

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
	MYF & JMYF College Fair	5:00 pm
Mon Sept 17	Personnel Policy Comm.	5:30 pm
	Process Design Team	6:00 pm
Tue Sept 18	Wellness Committee	5:30 pm
	Youth Ministry Comm.	6:30 pm
Thur Sept 20	Next Man Bible Study	6:15 am

Of Note

The Board of the MCN at its meeting on Sept 11, 2018, approved the Solar Installation Project, as brought by the Financial Stewardship Committee. There will be a congregational vote following worship on Sept 30 on the following resolution:

“The Board of the MCN recommends that the Congregation approve the Solar Installation Project, September 2018, which includes the replacement of the current roof with a standing seam metal roof and the installation of solar panels on the south and west facing areas of the roof.”

Information about this project is available on the table in the entryway. There will be additional information sessions on Sept 23 at both 11 AM and at 12 Noon in Room 4 by the kitchen.

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.

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

Attendance on September 9 was 182.

Upcoming Events

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.

Have you thought about who is under your carbon footprint? Join The Center for Sustainable Climate Solutions (CSCS) and MCC as they bring partners from El Salvador, Zimbabwe, and Nepal to share firsthand accounts of the shifting climate and its effects on communities. On Monday, September 24, from 7:00-8:30 p.m. Zacarias Arcio Bernabé Martínez, Dr. Sibonokuhle Ncube, and Durga Sunchiuri will share personal accounts of their work in their home countries at MCN. This event is sponsored by the Homebuilders and the Outreach and Peace & Justice Committees. Hope to see you there!

The ISU School of Theatre and Dance fall production season launches with Ga-AD! by Adong Lucy Judith and Nambozo Beverley Nzenziyunva. Ga-AD! runs September 26–29 at 7:30 p.m. and September 29 and 30 at 2 p.m. in the Center for the Performing Arts Theatre. Adong comes to campus from Uganda. Ga-AD!, inspired by the poem *The Loneliest Journey is the Journey of a Faithful Woman*, is a play-poetry hybrid that explores the role of women in a Pentecostal church in modern-day Uganda. Faith, a loyal servant of God, has suffered a car accident and entered into the afterlife. Looking back, Faith questions her actions and her relationship with the charismatic and greedy Apostle Jeremiah. Cindy Ropp is directing the choir within the play!

Documentary Showing: MCN is hosting a showing of the 90-minute film by John L. and Jay Ruth *Is There a Lesson? 45 Years on the Anabaptist Trail with John Ruth and TourMagination* on October 7th at 7:00 pm. Admission is free.



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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, 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 16, 2018

Community Life Pastor Tim Schrag

Prelude Elsa Raab

Call to Worship Kay Reimer

*Hymns Jenell Ulrich

Holy, Holy, Holy HWB 75
I Sing the Mighty Power of God HWB 46

*Prayer

Children's Time Chris Culbertson

Offering

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

*Hymn *In the Rifted Rock I'm Resting* HWB 526

Scripture Reading Matthew 18:21-35 and Ephesians 4:21-24
Erin Ponnou-Delaffon

Sermon *Mercy-full and Merciful*

*Hymn *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* HWB 145

*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.*

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