

God’s People Gather to Worship

<sup>6</sup>The Lord was grieved that he had made man on the earth, and his heart was filled with pain.  
<sup>8</sup> But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord.  
Genesis 6:6,8

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 for adults begins 15 minutes after the worship service ends. See below.

**Christian Education**  
**Children**  
10:45 am

Gather 'Round (ages 3-1st)Room 11

**SHINE Curriculum**

NurseryNursery

3 & 4 year oldsRooms 13 & 14

Grades K—1Room 11

Grades 2 & 3Room 12

Grades 4 & 5Room 9

Grades 6-8Room 8

**Adults and Teens**  
10:55 am

**The True Story of the Whole World**

Class approach	Teacher	Room
Lecture	Joe Culpepper	4
Discussion	Melika Hershberger	NW Fell
Discussion	Leah Roeschley	NE Fell
Creative Arts	J. Roeschley & L. Miller	S Fell
Book Study	Darrel Miller	2
Q & A	Cory Culbertson	Prayer Rm
Youth Discussion	Janelle Friesen	MYF Room

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Get connected! For more information on any of the following ministries, contact the office.

\* Junior & Youth Choirs

\* Junior High Fellowship

\* Senior High Fellowship

\* Young Families

\* Women’s Bible Studies

\* Area Clusters

\* Mennonite Women

\* Book Studies

\* Homebuilders

\* Seniors Events

Order of Worship  
January 31, 2016  
Noah

Community LifePastor Tim Schrag

Scripture RecitationHolly Zehr

The LORD saw that the wickedness of humankind was great in the earth, and that every inclination of the thoughts of their hearts was only evil continually.<sup>6</sup> And the LORD was sorry that he had made humankind on the earth, and it grieved him to his heart.  
Genesis 6:5-6

PreludeAdam Augspurger, Caleb Augspurger, Wesley Hershberger

Call to Worship

\*HymnCindy Ropp, Chris Culbertson

\*PrayerO Power of LoveHWB 593

Children’s TimeHolly Zehr

Offering

Sharing and Preparation for Prayer

Congregational Prayer

\*HymnLike Noah’s Weary DoveHWB 496

Scripture ReadingGenesis 6:5-8; 8:1; 9:8-15Mark Roeschley

SermonGrace & Grief

\*HymnWater Has Held UsSTJ 82

\*Benediction

Congregational VoteWayne Hochstetler

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-Service Prayer	9:00 am
	Worship	9:30 am
Children' Christian Education		10:45 am
Adult Christian Education		10:55 am
	Fellowship Meal	12:00 pm
Congregational (Annual) Meeting		1:00 pm
	Senior High Youth Group	5:00 pm
	Junior High Youth Group	5:00 pm
	Junior Choir	6:00 pm
	Youth Choir	6:45 pm
	Adult Choir	7:30 pm
Tue Feb 2	Staff Meeting	9:30 am
	Pastoral Council	6:00 pm
Wed Feb 3	True Story Leaders	7:00 pm
Thur Feb 4	Next Man Bible Study	6:15 am

Today

True Story of the Whole World God's Restoration Project, is today's True Story Christian Education lesson. Please note the meeting places for all True Story of the Whole World sessions, printed on the inside of the bulletin. You are welcome to attend a class, even if you were not signed up. As the series unfolds, study guides, lectures and sermons are available on the church website under the Education tab. (www.normalmennonite.org)

Announcement of vote A congregational vote on the reappointment of Tim Schrag as Lead Pastor will occur at the end of the worship service today. A two-thirds majority of those voting is needed to extend the call. The results of the vote will be announced at the Annual Meeting which begins at 1:00 pm today.

Congregational Meal and Meeting Today The meal will start after the Christian Education hour. Everyone is welcome to the meal.

The Annual Meeting will begin today at 1:00 pm. During this meeting the 2016 Spending Plan and 2015 Annual Reports will be submitted for affirmation.

A word about our worship visuals Quilters have named blocks after Bible stories for generations. The Bible was the primary literary resource in many early American homes, providing inspiration for nineteenth century quilters, who mostly used scraps and outgrown or clothing beyond repair to sew covers to keep their loved ones warm. Throughout our True Story study series, a variety of quilt blocks representing Bible stories or themes will be presented.

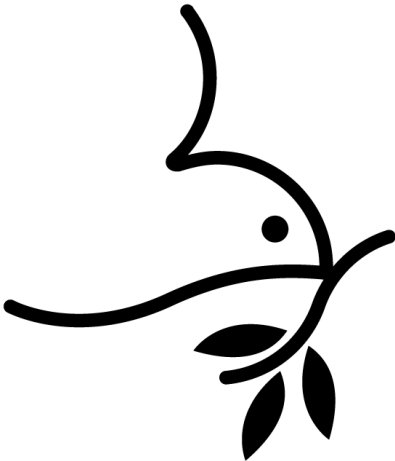
This week's quilt is Doves at the Window. There are at least thirteen different quilt block patterns with "dove" in the name. Each reminds us of the story of Noah and the great flood. Doves are symbolic of love and gentleness. "Doves at the window" might suggest spontaneous joy and great presence.

Of Note

The African American Story Quilt will be at MCN until February. You are invited to examine the quilt and ponder the story of African Americans in the United States.

Last Chance to sign up for MDS trip to Bastrop TX. Please let Pastor Jane know TODAY if you are planning on attending. .

Jan 24, 2016	
Attendance	156
Spending Plan Giving	\$4,181
Noisy Offering	\$7.22
Thank you for your offerings and contributions.	



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