

God's People Gather to Worship

For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. Mark 8: 35

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, crib room and monitors.
- **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 8
SHINE Curriculum	
Nursery	Nursery
3 year olds	Room 14
4 year olds	Room 13
Grades K-1	Room 11
Grades 2 & 3	Room 12
Grades 4 & 5	Room 9
Grades 6-7	Room 11
Grades 8-12	Room 5
Adults 11:00 am	
The Spirit Comes	
Mixed Bible Study	Room 2
Led by Leanne Schertz	
Reconcile: Conflict Transformation	
	Room 4
Led by Pastor Tim Schrag	
Exploring Your Fit	
	Fell. Area Classroom
Led by Pastor Jane Roeschley	
Caring and Sharing	
	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
* Next Man's Bible Study	* Parish Nurse

Order of Worship

March 1, 2015

Lent 2

God turns things upside down and inside out
in ways beyond our imagining.

Community Life	Pastor Tim Schrag
Prelude	Chris Culbertson
Call to Worship	Ron Ropp
*Hymns	Wayne Hochstetler
	<i>Great is Thy Faithfulness</i> HWB 327
	<i>In the Morning When I Rise</i> STJ 45
*Prayer	
Children's Time	<i>Prayers We Can Learn: Gesture Prayer</i> Pastor Jane Roeschley
Worship Music	<i>There is a Well</i> Junior Choir, Jonah King
Offering	
Sharing and Preparation for Prayer	
Congregational Prayer	
Worship Music	<i>Alleluia</i> Adult Choir
Scripture	Mark 8: 31-38
Sermon	<i>When Push Comes To Shove</i> Pastor Tim Schrag
Reflection Moment	
*Hymn	<i>Guide My Feet</i> HWB 546
*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
	Christian Education	10:45 am
	Senior High Youth Group	noon
	Junior High Youth Group	5:00 pm
	Junior Choir	6:00 pm
	Youth Choir	6:45 pm
	Adult Choir	7:30 pm
Thu Mar 5	Pastoral Council	6:00 pm

Upcoming Church Events

We begin Spring Christian Education Classes and Curriculum this morning, March 1.

Reconcile: Conflict Transformation for Ordinary Christians Pastor Tim will be leading a Sunday morning CE study of the book *Reconcile: Conflict Transformation for Ordinary Christians*, by John Paul Lederach. Participants should purchase the book and read the preface and chapter one prior to the first class on Sunday, March 1 2015. Unfortunately this announcement was omitted from the February 18th Midweek Announcements. If interested in the class, please order your book and come to the first class today, even if you haven't yet received your book or had time to read the first chapter.

Exploring Your Fit Class: A good "fit" between who we are and how we serve offers the best chance for meaning, significance and joy to result. Pastor Jane will teach the adult elective, *Exploring Your Fit*, during March-May. This class takes a look at how God made us—personality type, natural gifts, spiritual gifts, season of life, Enneagram, and more—in order to think about where we "best fit" in serving in the church and community. Please contact Pastor Jane to register. Minimum of 6 needed.

Family Fun Nights: Mark your calendars for Family Fun Nights on three Wednesday evenings March 11, 18, and 25 at 5:00pm with supper provided. Family Fun Nights are a winter Bible-learning and fellowship program for children and families. The curriculum this year is "Kids Can Build Bridges" from Menno Media.

Beyond MCN

57th Illinois Mennonite Relief Sale, March 20 & 21, Interstate Center, Bloomington. . The Relief Sales booklets have arrived. Please pick some up and give them to businesses, libraries, friends, neighbors etc. Those living on a busy street, pick up a yard sign. We only have a few and cannot get anymore. The beautiful quilts hanging in the atrium are all made by the Mennonite Women. If you like to have some meal tickets to give to friends put your name on the sign-up sheet. March 15 is the display of arts and craft items.

Bluffton College Camerata Singers will be performing on Thursday night March 5, 7pm, at Prairieview Mennonite Church in rural Gridley.

Please Note

2015 MCN Contact Directory The 2015 Directory is in your mailboxes. An electronic version of the Directory in Microsoft Word will be attached to the Midweek Connection.

Pictorial Directory Dates for the pictures: April 22-25. (Dates in Feb 25 Midweek were incorrect).

Feb 22, 2015	
Attendance	170
Spending Plan Giving	\$6,204
Noisy Offering	\$9.84
YTD Average Weekly Giving	**\$9,027
** An average of \$10,199 is needed each week to meet our 2015 Spending Plan of \$513,174.	



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A congregation of Mennonite Church USA

March 1, 2015

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