

# 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

**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

Tim Schrag, Senior Pastor  
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# Order of Worship

April 8, 2018

*In worship we are invited to exalt and encounter God  
 so that we become more like Jesus Christ  
 and by the power of the Holy Spirit, join God’s mission  
 to offer Christ’s peace to hearts, home, community and world.*

Community Life		Pastor Tim Schrag
Prelude		Youth Musicians
Call to Worship		Lynette Miller
*Hymns	<i>O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing!</i> <i>Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing!</i>	Cindy Ropp, Elsa Raab HWB 274 HWB 278
*Prayer		
Children’s Time		Chris Culbertson
Offering		
Sharing and Congregational Prayer with Lord’s Prayer		
*Hymn	<i>Jesus Came—The Heavens Adoring (v.1-4)</i>	HWB 297
Scripture Reading	Acts 1:4-14	Ruth Haney
Sermon	<i>Active Waiting After Each Easter</i>	
*Hymn	<i>My Hope is Built on Nothing Less</i>	HWB 343
*Benediction	<i>“Seeds” Sending Song</i>	
*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.*

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## 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
Mon Apr 9	Mennonite Women	9:30 am
Tue Apr 10	Wellness Committee	5:30 pm
	Church Board	6:30 pm
	Youth Ministry Comm.	6:30 pm
Wed Apr 11	Peace & Justice Comm.	5:00 pm
	Pastoral Council	6:00 pm
Thur Apr 12	Next Man Bible Study	6:15 am
	Financial Stewardship	4:30 pm
Fri Apr 13	Family Fun Night	5:30 pm

### "Seeds" Sending Song

These seeds you have sown,  
in our hearts and in our bones,  
cover them with your love.  
Use our hands, use our feet  
to show your love and your  
peace,  
And cover us,  
cover us,  
cover us with love.

#### MCN Spending Plan Status

Thank you for your offerings.  
Year-to-Date Income \$116,516  
Year-to-Date Expenses \$131,859  
March Income \$46,250  
March Expenses \$42,600  
Attendance on April 1 was 252.

## Upcoming Events

**Lifetouch Directory Pictures are this week!** It is not too late to sign up for a time to get a new picture for the directory. We are also in need of a few volunteers. Lauren Satchwell is coordinating the volunteers for our new directory. If you are interested in helping during our photography sessions by serving as a host or hostess, contact Lauren at (309-830-6827) or call the church office.

**Family Fun Nights 2018!** Come and enjoy supper, singing, Bible stories and hands on activities with your church family. All ages are welcome - supper and nursery are provided. Don't miss experiencing Wind and Waves with us on Fridays April 13, 20, and 27 from 5:30 - 7:30.

**New Adult CE Class** Intro to the Enneagram: A Tool for Spiritual Formation, 5 classes from April 15-May 27. Learn more about this ancient tool for insight in understanding our core gift and our besetting fear, both of which can help us grow in our relationship with God, ourselves and others. We will be using the book, *Self to Lose, Self to Find* by Marilyn Vancil (cost \$16, which can be paid to the church office.) To register, contact Pastor Jane.

**Tom Neilson in Concert** Friday April 20th at 7pm. Come hear the music of Tom Neilson, a folk artist combining music with satire and social commentary. Touching on issues as varied as the environment, unjust corporate privilege, racial justice, and peace. Plan to come hear him at MCN. Donations will be taken at the door - everyone in our community is welcome to attend.

**Membership Orientation Class:** There will be a two-session orientation class for persons interested in considering membership at MCN. Classes will be at 7 pm on Thursday evening, April 26 and May 3. Persons interested should contact Pastor Schrag.

**Save the Date:** Regional Hymn Sing 2:30 p.m. Sunday, May 6 at MCN, for a glimpse into the new hymnal.



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A congregation of  
Mennonite Church USA

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