

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 18, 2018

**With the New Covenant, we no longer need a divine mediator.
 In Christ, all people are drawn into relationship with God.**

Community Life		Pastor Tim Schrag
Prelude		Lydia Hedberg
Call to Worship		Lena Driscoll
*Hymns	<i>Jesus Calls Us Here to Meet Him O God of Love, O Power of Peace</i>	Wayne Hochstetler STJ 3 HWB 368
*Prayer		
Children’s Time		Shelly King
Worship Music	<i>Bwana Awabariki with Kum Ba Ya</i>	Junior & Youth Choirs
Offering		
Confession		
Silent Reflection		
Scripture Proclamation	Jeremiah 31:31-34	Erin Ponnou-Delaffon
Worship Music	<i>Sing and Shout Together</i>	Youth Choir
Congregational Prayer		
Scripture Reading	Hebrews 5:5-10	Sophie Charles
Sermon	<i>The Covenant Within</i>	
*Hymn	<i>We are Often Tossed and Driv’n</i>	STS 72
*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
	Relief Sale Lunch	12:00 pm
	Junior Choir	6:00 pm
	Youth Choir	6:45 pm
	Adult Choir	7:30 pm
Tue Mar 20	Financial Stewardship	4:30 pm
	Youth Ministry Comm.	6:30 pm
Thur Mar 22	Next Man Bible Study	6:15 am
Fri Mar 23	Family Game Night	5:00 pm

Upcoming Events

Midwest Food Bank Volunteer Opportunity

There are still 5 slots open for March 22 from 6-8pm! Sign up through the link in the Midweek or contact the church office.

Family Game Night #2 Friday, March 23rd from 5:15 - 7:30ish, at the church.

What should I bring? Your family and any game-loving friends - all ages welcome! What could I bring? Games and snacks, fruit or dessert to share. (PB&J and ham and cheese sandwiches are provided.) Feel free to RSVP, but if you just show up, that's great too. If you have any questions, contact Chris Culbertson.

Homebuilders will be 7:00 pm on Sunday, March 25 at the MRC Community Building.

The speaker will be Jill Blair who is running for the Illinois House of Representatives in the 88th District. Jill is a Communications Analyst at Country Financial. All are invited.

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 \$70,265
Year-to-Date Expenses \$89,305
February Income \$35,715
February Expenses \$44,660
Attendance on March 11 was 165.

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.

60th Annual Mennonite Relief Sale: Thank you to everyone for volunteering, donating, and prayer support for the relief sale. Due to everyone's teamwork, the sale was a success!

In two Sundays we will celebrate Communion in worship. 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 needs through being the Body of Christ.

Northwest Neighborhood Community Center (NNCC) is 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 restaurant or caterer. Contact Sarah Tunall or Amy Reiman for more information.



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Lent 5: All People Drawn to God

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