

## God's People Gather to Worship

12 "I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear.  
13 But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. John 16: 12-16

### 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	
<b>Children 10:45 am</b>	
Gather 'Round (ages 3-1st)	Room 8
<b>SHINE Curriculum</b>	
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
<b>Adults 11:00 am</b>	
<b>The Spirit Comes</b>	
Mixed Bible Study	Room 2
Led by Leanne Schertz	
<b>Reconcile: Conflict Transformation</b>	Room 4
Led by Pastor Tim Schrag	
<b>Caring and Sharing</b>	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

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## Order of Worship May 31, 2015

Community Life		Pastor Tim Schrag
Ministry Moment	End-of-Life Manual	Vivian Hubbard
Scripture Recitation		Darvis King
Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow." Mark 4: 26-27		
Prelude		Spencer Gillespie
Call to Worship		
*Hymns		Wayne Hochstetler
	<i>When Morning Gilds the Skies</i>	HWB 644
	<i>For the Beauty of the Earth</i>	HWB 89
*Prayer		
Children's Time		Pastor Matt Hickman
Offering		
Sharing and Preparation for Prayer		
Congregational Prayer		
*Hymn	<i>God Remembers</i>	STJ 107
Scripture Reading	John 16: 12-16	John Reimer
Sermon	<i>The Good Days, Old and New</i>	Pastor Tim Schrag
Silent Reflection		
*Hymn	<i>Great God, We Sing</i>	HWB 639
*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-Worship Prayer	9:00 am
	Worship	9:30 am
	Christian Education	10:45 am
Thurs	Next Man Bible Study	6:15 am

## Upcoming MCN Events

**Fine Arts Celebration Postponed** This event, originally scheduled for May 31, will be held at a later date.

**Communion will be served on Sunday, June 7.** The Bible teaches that we are to “examine ourselves” in preparation (1 Cor 11:27-29). Our Mennonite forebears took seriously the idea of being fully at peace with God and one’s Christian brothers and sisters in order to partake. Let us prepare with similar prayerful reflection and personal examination.

**Special Guest: Pastor Amos Shakya Sunday June 7** Outreach Committee is hosting Pastor Amos Shakya, a Nepalese pastor from the Living Water Community Church, a multi-ethnic Mennonite Church in Rogers Park, IL to be with us in worship on Sunday, June 7. Pastor Amos will be giving a brief explanation of their Chicago ministry as a Ministry Moment in worship. He will also share more in-depth during Education hour at 11 a.m. Peace and Justice Committee and Outreach Committee have visited Living Water and have helped support Pastor Amos’ ministry at Living Water.

**SMAP Fundraiser** The annual Student Mutual Aid Program [SMAP] fundraiser will be held Sunday June 7 at 5pm, at Eric and Chellie Miller’s. Everyone is invited; food and childcare are provided. Pledges will be taken to cover tuition costs for our young people pursuing degrees at Mennonite colleges and universities.

**CE 2nd Annual Sugar Grove All-Ages Outing Sunday, June 14th, DURING CE time.** All ages (preschool-high school Sunday school classes, and adults) are welcome to join the fun at

Sugar Grove Nature Center. Kids, bring a change of clothes for creek play. **BRING A SACK LUNCH;** water will be provided. We can transport kids who do not need car seats. Parents will need to deliver those kids in car seats. All children should be picked up at Sugar Grove at 1:00p. You may stay as long as you like. Others who would like to come and picnic and explore are invited to come at any time. The pavilion is reserved for us. We will go rain or shine. Come to see all the wonderful nature God had given us!

## Congratulations

Congratulations to our three high school graduates: Meredith Satchwell, Caitlin Haab, and Hannah Robinson.

## Beyond MCN

**Relief Kits for Nepal** The Outreach Committee is sponsoring a Relief Kit supplies collection as part of the Mennonite Central Committee response to the earthquakes in Nepal. Bring items to the red bin in the church Atrium.

**Founder’s Day Celebration Meadows Home** will be hosting their first Founders’ Day Celebration on Saturday, June 13.

## Opportunities to Serve

**Tshiseleka/Molina Habitat House** We can help Tshitshi and Ginette with child care while they put in “sweat equity” on Saturday mornings throughout the summer. 1) Pick a Saturday to provide babysitting in their home, in your home, at the church, 7:30-12:30. OR 2) Sponsor part or all of the cost of a paid babysitter, about \$60 per morning. Contact church office.

May 24, 2015

Attendance	155
Spending Plan Giving	\$6,245
Noisy Offering	\$10.52
YTD Average Weekly Giving	**\$9,482

\*\*An average of \$10,376 is needed each week to meet our 2015 Spending Plan of \$513,174.



# Mennonite Church of Normal

A congregation of Mennonite Church USA

**May 31, 2015**

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