

## A NOTE FROM THE PASTORS

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



Welcome! Visiting a church for the first time takes courage and initiative.

We hope you found us to be a welcoming place to worship God and a friendly place to fellowship with others.

If you are new to the community or are looking for a spiritual home, we want to become acquainted with you. In this information you will find ways to learn more about us, and about our larger church family, the Mennonite Church USA.

We find extraordinary joy and satisfaction in following Jesus Christ in our ordinary lives. We do this through vibrant worship, caring for each other and partnering with others in Christian service to our community and the world.

For more information on any of the items in this folder, please contact the church office at 452-6622, or email the church office at [normal.mennonite@verizon.net](mailto:normal.mennonite@verizon.net)

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## WORSHIP

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In our worship we are invited to encounter God so that we become more like Jesus Christ.

As we grow more into the likeness of Christ, we join God in service and mission to love and redeem the world.

And thus we offer Christ's peace to hearts, homes, our community and the world.

*Come worship with us to encounter God, grow more like Christ and join God's mission to love the world.*

**Sunday Worship Service — 9:30 am**  
**Fellowship Time — 10:45 am**  
**Christian Education for all ages — 11:00 am**

Worship services include traditional singing, children's time, biblical thought-provoking sermons, community-building sharing and prayer. Communion is celebrated six times a year.

# CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

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Mennonite Church of Normal is committed to children, youth and their families:

- **Nanny Agency-staffed toddler and preschool nurseries** allow full parent/caregiver participation in worship and Christian Education.
  - **Child Protection Policy**, including a signed document by all volunteers who work with children
    - **Summer camp** experiences at Mennonite Church camps
      - **Junior Choir (Grades 2-5)** meets October – April.
      - **Youth Choir (Grades 6-12)** meets October-April.
    - **Christian Education for all ages**, and **youth camps** for junior and senior high students
    - **Families with young children** gather for recreation and activities throughout the year
  - **Adult Baptism Mentors** provide friendship, guidance, accountability and encouragement for our adolescents
    - **Family Fun Nights** with Bible teaching, singing and activities
      - ...and more!

## CONNECTIONS

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**Area Clusters** Area Clusters include all attendees at MCN.

Within the seven regionally organized Area Clusters, we offer hospitality to each other, (especially newcomers), celebrate life events, and offer assistance and encouragement to each other in times of need.

### Care Groups

Small groups meet on a regular basis for the common purpose of sharing, prayer and support.

### Christian Education

Sunday school class options include Bible studies and a variety of topical studies each quarter.

### Mennonite Women

On the second Monday of the month (September-May) this group meets for devotions, fellowship and to work on service projects.

### Homebuilders

This informal group meets the fourth Sunday evening of the month (September-April) for enriching and educational programs.

### Bible/Book Studies

Several groups (men and women) meet regularly for book or Bible studies. Contact the church office for more information.

### Families with Young Children

Periodic get-togethers throughout the year include a Fourth of July picnic, outings to the park during the summer months, a hayrack ride and wiener roast in the fall, church retreat, pizza parties, and game nights.

### Retreats

Families gather for a winter retreat at Camp Friedenswald in Michigan. The annual all-church retreat is held at Menno Haven in Summer.

# MINISTRIES

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One of the heartbeats of Mennonite faith is service and discipleship. We seek to make the love of Jesus Christ real in the world through word and deed—to people across the street, throughout our town and around the world.

A sampling of our ministries includes the following. **New Ministries** are always welcome.

<b>Habitat for Humanity</b>	<b>Furniture for Families</b>
<b>After-School Tutoring</b>	<b>Victim Offender Reconciliation Program (VORP)</b>
<b>Parish Nursing</b>	<b>Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) Relief Sale</b>
<b>Jesus House</b>	<b>Church Camps</b>
<b>Heartland Head Start</b>	Menno Haven Camp & Retreat Center, Tiskilwa IL
<b>Prison Ministries</b>	Camp Friedenswald, Cassopolis MI
<b>Mennonite Central Committee</b>	<b>Retirement Homes</b>
<b>Advocate BroMenn Hospital</b>	Meadows Mennonite Home, Meadows IL
	Maple Lawn Homes, Eureka IL