

# God's People Gather to Worship

But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. Matthew 6:6

## 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.
- **Caring and Sharing** time is available in the center Fellowship Area.

<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 January 15, 2017

Community Life		Pastor Tim Schrag
Ministry Moment	<i>The New Jim Crow</i> Adult CE Class	Amy Reiman, David Harnish
Scripture Focus		Pastor Jane Roeschley
	<i>Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Matthew 5:3</i>	
Prelude		Denise Hedberg
Call to Worship		HWB 670
*Hymns		Cindy Ropp
	<i>O Come, Loud Anthems Let Us Sing</i>	HWB 68
	<i>All Beautiful the March of Days</i>	HWB 159
*Prayer		
Children's Time		Melika Hershberger
Offering		
Sharing and Congregational Prayer with Lord's Prayer		
*Hymn	<i>Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying</i>	HWB 353
Scripture	Matt 6:5-15	JB Ponnou-Delaffon
Sermon	<i>The Powerful Plurals of Prayer</i>	
*Hymn	<i>Make Me a Channel of Your Peace</i>	STJ 56
*Benediction		
*Postlude and Dismissal		

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

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

*Please remember to silence your cell phone.*

## Weekly Calendar

Today	Pre-Service Prayer	9:00 am
	Worship	9:30 am
	CE for Children	10:45 am
	CE for Adults	10:45 am
	Junior High Youth	5:00 pm
	Senior High Youth	5:00 pm
Tue Jan 17	Staff Meeting	10:30 am
Wed Jan 18	Adult CE Teachers	7:00 pm
Thu Jan 19	Next Man Bible Study	6:15 am
Jan 20-22	Junior High Retreat at Menno Haven	
Jan 22	Congregational Meal and Annual Meeting	

The Annual Meeting of the Mennonite Church of Normal is scheduled for Sunday, January 22 at 1:00 pm. The Annual Reports document is available for you on the church website. If you would like a copy at the meeting, please print and bring along.

An expanded agenda has been printed and is in your mailboxes. It includes the Vision and Mission Statement, for which the Board will be asking affirmation, and some questions that will help you participate in the "Hearing from the Congregation" agenda item. This expanded agenda is also available on the MCN website.

**Congregational Meal** Preceding the meeting will be a congregational meal. The menu for this meal includes a macaroni and cheese bar and salad. This meal is a fund raiser to help with the expenses of sending our youth to Orlando for MCUSA Youth Convention 2017.

All are invited to participate in the meal and the meeting.

**The New Jim Crow Adult Christian Education Elective** is based on Michelle Alexander's book. Participants should plan to purchase the book prior to the class. It is available on Amazon or at Barnes and Noble.

**All Church Winter Retreat at Camp Friedenswald** EVERYONE is invited to a weekend of fellowship and fun at camp, January 27-29! Friedenswald is a beautiful retreat in southern Michigan with comfortable, warm lodges to accommodate us. Opportunities for social time or solitude abound! Activities for the weekend include sledding, tubing, hiking, relaxing, eating, cross country skiing, reading, games, worship, fellowship, and more! More details and sign up at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e094faaa87-allchurch>

**Hospitality Volunteers** In 2016, many of you served as Hospitality Volunteers. Thank you very much. We are making the schedule for Ushers, Greeters and Welcome Table beginning in March of 2017. I will consider your name to be continuing from 2016, unless I hear otherwise from you. If you have not been on the previous schedule for 2016, but would like to participate in 2017, please contact me. *Louise Reeser.*

**Welcome Sign** If you would like to have a welcome sign like the one below, contact Cindy Ropp.



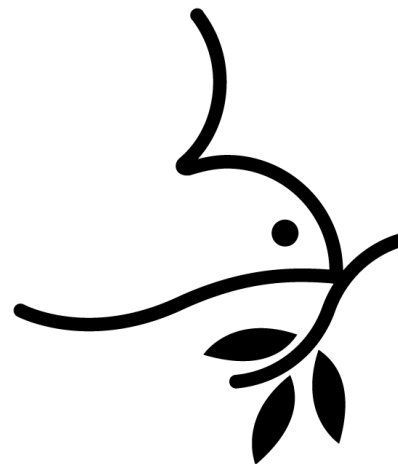
### MCN Spending Plan Status

Thank you for your offerings.

December Income \$74,511.16  
December Expenses \$45,696.87

2016 Income \$505,846.55  
2016 Expenses \$507,475.78

Attendance on Jan 8 was 216.



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A congregation of Mennonite Church USA

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