

God's People Gather to Worship

Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him."

Acts 2:38-39

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.

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	
The New Jim Crow David Harnish & Amy Reiman, Leaders, Sanctuary	
Adult Bible Study Judy Hershberger, Leader Conference Room	
High School Study 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 23, 2017

Community Life	Pastor Tim Schrag
Prelude	Brass Ensemble
Call to Worship	Pastor Jane Roeschley
*Hymns	Glenn Wilson Chris Culbertson HWB 273 Screen STJ 41
	<i>Low in the Grave He Lay</i> <i>I Know That My Redeemer Liveth</i> <i>Alleluia</i>
*Prayer	
Children's Time	Cory Culbertson
Offering	Randy and Jaron Zehr
Sharing and Congregational Prayer with Lord's Prayer	
*Hymn	<i>My Faith Has Found a Resting Place</i> STJ 43
Scripture	Acts 2:14a, 36-41 Helen Brandon
*Sermon	<i>The Corrupt Generation, Then and Now</i>
Silent Reflection	
*Hymn	<i>The Lord Bless You and Keep You</i> STJ 76
*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	Pre-Service Prayer	9:00 am
	Worship	9:30 am
	CE for Children	10:45 am
	CE for Adults	11:00 am
	Relief Sale Board	2:30 pm
	Junior High Youth	5:00 pm
	Senior High Youth	5:00 pm
	Youth Choir	6:45 pm
	Homebuilders	7:00 pm
Tue Apr 25	Staff Meeting	10:30 am
Thur Apr 27	Next Man Bible Study	6:15 am
	Cluster Leaders	7:00 pm

Today

April Homebuilders Meeting This evening, 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.*

Stories about Peace-Making in Columbia Sunday, April 23, at 6:00 pm, area churches and community members are invited to Metamora Mennonite Church (1393 Mennonite Road in Metamora) to hear Juana Alicia Ruiz speak. She is an Afro-Colombian community leader of Mampuján, a rural community on the Caribbean Coast of Colombia. She will share some of the group's handiwork as well as the stories of the healing and peace that they are working to bring to Colombia's violent history.

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 16 was 262.

Of Note

CE Class on Trauma and Healing The Wellness Committee is developing an Adult Christian Education Class on Trauma and Healing. Please take a 2 minute survey to help them plan a class that best meets the congregation's needs. Thank you! <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MXVMWDL>

Lost and Found Please check the Lost and Found (under the south Mezzanine stairs) for items you may be missing. The remaining contents will be donated during the week of April 24-28.

Grabill-Homan Community Peace Prize This year's annual award will go to community activist Mike Matejka. The ceremony will be on April 24, 5:30 p.m. in room 118 of the ISU Alumni Center, 1101 North Main, Normal.

Upcoming Events

Jewish and Palestinian Voices for Peace At the invitation of the Outreach and Peace and Justice Committees, there will be a Jewish and Palestinian Voices for Peace program at MCN at 7:00 PM Sunday, May 14. This is being coordinated

by Jonathan Brenneman, a Mennonite Church USA Voluntary Service Worker whose assignment it is to educate members of Mennonite Church members about peace opportunities in Israel/Palestine. The speakers will be Steve Sherman representing [Jewish Voices for Peace](#), and [Jonathan Kuttub](#), a Palestinian Mennonite Human Rights Lawyer.

Women's Retreat at Menno Haven May 5-7
Camp Friedenswald Work Day May 13
Central District Conference June 22-24
MCUSA Conference July 4-8



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