

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—Acknowledging God, 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 March 25, 2018

Palm Sunday

Journeying with Jesus to the Cross

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| Community Life | | Pastor Tim Schrag |
| Prelude | <i>All Glory Laud and Honor</i> | Dorothy Loepp |
| Call to Worship | Matthew 21:1-11 The Triumphal Entry | Pastor Jane Roeschley |
| *Hymn | <i>Hosanna, Loud Hosanna</i> | Wayne Hochstetler HWB 238 |
| *Prayer | | |
| Children’s Time | | Shelly King |
| Hymn | <i>For God Alone (sing 3 times)</i> | STS 70 |
| | Matthew 26:36-46 Jesus Prays in the Garden | |
| Offering | | |
| Hymn | <i>Go to Dark Gethsemane</i> | HWB 240 |
| Congregational Prayer | | |
| | Matthew 26:47-56 Jesus Betrayed and Arrested | |
| *Hymn | <i>Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley</i> | STS 80 |
| | Matthew 26:69-75; 27:1-2; 11-14 Jesus Denied and Tried | |
| *Hymn | <i>When We Are Tempted</i> | STS 81 |
| | Luke 23:20-34 Jesus Crucified | |
| Worship Music | <i>Were You There</i> | Randy Zehr |
| Quiet Meditation | | |
| Worship Music | <i>At the Foot of the Cross</i> | Lenten Choir |
| Moment of Silence | | |
| *Benediction | | |
| *Musical Dismissal | | |
| Depart in Silence | | |

**Please stand as you are able.
 Please remember to silence your cell phone.*

Weekly Calendar

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| 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 |
| Thu Mar 29 | Next Man Bible Study | 6:15 am |
| | Maundy Thursday Service | 6:30 pm |
| Fri Mar 30 | Good Friday Service | 7:00 pm |
| Sat Mar 31 | MCN Blood Drive | 8:00 am |

Upcoming Events

Holy (Maundy) Thursday Service - Thursday, March 29, 6:30 pm. This service includes scriptures, prayer, quiet music, Communion and the voluntary opportunity to practice foot washing.

Contemporary Good Friday Service March 30, at 7 pm. Jesus' death on the cross is the ultimate expression of love, and we have many ways to acknowledge this gift. Join us for 45 minutes of youth-led contemporary worship music interlaced with non-traditional reflections on love and the cross as we prepare for Easter.

MCN Blood Drive, Saturday, March 31 from 8:00 am-noon. Sign up in the church library or through the link in the Midweek.

MCN Easter Breakfast, April 1, at 8:00 am. Sign up on the bulletin board in the Atrium or use the link in the Midweek for Signup Genius.

Inside MEDA: Thursday, April 5 at 7:00 pm
You're invited to an Inside MEDA event hosted by Eric and Chellie Miller at the MRC Building. Come to enjoy light snacks, and each other's company, as we hear stories from the Millers' visit to MiCredito in Nicaragua, Bethany Nussbaum's trip to Myanmar, and experience a day in the life of a MEDA farmer. Please RSVP, text or call, to Eric (309.831.6585) or Chellie (309.212.2408) by Wed, April 4.

Today

Homebuilders will be 7:00 pm on Sunday, March 25 at the MRC Community Building. The speaker will be Jill Blair who is running for the Illinois House of Representatives in the 88th District. Jill is a Communications Analyst at Country Financial. All are invited.

Of Note

Next Sunday we will celebrate Communion in worship here at MCN. In preparation, we are all encouraged to engage in self-examination—of both our relationship with God, and with others. We also receive specially designated gifts for our Mutual Aid Fund on Communion Sundays, as a means of assisting others in needs through being the Body of Christ.

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.

MCN Spending Plan Status

Thank you for your offerings.
Year-to-Date Income \$70,265
Year-to-Date Expenses \$89,305
February Income \$35,715
February Expenses \$44,660
Attendance on March 18 was 189.



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