

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—Acknowledging God, 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 11, 2018

Without light, darkness comes between people and between God. Sometimes that is easier than the vulnerability of being exposed to light, though! Even without the light, in darkness, God’s promises and God’s love grow all around us.

Community Life		Pastor Tim Schrag
Prelude		Denise Hedberg
Call to Worship		Josh Friesen
*Hymns		Glenn Wilson
	<i>To God be the Glory</i>	HWB 102
	<i>For God So Loved Us</i>	HWB 167
*Prayer		
Children’s Time		Louise Reeser
Offering		
Confession		
Silent Reflection		
Scripture Proclamation	Ephesians 2:1-10	Shannon Unzicker
Worship Music	<i>O Sacred, Wondrous Love</i>	Lenten Choir
Congregational Prayer		
*Hymn	<i>We Walk by Faith</i>	HWB 570
Scripture Reading	John 3:14-21	
Sermon	<i>A Strange and Destructive Love Affair</i>	
*Hymn	<i>Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing</i>	HWB 110
*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
Mon Mar 12	Mennonite Women	9:30 am
Tue Mar 13	Wellness Committee	5:30 pm
	Church Board	6:30 pm
Wed Mar 14	Pastoral Council	6:00 pm
Thur Mar 15	Next Man Bible Study	6:15 am
	Apple Pie Baking	8:00 am
	Jobs Partnership	5:30 pm
Fri Mar 16	Shoofly Pie Baking	5:00 am
	IL Mennonite Relief Sale	Weekend

Upcoming Events

60th Annual Illinois Mennonite Relief Sale

Still Time to Volunteer! Urgent need for volunteers in following areas:

- fish and chicken dinner on Friday evening
- serving ice cream on both Friday and Saturday
- assisting Ben Roeschley both Friday and Saturday

Anyone that ordered pie crusts can pick them up this Sunday March 11. See Gerry Schrock.

Questions please call Deb Stenger, Gerry Schrock, or Marcia Rossi

Your Hard Work Has Paid Off—Thank you to those giving their time, talents, and efforts at the 60th Illinois Mennonite Relief Sale. Please come and let us serve you as a thank you for all your hard work. Lunch will be provided by the Fellowship Committee at church on March 18, 2018 after the Sunday School hour. Avanti's spaghetti and bread, salad, and ice cream sandwiches will be provided. Please come for a relaxing time of fellowship to celebrate the hard work of all those involved.

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.

Of Note

Correction from the Midweek Connection:

Communion will be served at the Maundy Thursday Service, March 29, and Easter Sunday, April 1.

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.

Northwest Neighborhood Community Center (NNCC) Are in need of volunteers to prepare and serve the food in the NNCC kitchen. Check the link in the Midweek for openings. Or to help, donating money for the cost of a meal, or providing a meal from a local restaurant or caterer is an option. Contact Sarah Tunall or Amy Reiman for more information.

MCN Spending Plan Status

Thank you for your offerings.
Year-to-Date Income \$70,265
Year-to-Date Expenses \$89,305
February Income \$35,715
February Expenses \$44,660
Attendance on March 4 was 178.



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Lent 4: The Light of God's Love

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