 1: An Everlasting Covenant

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