

# God's People Gather to Worship

Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me. Psalm 51:10-12

## 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.

<b>Christian Education Children 10:45 am</b>	
Gather 'Round (ages 3-1st)	Room 11
<b>SHINE Curriculum</b>	
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
<b>Adults &amp; Teens</b>	
Discussion and Input Tim Schrag, Facilitator Classroom 4	
Peeling Away the Layers Melika Hershberger, leader, NW Under Mezzanine	
Lectio Divina and Contemplative Response Elsa Raab, Jane Roeschley, Leaders, Pastor Tim's Office	
Bible Study Darrel Miller, Leader Conference Room	
High School Study Jon and Janelle Friesen Leaders, 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 October 30, 2016

Community Life		Pastor Tim Schrag
Scripture Focus		Melika Hershberger
	Then we will never turn back from you; give us life, and we will call on your name. Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved. Psalm 80: 18-19	
Prelude		Elsa Raab
Call to Worship		
*Hymns		Wayne Hochstetler
	<i>What is This Place Come, Let Us all Unite to Sing</i>	HWB 1 HWB 12
*Prayer		
Children's Time		Alena Culbertson
Presentation of Bibles		Pastor Matt Hickman
Offering		
Sharing and Congregational Prayer		
*Hymn		Wayne Hochstetler
	<i>You Are Salt for the Earth</i>	HWB 226
*Scripture		Lydia Hedberg
	Ps 51:1-12	
Sermon		
	<i>Confession and Compassion</i>	
*Hymn		Wayne Hochstetler
	<i>The Lord is King</i>	HWB 69
*Benediction		
*Postlude and Dismissal		

*Please stand as you are able.*

*Parents/Caregivers, please note that Children's CE dismisses at 11:45.*

## Weekly Calendar

Today	Pre-Service Prayer	9:00 am
	Worship	9:30 am
	Children's Christian Ed	10:45 am
	Adult Christian Ed	11:00 am
	Junior High Youth	5:00 pm
	Senior High Youth	5:00 pm
	Junior Choir	6:00 pm
	Youth Choir	6:45 pm
Tues Nov 1	Pastoral Council	6:00 pm
Wed Nov 2	Adult CE Teachers	7:00 pm
Thurs Nov 3	Next Man Bible Study	6:15 am
	Staff Meeting	9:30 am

## Upcoming Events

**Alternative Gifts Fair**, Sundays, November 6 & 13  
Christmas is just 8 weeks away. If you're looking for meaningful gifts for your friends and family this year, look no further! The 13th Annual Alternative Gifts Fair is coming up on Sundays November 6 & 13.

**Election Day Communion** Come join us for a 30 minute Communion Service, 6:00 pm, Tuesday, November 8 in the Sanctuary. Election Day Communion reminds us that though we may vote differently, we are one Body of Christ. It is a chance to choose a "different path" - a path that signifies our allegiance to Christ, to the ways of peace and to unity in the midst of differences. Election Day Communion is an ecumenical movement across the US with over 900 churches participating.

**Red Cross Blood Drive** Saturday, November 12 from 8:00 am-12:00 pm Sign up in the MCN Library or online.

**Congregational Meal and Meeting** on November 13. Youth will be serving the meal prior to the meeting. Financial Stewardship Committee will be presenting the 2017 Spending Plan and the Church Board will be presenting the MCN Vision Statement.

## Of Note



**SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY** On Sunday afternoon, November 6, at 2 pm, cellist Nina Gordon and pianist Nancy

Pound, faculty members at IWU, will present a recital in the Mennonite Church of Normal worship space. The program of classical music includes works by Brahms, Schumann, Bruch, and Rachmaninoff. Please share this information widely with friends and acquaintances. There is no charge.

**Head Start Winter Clothing Drive** Hats, scarves, gloves and coats are needed for all family members of Head Start students. Please drop off this winter clothing in the Atrium.

**Quilt Block Silent Auction for MCC Relief Quilts Supplies** The quilt blocks in the Atrium are for sale by silent auction. All proceeds will be used to purchase fabric and supplies for quilts and comforters made for MCC.

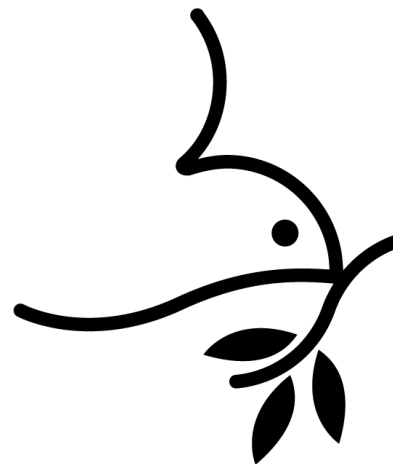
**The Amish Project** The Illinois State University School of Theatre and Dance will present one performance of The Amish Project in Westhoff Theatre at 7:30 p.m. Friday, November 4. The Amish Project is a fictional retelling of the 2006 Nickel Mines shooting. The play demonstrates the power of forgiveness and the ripple effect of compassion.

### MCN Spending Plan Status

Sept Income \$28,439.03  
Sept Expenses \$39,177.30

Year to Date Income \$343,825.23  
Year to Date Expenses \$381,211.79

Thank you for your offerings.  
Attendance on Oct 23 was 171.



# Mennonite Church of Normal

A congregation of  
Mennonite Church USA

**October 30, 2016**

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