

God's People Gather to Worship

In the time of my favor I heard you, and in the day of salvation I helped you.
I tell you, now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation. 2 Corinthians 6:1-2

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	
Led by Lois Hochstetler & Bess Desch	Room 4
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

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Order of Worship November 22, 2015

Community Life Pastor Matt Hickman

Scripture Recitation Pastor Jane Roeschley

*Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all day long. Psalm 25: 5*

Prelude Dorothy Loepp

Call to Worship

*Hymns Wayne Hochstetler
Jesus Calls Us Here to Meet Him STJ 3

*Prayer

Children's Time Chris Culbertson

Offering

Sharing and Preparation for Prayer

Congregational Prayer

*Hymn STJ 44
The Love of God

Scripture Reading Pascal Ngongo
2 Corinthians 5:11-6:2

Sermon Mzwandile Nkutha, AMBS Student & Steve Wiebe-Johnson, MMN
Walking Together in Mission: Toward the New Creation

*Hymn of Preparation HWB 459
I Come With Joy to Meet My Lord

Service of Communion Laurel Beard
(Worship Music during Communion)

*Hymn HWB 478
Sent Forth By God's Blessing

*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
	Junior Choir	6:00 pm
	Youth Choir	6:45 pm
	Homebuilders	6:45 pm
	Adult Choir	7:30 pm

Today

We welcome our guests who are serving us during our worship time:

Steve Wiebe-Johnson serves Mennonite Mission Network as a member of the Mission Network church relations team and Africa ministries team. Prior to these positions, Steve was MMN Africa Director. Steve is a member of Prairie Street Mennonite Church in Elkhart.

Mzwandile Nkutha is a student at Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary and works with the Anabaptist Network in South Africa. His wife Lydia and their daughter Ulu are with him.

Laurel Beard is a lyric soprano and adjunct professor of voice at Illinois Central Collage. Ms. Beard has used our sanctuary for recording purposes and is sharing her beautiful worship music with us today as a thanks for our congregation's warmth and hospitality.

Today is Communion Sunday Contributions for the Mutual Aid Fund are specifically sought on Communion Sundays. Resources from this benevolent fund are disbursed by the Pastoral Council in times of discerned need. Simply include your offering clearly marked "Mutual Aid" when the plate is passed. There will also be a basket in the back of the Sanctuary for contributions. Your gift will be gratefully received, and carefully distributed.

Upcoming Events

Homebuilders Larry Schrader will present, "An Apple a Day Keeps the Doctor Away—Make Mine An Extra Fancy" today at 6:45 pm.

Thanksgiving Meal will take place at MCN at noon on Thanksgiving Day, November 26. Please sign up for your part in this potluck meal on the Atrium Bulletin Board. Any questions? Please see Marge Nester.

Save the Date Surprise Luncheons December 6
Surprise Luncheon Our annual surprise luncheon is December 6 following Sunday School. What is a surprise luncheon? You sign up to host a small group for dinner or attend as a guest. The surprise is that you find out on Sunday, December 6, where you will be for dinner. Please complete flyers and turn into Church Office **TODAY**.

Of Note

Alternative Gifts Fair Thanks so much to all for your overflowing generosity! Our current total is \$20,358—a \$5000 increase over 2014! Total for Mennonite Central Committee is \$12,580 and for Alternative Gifts International is \$7,778. Sunday the 22nd is the last day to turn in checks & shopping lists. Again, heartfelt thanks!

Pastor Tim and Sue will be in Kansas this week for the Thanksgiving holiday.

The Church Office will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 26 & 27.

Nov 15, 2015	
Attendance	220
Spending Plan Giving	\$6,812
Noisy Offering	\$7.33
YTD Average Weekly Giving	**\$8,988
**An average of \$16,821 is needed each week to meet our 2015 Spending Plan of \$513,174.	



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A congregation of Mennonite Church USA

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