

Mennonite Church of Normal

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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.

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
Adults & Teens	
The New Jim Crow David Harnish & Amy Reiman, Leaders, Sanctuary	
Adult Bible Study Judy Hershberger, Leader Conference Room	
High School Study Matt Hickman Leader, Rooms 5 & 7	

Mennonite Church of Normal
Vision and Mission
The Mennonite Church of Normal is a nurturing Anabaptist community that fosters the Christ-centered spiritual growth of all people. As followers of Jesus, we aspire to transform our communities and world into places of peace, healing, and hope.
Through our worship, Christian Education for all ages, fellowship, and service to others in love, the Mennonite Church of Normal lives out Anabaptist values of peace, reconciliation, discipleship, and community. Our belief in Jesus calls us to pray, share our faith, work toward peace and social justice, and create a culture of care and generosity.
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Order of Worship

May 21, 2017

Community Life		Pastor Tim Schrag
Prelude		Dorothy Loepp
Call to Worship		Lynette Miller
*Hymns	<i>Blessed Savior, We Adore Thee</i> <i>Be Thou My Vision</i>	Glenn Wilson HWB 107 HWB 545
*Prayer		
Children’s Time		Holly Zehr
Offering		
Sharing and Congregational Prayer		
*Hymn	<i>I’m Pressing on the Upward Way</i>	STJ 96
Scripture	1 Timothy 4:11-15	Marlphonsia (Tania) Kimbembe
Sermon	<i>Welcome to Baccalaureate</i>	
Silent Reflection		
*Hymn	<i>Thank God for Life</i>	STJ 108
*Benediction		
*Postlude		
*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
	Graduation Reception	10:45 am
	CE for Children	10:45 am
	CE for Adults	11:00 am
	Jr & Sr High Youth	4:30 pm
Thu May 25	Next Man Bible Study	6:15 am
	Bridge of Hope	6:00 pm

This Sunday

The New Jim Crow class meets today in Classroom 4, which is beside the kitchen. Michelle Cook of the Jobs Partnership program is the guest speaker today. She will share about the reentry program she facilitates for those newly released from prison. She will also be sharing volunteer opportunities for our congregation. While this is the conclusion to our study of the Sunday School class study of Michelle Alexander's book, *The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in an Era of Colorblindness*, **anyone is welcome to attend.**

Upcoming Events

Student Mutual Aid Program Fundraiser Picnic will be held on June 11th at the home of Eric and Chellie Miller, 821 E Raab Road, Normal. The event starts at 4:30 and supper will be served at 5:00 pm. All are invited.

Picnic on MCN Lawn June 11 Bring a sack lunch and play games after Sunday School. Drinks and ice cream provided.

MCN Spending Plan Status

Thank you for your offerings.
Year-to-date Income \$145,457
Year-to-date Expenses \$181,042
April Income \$42,028
April Expenses \$53,791
Attendance on May 14 was 190.

Summer Adult Christian Education

The Uniform series class will be taking a detour this summer and using two studies from MennoMedia's Upside Down Living series. Each are six week studies, one on Sabbath and one on Identity and Aging. Teachers for the summer session are Judy Hershberger and Lynette Miller. If you don't regularly attend this class, but think you might be interested because of these two topics, please contact Lynette Miller so we can order extra study guides.

There will also be a sermon response class. These classes begin June 11. On June 4 "Talk to the Church Board" will take place during Adult CE time.

Opportunities to Serve

Summer Sunday School Volunteers Needed
The Christian Education committee is looking for help with the children's Sunday School experience this summer. Volunteers can use the curriculum plan and activities provided for their day or choose to follow their own plan and "theme" with stories, songs, games, crafts, etc. of their own choosing Contact Beth Reeser or use the SignUp Genius link in the Midweek.

Summer Worship You are invited to sign up for one or more Sundays this summer to: provide special worship music, vocal or instrumental, to bring fresh flowers for in front of the pulpit, or to request a favorite hymn. Use the Signup Genius link in the Midweek or contact Pastor Jane.

Hygiene Kits During May and June, Mennonite Women will be collecting Hygiene Kits. The bags are in the back of the Sanctuary for you to take home to fill with the necessary supplies: **1 adult size toothbrush, 1 large bar bath soap, 1 fingernail clipper 1 hand towel (dark color). These should be NEW items only, in original packaging (and that includes original packaging for the toothbrushes!)**



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