

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 Sept 10	Mennonite Women	9:30 am
Tue Sept 11	Financial Stewardship	4:30 pm
	Wellness Committee	5:30 pm
	Church Board	6:30 pm
Wed Sept 12	Pastoral Council	6:00 pm
Thur Sept 13	Next Man Bible Study	6:15 am
	Outreach Committee	5:00 pm
	Leadership Selection	6:30 pm

Today

Adult offerings during Christian Education Hour, starting September 9:

Welcoming the LGBTQ Community: Biblical Perspectives and Storytelling, taught by Joe Culpepper and Darrel Miller. Depending on size, this class will meet to the left of the kitchen (Room 4) or in the Sanctuary.

God's World and God's People, a study of the book of Genesis, with leading spread among class members. This class will meet in the conference room.

Lectio Divina/Lectio Visio class: contemplative reading of scripture or contemplative gazing of religious art with group interaction and response. Initially led by Lynette Miller. This class will meet under the mezzanine, north end.

MCN Spending Plan Status

Thank you for your offerings.
 Year-to-Date Income \$308,675
 Year-to-Date Expenses \$326,548
 August Income \$33,931
 August Expenses \$36,756

Upcoming Events

Home Sweet Home Thanksgiving Collection

Widow's Cruse for September is dedicated to the Thanksgiving Meals for Home Sweet Home Ministries. Please see the list of food items needed on the entry table or in the Midweek.

Apple Harvest: Unfortunately, the quantity and quality of apples this year won't justify a community harvest day. However, there are a small number of good apples which can be salvaged. The Millers would welcome a group of about 20 volunteers on the morning of Saturday, September 15 to pick and wash apples for the Relief Sale along with Home Sweet Home or other agencies. No cider will be made. Please contact Eric (309.831.6585) or Chellie (309.212.2408) if you're interested in assisting.

Global South Voices are coming to MCN at 7:00 PM on Monday, September 24. The three people are from El Salvador, Zimbabwe, and Nepal will be sharing their stories about how climate change has affected them and their communities. The tour sponsor is The Center for Sustainable Climate Solutions, a collaborative initiative between Mennonite Central Committee (MCC), Goshen College, and Eastern Mennonite University. This event is sponsored by the Homebuilders and the Outreach and Peace & Justice Committees.

The Political Jesus Seminar is hosted by New Covenant Community, 210 W. Mulberry St., Normal, IL, September 14th and 15th. The Jesus of history resisted the political and social realities of his day. Early Christians did the same. Neither one was necessarily successful in their aims, but what do we know about their attitudes toward the economy, immigrants, and war? How did Jesus and emerging Christ communities express concerns for justice and peace? Looking at the world today, what would they say about American politics? Scholarships are available from the Peace and Justice Committee.

Mennonite Church Blood Drive Save the date of Saturday, November 10, from 8:00 am - 12:00 pm. Sign up to donate through the link in the Midweek.



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

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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

Adults and High School 11:00 am

Welcoming the LGBTQ Community: Biblical Perspectives and Storytelling, Joe Culpepper and Darrel Miller, Leaders, Rm 4 (by Kitchen) / Sanctuary

Adult Bible Study—God’s World and God’s People, Class Lead, Conference Room (Room 2)

Lectio Divina/Lectio Visio, Lynette Miller, Leader, North Mezzanine

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Order of Worship September 9, 2018

Community Life		Pastor Tim Schrag
Prelude	Matt Culbertson, Evan & Jonah King, Wesley Hershberger	
Call to Worship		Darvis King
*Hymns		Cindy Ropp, Chris Culbertson
	<i>For the Beauty of the Earth</i>	HWB 89
	<i>Hamba Nathi (Come, Walk with Us)</i>	STJ 2
*Prayer		
Children’s Time		Holly Zehr
Pre-K Bibles		Chris Culbertson
Offering	<i>O When the Saints, Bound for the Promised Land</i>	Clara Ponnou-Delafon
Youth Sponsors Blessing		
Sharing and Congregational Prayer		
*Hymn	<i>My Soul is Filled with Joy</i>	STJ 13
Scripture Reading	Psalm 33:1-11, John 1:1-5; 14	Linda Clemmons
Sermon	<i>God’s Word, and God’s World</i>	
*Hymn	<i>The Love of God</i>	STJ 44
*Sung Benediction	<i>“Seeds” Sending Song</i>	
*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.*

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