

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 – All Invited

- **Christian Education** for adults begins at 11:00 am. See the classes listed below, all are welcome.
- **Caring and Sharing** coffee time is available in the center rear Fellowship Area, all are welcome.

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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.

Christian Education

Children and Youth 10:45 am

Gather 'Round (age 3-1st grade) Room 11
Nursery (newborn – age 3) Room 3
PreK (3 & 4 year olds) Rooms 13 & 14
Kindergarten & Grade 1 Room 11
Grades 2 Room 12
Grades 3 – 5 Room 9
Grades 6 – 8 Room 8
High School Rooms 5 & 7

Adults 11:00 am

Exploring Your Fit, Pastor Jane Roeschley, Leader, North Mezzanine
Adult Bible Study—Faith in Action, Darrel Miller, Leader, Conference Room (Room 2)
Extreme Grandparenting, Steve Stenger & Joe Culpepper, Leaders, Room 4 (by Kitchen)
Embracing the Uncertain, Lynette Miller, Leader, South Mezzanine
Caring and Sharing Fellowship Area

Staff

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Order of Worship February 25, 2018

Promises to All Generations

Generation after generation, God's promises and God's love lengthen, and include all.

Community Life		Pastor Tim Schrag
Prelude		Dorothy Loepp
Call to Worship		Nathan Miller
*Hymns	<i>We Sing to You, O God The God of Abraham Praise</i>	Wayne Hochstetler STJ 1 HWB 162
*Prayer		
Children's Time		Shelly King
Offering		
Confession		
Silent Reflection		
Scripture Proclamation	Psalm 22: 23-31	Holly Zehr
*Hymn	<i>Sing with All the Saints in Glory</i>	STS 92
Congregational Prayer		
Scripture Reading	Genesis 17:1-7;15-16; Romans 4:16-17	
Sermon	<i>Pathways from the Past</i>	
*Hymn	<i>We Give Thanks Unto You</i>	HWB 161
*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	11:00 am
	Youth Groups	5:00 pm
	Junior Choir	6:00 pm
	Youth Choir	6:45 pm
	Adult Choir	7:30 pm
Tue Feb 27	Financial Stewardship	4:30 pm
Thur Mar 1	Next Man Bible Study	6:15 am

Upcoming Events

First Mennonite Church of Morton Ball Brothers Concert @ 250 S Baltimore Ave. Morton, IL on Saturday, March 3rd 6:00 PM. Tickets are \$10. For more information or to purchase tickets call (309) 266-7591 or email gknee@mtco.com.

60th Anniversary Illinois Mennonite Relief Sale March 16-17, 2018 at the Interstate Center. Sign up sheets and supplies are available. More baked goods are needed for the Dutch Market-especially pies. If you wish to order pie crusts please place your order and money today. All items for auction may be brought to church for display starting March 4. Items must be at church no later than Friday morning March 16, for delivery to the sale. Please distribute Relief Sale booklets, posters and yard signs around town and let our neighbors know of this great sale! Questions? Ask Deb Stenger (309) 826-0332 or Gerry Schrock (309) 452-7345.

Midwest Food Bank Volunteer Opportunities March 22 or May 11 or August 20 from 6-8pm. Come join us in a fun evening of service to others at Midwest Food Bank! Sign up through the link in the Midweek or contact the church office.

Save the Date! Tom Neilson in concert @ MCN, Friday, April 20th at 7 pm.

Save the Date! MCN Family Fun Nights are Fridays, April 13, 20, and 27, from 5:15-7:15 pm. Come experience Wind and Waves with us!

Today

Surprise Luncheons are after Sunday School! If you are a guest, look in your mailbox for where to go!

Of Note

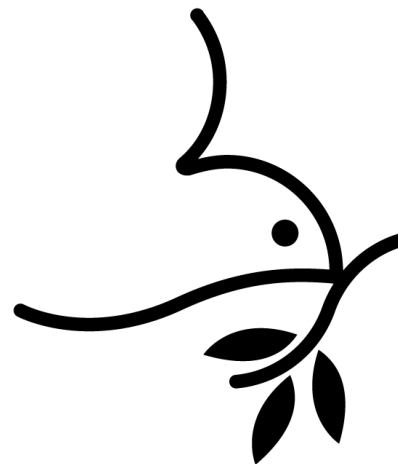
All Sharing and Prayer Requests to Pastor Tim During Lent Please write out or send by email to Pastor Tim all items for sharing and prayer for Sunday worship. There is no open microphone sharing during Lent.

Lenten Focus: This year's visual focus is "The Curtain of Lent" The fabric draped over the cross reminds us of a curtain that is hung at a window, and the knots in the fabric symbolize how God's promises connect--or "knot" us--to God. In preparing for his ministry and the fulfillment of God's plan, Jesus "pulled a curtain" over his everyday life--his routine, his family, and his disciples--to spend 40 days alone in the wilderness, fasting and praying. During Lent, we also can choose to "pull a curtain" over things in our lives--distractions, unhealthy habits, or areas of imbalance--in order to focus more on God's work in our lives and reflect on the promises we find in Jesus' life, death, and resurrection.

Northwest Neighborhood Community Center (NNCC) serves meals to families on Tuesdays & Thursdays. They are in need of volunteers to prepare and serve the food in the NNCC kitchen. Check the link in the Midweek for openings. Another option to help would be donating money for the cost of a meal, or providing a meal from a local restaurant or caterer. Contact Sarah Tunall at Sarah.Tunall@nncc.org or Amy Reiman at a.reiman98@gmail.com for more information.

MCN Spending Plan Status

Thank you for your offerings.
Year-to-Date Income \$34,550
Year-to-Date Expenses \$44,628
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Attendance on February 18 was 164.



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Lent 2: Promises to All Generations

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