

God's People Gather to Worship

7 As you go, preach this message: 'The kingdom of heaven is near.' 8 Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons.
Freely you have received, freely give. Matthew 10: 7-8

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	
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
Grades 9-12	Rooms 5 & 7
Adults 11:00 am	
The Christian Community Comes Alive	
Mixed Bible Study	Room 2
Led by Leanne Schertz	
Boundaries	Room 4
Led by Lois Hochstetler & Bess Desch	
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

Order of Worship September 13, 2015

Community Life		Pastor Tim Schrag
Ministry Moment	Children's Offering for Bangladesh	Lynn Reha
Scripture Recitation		Rochelle Augspurger
<i>Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Deuteronomy 6: 4-5</i>		
Prelude		Youth Musicians
Call to Worship		
*Hymns	<i>When Morning Gilds The Skies Sanctuary</i>	Cindy Ropp, Spencer Gillespie HWB 644 Screen
*Prayer		
Hymn	<i>God of All Learning</i> (Tune)	HWB 648 Screen
Blessing of the Backpacks		Pastor Matt Hickman
Children's Time		Shelly King
Offering		
Sharing and Preparation for Prayer		
Congregational Prayer		
*Hymn	<i>O God, Your Constant Care</i>	HWB 481
Scripture Reading	Matthew 10:5-16	Clara Unzicker
Sermon	<i>Keeping Our Feet on the Ground</i>	
Silent Reflection		
*Hymn	<i>Great Is Thy Faithfulness</i>	HWB 327
*Benediction		
*Postlude and Dismissal		

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
	Junior High Youth Group	5:00 pm
	Senior High Youth Group	5:00 pm
Mon	Mennonite Women	1:00 pm
	Financial Stewardship	6:00 pm
Tues	Dismantling Racism Conv.	7:00 pm
Thur	Next Man Bible Study	6:15 am
	Outreach Committee	5:00 pm
	Youth Ministry Comm.	6:00 pm

Events and More

Mennonite Women Organization Mennonite Women start their Fall meeting and Activity schedule on Monday, September 14 at 1:00 am. ALL women are welcome.

MCN Starter Conversation on White Privilege and Dismantling Racism The Outreach Committee will host a conversation on white privilege and dismantling racism at MCN at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, September 15. We especially encourage young people in our church to participate in this conversation. This first conversation will not go over an hour and a half. It is anticipated that after we have this conversation, on a date yet to be determined, MCN will host a seminar(s) on white privilege and dismantling racism led by Ewuare Osayande, Anti-Oppression Coordinator for the Mennonite Central Committee U.S

Taste at Meadows You are invited to the Saturday, September 19, 11:00 am to 3:00 pm, *Taste at Meadows* Fund Raising Event at the Meadows Retirement Community campus in Chenoa. See the Atrium Bulletin Board for details.

Women's Retreat - Camp Friedenswald The theme is Women Rising: Naming, Claiming, Transforming and it will be held on September 25-27, 2015.

Apple Harvest It's apple harvest time! Come out and enjoy fun and fellowship at Eric & Chellie Miller's orchard on Saturday, September 19, beginning at 8:30 am. Address is 821 E. Raab Rd., Normal. It's a larger crop, so we will plan to pick and wash apples and make cider as in the past. Instead of a lunch, breakfast items and beverages will be provided throughout the morning. We plan to finish around noon. Come for all or part of the time. Please bring gently used apple bags from previous harvests for re-use. If you have any questions, please contact Eric or Chellie at 451-3430.

Eagle Court of Honor Ryan Miller has successfully completed the requirements for the Eagle Scout rank, including his project of installing a prayer labyrinth at our church. Ryan will have his official Eagle Court of Honor ceremony on Sunday, September 20, beginning at 2:00 pm at the church. Light refreshments will be served after the ceremony. Please RSVP on the sheet on the back wall of the church or via e-mail to ecmiller95@frontier.com. Everyone is welcome!

Leave or stay? Many Syrian families face that question as international humanitarian assistance dwindles and the patchwork of resources they used to rely on wears thin. Your gift of money helps Mennonite Central Committee continue to provide food, water, rent assistance and winter supplies so families that decide to stay in the region can survive the cold weather ahead. Please give online at mcc.org/syria-iraq; by phone at 1-888-563-4676; or by check, sent to MCC U.S., P.O. Box 500, Akron, PA 17501.

Sept 6, 2015	
Attendance	190
Spending Plan Giving	\$12,732
Noisy Offering	\$6.97
YTD Average Weekly Giving	**\$9245
**An average of \$11,667 is needed each week to meet our 2015 Spending Plan of \$513,174.	



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