

## God's People Gather to Worship

So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them...Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me." Matthew 28: 8, 9a,10

### 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.

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### Following Worship

- **Christian Education** for adults begins at 11:00 am. See the classes listed below.

Christian Education Children	
10:45 am	
Gather 'Round (ages 3-1st)	Room 11
SHINE Curriculum	
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 & Teens	
<b>The New Jim Crow</b> David Harnish & Amy Reiman, Leaders, Sanctuary	
<b>Adult Bible Study</b> Judy Hershberger, Leader Conference Room	
<b>High School Study</b> David Warfel Leader, Rooms 5 & 7	

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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 April 16, 2017 Easter We Live

*When our hopes for what will bring life are shattered, we come to the tomb feeling lost, confused, disillusioned and afraid. But it is precisely there that God meets us - revealed in the mystery of the risen Christ. God, the Author of life, empowers us to live fully and enables us to praise once again. We proclaim: Christ is risen! Alleluia!*

Community Life		Pastor Tim Schrag
Prelude		Dorothy Loepp
Call to Worship		Marge Weaver
*Hymns		Cindy Ropp
	<i>Christ the Lord is Risen Today</i>	HWB 280
	<i>Lift Your Glad Voices</i>	HWB 275
*Prayer		
Children's Time		Pastor Jane Roeschley
Offering		
Worship Music	<i>Risen Today</i>	Junior Choir
Confession of Faith		Screen and Back of Bulletin
Worship Music	<i>Hark, I Hear the Harps Eternal</i>	Youth Choir
Sharing and Congregational Prayer		
Worship Music	<i>Shine, Jesus Shine</i>	Adult Choir
Scripture	Matthew 28: 1-10	Drama Group
*Hymn	<i>Sing with All the Saints of Glory</i>	STS 92
Sermon	<i>Fear Not: A Sign for our Times</i>	
Communion Service		
	<i>You've Got Place at the Welcome Table</i>	STJ 4
	<i>Here is This Bread</i>	STS 77
	<i>I am the Bread of Life</i>	HWB 472
*Hymn	<i>Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	HWB 118
*Benediction		
*Postlude & 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.*

## Weekly Calendar

Today	Easter Breakfast	8:00 am
	Pre-Service Prayer	9:00 am
	Worship	9:30 am
Tue Apr 18	Staff Meeting	10:30 am
Thur Apr 20	Next Man Bible Study	6:15 am

**Easter Drama Group** Participants today are Joe Culpepper, Bess Desch, Claire and Wilma Dyck, Wayne & Lois Hochstetler, Deborah and Jordan Spacek, Abby and Joe Warfel.

**Church Membership** Persons interested in exploring church membership at MCN should contact Pastor Schrag. Orientation classes will be scheduled in May or June, depending on interest and schedules.

**Homebuilders April's Home Builders Meeting** Sunday April 23 7:00 PM at MRC Community Building. Deanna and Loren Moshier will be making a presentation entitled: Our Eight Days in KwaZulu-Natal: A Most Fascinating Province in South Africa.

### MCN Spending Plan Status

Thank you for your offerings.  
Year-to-date Income \$103,429  
Year-to-date Expenses \$128,431  
March Income \$37,344  
March Expenses \$44,233  
Attendance on April 9 was 198.

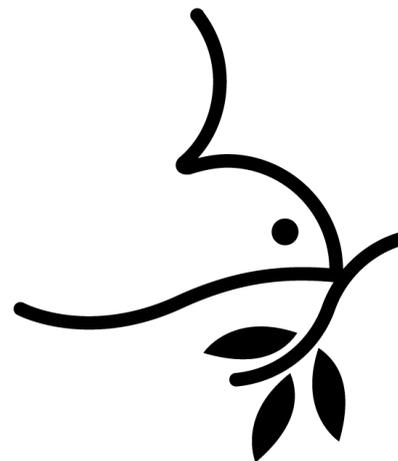
## Confession and Words of Assurance

*Leader: O living God, who raised Jesus from the dead, we shout your great victory; we sing hymns of praise!*

**People:** Even when our hearts are heavy and our eyes are dimmed by sorrow, you are faithful. You wipe away all tears and bring joy in the morning.

*Leader: Teach us, O God, to trust your gracious love, to rest in your unfailing goodness, to hope in your true promise, that we may rejoice all our days and share the good news:*

**All: Alleluia! Amen! Christ is risen! Christ is risen, indeed!**



# Mennonite Church of Normal

A congregation of  
Mennonite Church USA

**April 16, 2017**

**Restore Us, O God  
Easter  
We Live**

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

