

# 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, South Mezzanine  
**Caring and Sharing** Fellowship Area

### Staff

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# Order of Worship March 4, 2018

## Guidelines for living our covenant with God

*God’s commands are not a heavy burden.*

*They are life-giving guides for living our covenant with God.*

*They guide us in healthy relationships with God, others and all of creation.*

Community Life		Pastor Jane Roeschley
Ministry Moment	MCC Relief Sale	Marcia Rossi & Deb Stenger
Prelude		Elsa Raab
Call to Worship		Alena Culbertson
*Hymns		Barry Weaver
	<i>How Firm a Foundation</i>	HWB 567
	<i>O God, Who Gives Us Life</i>	HWB 483
*Prayer		
Children’s Time		Shelly King & Diane Wiman
Offering		
Confession		
Silent Reflection		
Scripture Proclamation	John 2:13-22	Ben Roeschley
*Hymn	<i>Obey My Voice</i>	HWB 163
Congregational Prayer		STJ 144
Antiphonal Scripture Reading	Exodus 20: 1-17	
Sermon	<i>Keeping Covenant Central</i>	Rev. Joe Culpepper
*Hymn	<i>My Soul is Filled with Joy</i>	STJ 13
*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
	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
	Adult Choir	7:30 pm
Tue Mar 6	Worship Committee	5:00 pm
Thur Mar 8	Next Man Bible Study	6:15 am

## Upcoming Events

### 60th Annual Illinois Mennonite Relief Sale

March 16-17 @ interstate Center. Volunteer signup sheets are in the atrium. Help is still needed in all areas. Extra pie crusts have been ordered for anyone who wishes to bake a pie. See Gerry Schrock or Deb Stenger for questions.

### Midwest Food Bank Volunteer Opportunity

There are still 9 slots open for March 22 from 6-8pm! Sign up through the link in the Midweek or contact the church office.

### Cantus Novus Singing Ensemble March 9th @

MCN. MCN members Cindy Ropp, Bev Collins, Wayne Hochstetler, & Joe Culpepper are part of Cantus Novus. This is a four-part, 30 member chorus which presents a concert each Spring and Fall. Our Spring concert will be on Friday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 here at MCN. The music will include classical (Haydn) and contemporary selections. Doors open at 6:30pm. There is no charge for the concert, although donations are welcomed.

**Save the Date!** MCN Blood Drive, Saturday, March 31 from 8:00 am-noon. Sign up in the church library or through the link in the Midweek.

#### MCN Spending Plan Status

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

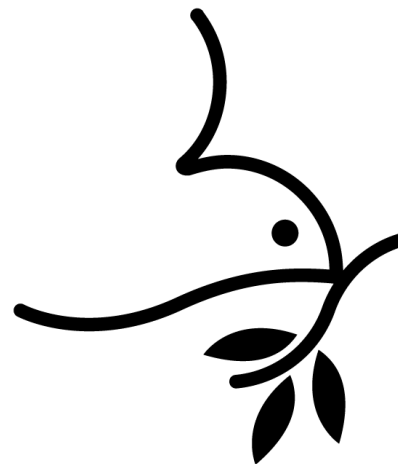
## Of Note

**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.

**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.

**Opportunity to Serve on the LGBTQ Process Design Team.** The Church Board has an opening for an additional person on the LGBTQ Process Design Team. This Team will develop a study process for our congregation, designed to allow everyone's voice to be heard. If you are willing to serve in this capacity, please email Wayne Hochstetler at hochwayne@icloud.com stating your availability and interest, and the strengths and perspectives you will bring to this process. Please submit this by Tuesday, March 6. Thank you.

**Northwest Neighborhood Community Center (NNCC)** serves meals to families on Tuesdays & Thursdays. They are in need of volunteers to prepare and serve the food in the NNCC kitchen. Check the link in the Midweek for openings. Another option to help would be donating money for the cost of a meal, or providing a meal from a local restaurant or caterer. Contact Sarah Tunall at Sarah.Tunall@nncc.org or Amy Reiman at a.reiman98@gmail.com for more information.



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A congregation of  
Mennonite Church USA

**March 4, 2018**

***Lent 3: Guidelines for living our covenant with God***

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