

## 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
Mon Aug 6	Board Meeting w/ Youth	7:00 pm
Tue Aug 7	Wellness Committee	5:30 pm
Wed Aug 8	Pastoral Council	6:00 pm
Thur Aug 9	Next Man Bible Study	6:15 am
	Outreach Committee	5:00 pm

### Today

We celebrate Communion in worship here at MCN. In preparation, we are all encouraged to engage in self-examination - both of our relationships with God, and with others.

### Upcoming Events

**Next Sunday**, August 12th, we will meet at Camp Menno Haven Sunday. **There is no worship planned for 805 S Cottage that day.**

**Urgent Help Needed by MDS Puerto Rico.** August 11-18. Masonary, plumbing, electrical and finishing skills preferred. There is an allowance to help with airfare costs by MDS. Call Deanna Frey at MDS, 800.241.8111 for info.

**Midwest Food Bank Volunteer Opportunity** August 20, 6pm - 8pm, Come join us in a fun evening of service to others at Midwest Food Bank! Anyone 10 yrs or older is welcome. We are limited to 20 individuals. Sign up through the link in the Midweek or contact the church office.

#### MCN Spending Plan Status

Thank you for your offerings.  
Year-to-Date Income \$274, 743  
Year-to-Date Expenses \$289,792  
July Income \$37,827  
July Expenses \$37,479  
Attendance on July 29 was 172.

## Of Note

**Pastor Tim Schrag and Pastor Jane Roeschley** have shared their retirement plans with the Church Board. Pastor Tim will retire on September 1, 2019, and Pastor Jane will retire on November 30, 2019. The Church Board has been planning for this transition for some time and is working closely with conference leadership to consider the appropriate next steps. As plans develop, the congregation will be kept informed

### Electronic Sign at the Mennonite Church of Normal (MCN)

**Question:** How important is the Electronic Sign to the mission of the MCN?

**Some history:** In 2009 we purchased the Electronic Sign for about \$42,000 with a five year warranty. Since 2014 we have spent an additional \$26,000 on the sign mostly to replace non-functioning light modules for about \$600 each. About one-half have been replaced to date. Currently there are at least four that are not functionally correctly. What do we do?

**Options:** 1. Replace the four modules and continue as we have been. 2. Accept a bid to replace the complete set of lights with different set for \$16,000 with a five year warranty. 3. Abandon the Electronic Sign, that is, shut it off and move to a more fixed sign without the ability to change the message easily. Again, how important is the sign to the mission of the MCN?

**Responses:** Send to Lynn at officemanager@normalmennonite.org and/or Lotus at ldhersh@ilstu.edu.

**Family Literacy Child Care - School Year Volunteer Needed** Our summer volunteers for the Family Literacy Child Care, 12:30-2:00 pm each Wednesday are heading back to school. We need 2 (or 3) volunteers who could serve 1-2 times per month. Please talk to Pastor Jane.



# Mennonite Church of Normal

A congregation of Mennonite Church USA

**August 5, 2018**

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

# 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.

## 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.

### Christian Education

#### Children and Youth 10:45 am–11:45 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

**Adult Bible Study—Justice in the New Testament,**  
 Darrel Miller, Leader, Conference Room (Room 2)

**Practices to Encounter the Holy,** Lynette Miller,  
 Leader, Room 4 (By Kitchen)

**Caring and Sharing,** Fellowship Area

### Staff

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# Order of Worship August 5, 2018

Community Life		Pastor Jane Roeschley
Prelude		Youth Musicians
Call to Worship		
*Hymn	<i>This is My Father’s World</i>	Barry Weaver HWB 154
*Prayer		
Children’s Time		Louise Reeser
Offering	<i>How Beautiful</i> —by Twila Paris	Alena & Chris Culbertson
Service of Baptism and Membership		Art and Carolyn Headley Charlotte Hedberg Jonah King
Congregational Response	We welcome you, Art, Carolyn, Charlotte, and Jonah, as members of this congregation. We thank God for your presence in the Body of Christ and ask God’s blessing on you all the days of your life.	
Personal Statement	<i>Be Thou My Vision (Verse 1)</i>	Sam Warfel
Hymn of Response	<i>My Life Flows On</i>	HWB 580
Sharing and Congregational Prayer	<b>Leader:</b> Lord, in Your goodness/mercy...	STJ 167 <b>People: ....Hear our prayer</b>
Scripture Reading	Romans 12:1, 6:3-11	Joe Warfel
<i>Sermon</i>	<i>Dusting Off Ritual</i>	Lynette Miller
*Hymn	<i>In the Bulb There is a Flower</i>	HWB 614
Service of Communion		
*Hymn	<i>I Am The Bread of Life</i>	HWB 472
*Benediction		
*Postlude and Dismissal		

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

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