

# God’s People Gather to Worship

10 When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. 11 On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Matthew 2:10-11

### 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.

### Fellowship time immediately following Worship

- Coffee and other drinks are available from the kitchen in the east hallway.

Christian Education	
<b>Children</b> <b>10:45 am</b>	
Gather 'Round (ages 3-1st)	Room 11
<b>SHINE Curriculum</b>	
Nursery	Nursery
3 & 4 year olds	Rooms 13 & 14
Grades K–1	Room 11
Grades 2 & 3	Room 12
Grades 4 & 5	Room 9
Grades 6-8	Room 8
<b>Grades 9-12</b>	Rooms 5 & 7
<b>Adults</b> <b>11:00 am</b>	
<b>The Christian Community Comes Alive</b>	
Mixed Bible Study	Room 2
Led by Leanne Schertz	
<b>Boundaries</b>	
Led by Lois Hochstetler & Bess Desch	Room 4
<b>Caring and Sharing</b>	Fellowship Area

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Get connected! For more information on any of the following ministries, contact the office.	
* Junior & Youth Choirs	* Area Clusters
* Junior High Fellowship	* Mennonite Women
* Senior High Fellowship	* Book Studies
* Young Families	* Homebuilders
* Women’s Bible Studies	* Seniors Events

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## Order of Worship January 3, 2016 The Wise Men

Community Life	Pastor Tim Schrag	
Prelude	Spencer Gillespie	
Call to Worship	Barbara Gillespie	
*Hymns	Barry Weaver	
	<i>We Three Kings To Us a Child of Hope is Born</i>	
*Prayer	HWB 189	
Worship Music	<i>Shema Song Away in a Manger</i>	Grade 4 & 5 Class Randy Zehr, Jaron Zehr
Children’s Time	A Wise Man	Abby Warfel, Ron Ropp
Child Dedications	Victor Von Belzer Evelyn Bertsche Kasongo	Pastor Matt Hickman
Offering	<i>O Holy Night</i>	
Preparation for and Congregational Prayer		
*Hymn	<i>As With Gladness Men of Old</i>	HWB 218
Scripture Reading	Matthew 2: 1-12	
Sermon	<i>Power Struggles From Then and Now</i>	
*Hymn	<i>O Little Town of Bethlehem</i>	HWB 191
*Benediction		
*Postlude and Dismissal		

*Stand as you are able.  
Parents/Caregivers, please note that children’s classes begin immediately after worship, and are dismissed one hour later.*

## Weekly Calendar

Today	Pre-Worship Prayer	9:00 am
	Worship	9:30 am
	Christian Education	10:45 am
Tues	Staff Meeting	9:30 am
Wed	True Story Leaders	7:00 pm
Thur	Next Man Bible Study	6:15 am

**Reclaiming Christmas: Hear with New Ears. See with New Eyes** Our worship this Christmas Season is an invitation to hear and see the Christmas Story anew! What might we see, or what will we hear this Christmas that is Good News in our needy lives and in our hurting world?

**True Story of the Whole World** Registration is still open for classes which start next week, January 10. If you haven't registered yet or don't have a book, please go to the table in the Atrium today. A sample study sheet for the first True Story session on Jan. 10 is in your mailbox.

### Winter Retreats

- High School Jan 15-16 Camp Menno Haven
- Junior High Jan 23-24 Camp Menno Haven
- Winter Church Retreat Jan 22-24 Camp Friedenswald

### 58th Annual Illinois Mennonite Relief Sale

March 18-19, 2016 Interstate Center - Bloomington, Illinois The Relief Sale Board would like to encourage early donations for various booth areas. During this Christmas season, please consider making a gift to the Relief Sale to help those in need in 60 countries of the world. The list of suggested donation items is on the Atrium Bulletin Board.

### Save the date Annual Relief Sale Distress

**Supper** First Mennonite Church of Morton  
February 9, 2016, 6:00.

**Save the Date Spring 2016 Women's Retreat**, April 22-23, at Menno Haven Camp and Retreat Center. Women of all ages are invited to come away together for a time of Bible study, reflection and fellowship. Details and registration information coming soon! Retreat co-sponsored by Illinois Mennonite Conference and IL Mennonite Women.

**Receiving Condolence emails** The Church Office is updating the email lists which send out condolences and other time-sensitive notifications. If you would like to receive those emails, and are not currently, please let Lynn Reha know.

**Can you lend a hand with storm clean up?** Please see Ron Ropp if you would like pine tree logs or could provide assistance with cutting up the logs.

**Offering envelopes** Thank you so much for all your offerings and contributions. Each offering, large or small, furthers the work of the church in Bloomington/Normal and beyond. 2016 Offering envelopes are in mailboxes. Please discard old envelopes. Electronic giving is also available; please see Lynn Reha for a EFT form.

Dec 27, 2015

Attendance	164
Spending Plan Giving	\$13,994
Noisy Offering	\$4.84

Thank you for your offerings and extra contributions. Because of them, we anticipate meeting all our 2015 Spending Plan obligations.



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A congregation of  
Mennonite Church USA

***Reclaiming Christmas: Hear with New Ears.  
See with New Eyes.***

January 3, 2016

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