

God's People Gather to Worship

7 How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, "Your God reigns!" Isaiah 52:7

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
<i>SHINE Curriculum</i>		
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
Adults and Teens		
10:55 am		
<i>The True Story of the Whole World</i>		
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	Office

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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

Order of Worship February 7, 2016 First Interlude: Genesis 1-11

Community Life		Pastor Tim Schrag
Scripture Focus		Marge Weaver
	¹⁴ When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵ I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. Genesis 9:14-16	
Prelude		Dorothy Loepp
Call to Worship		
*Hymn		Barry Weaver
	<i>Holy, Holy, Holy</i>	HWB 75
*Prayer		
Dedication of Children		Pastor Jane Roeschley
	Ruby Joyce Brandon	STJ 90
	Moses Joseph Dick	
Children's Time		Louise Reeser
Offering		
Sharing and Preparation for Prayer		
Congregational Prayer		
*Hymn	<i>God Moves in a Mysterious Way</i>	STJ 104
Scripture Reading	Psalm 137, Isaiah 52:1-7	Julie Musselman
Sermon	<i>Beyond Exile</i>	
*Hymn	<i>O God Our Help in Ages Past</i>	HWB 328
*Benediction		

*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
	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
Mon	Mennonite Women	1:00 pm
Tue	Staff Meeting	9:30 am
	Worship Committee	5:00 pm
	Wellness Committee	5:00 pm
	Church Board Retreat	6:30 pm
Wed	True Story Leaders	7:00 pm
Thur	Next Man Bible Study	6:15 am
	IMC Pastor Peer Meeting	9:00 am
	Outreach Committee	5:00 pm
	Youth Ministry	6:00 pm
Fri	MYF Fundraiser Dinner	6:30 pm

Today

True Story of the Whole World Redemption Initiated (Scene 1, Abraham and Sarah) 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)

A Word About Our Worship Visuals During our True Story study series, a variety of quilt blocks representing Bible stories or themes will be presented. *This week's quilt represents the rainbow: a reminder of God's covenant never to destroy the earth with a flood again.*

Scripture Focus We begin our worship service with a Scripture Focus each week that comes from the congregational study of the Bible in which we are currently engaged. Each worship service is based on the lesson from the previous week's Sunday School study.

Upcoming Events

Church Membership Class Persons interested in exploring church membership at Mennonite Church of Normal, are invited to two Saturday morning sessions led by Pastor Tim. The sessions will be from 10-12 am on Saturday, February 20 and 27. Contact Pastor Tim if interested. (If interested but time doesn't suit, let Pastor Tim know as well)

MYF VALENTINE'S FUNDRAISER DINNER! The high school youth group will be hosting a fundraising dinner on Friday, February 12, at 6:30pm at the church. Donations will be solicited; proceeds go toward the cost of the 2017 national church youth convention. Because this is a plated meal, AN RSVP IS NEEDED if you plan to attend; call or email Pastor Matt. Thank you!

Of Note

The Usher, Greeter, and Welcome Table yearly list is being compiled. If you are going to continue in this ministry in 2016, please respond to Louise Reeser @829-6508, or reeserfarms@gmail.com by Feb. 14. If you signed up on Offering My Gifts, I do have your name. If this is something new you would like to do in your work for the church, please let me know, and I will add your name to the rotation. The new list will be out before the end of the month, and begins on March 6.

MCN Spending Plan Status
January, 2016

January (and 2016) income \$38,365.08
January (and 2016) spending plan expenses
\$45,999.31



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