

Weekly Calendar

Today	Pre-Service Prayer	9:00 am
	Worship	9:30 am
	CE for Children	10:45 am
	Alternative Gifts Fair	10:45 am
	CE for Adults	11:00 am
	Congregational Meal	12:00 pm
	Congregational Meeting	1:00 pm
	Junior Choir	6:00 pm
	Youth Choir	6:45 pm
	Homebuilders	7:00 pm
	Adult Choir	7:30 pm
Thur Nov 22	Next Man Bible Study	6:15 am

Of Note

Student Mutual Aid Program (SMAP) would like to remind the congregation that the Spring semester payments for our Mennonite college students is quickly approaching. Our balance is -\$10,500. Payments can be placed in the offering or in the church office with checks made to MCN and the memo line "SMAP." On behalf of the SMAP committee and the college students thank you for the continued support.

Upcoming Events

Thanksgiving Day Potluck, 12:00 pm on November 22. For details and to sign up, visit the Community Events bulletin board in the atrium or look for the link in the Midweek Connection.

Pictures for our updated website will be taken on Sunday, December 2nd. Tiffany Wyse Fisher will be here that Sunday morning and evening, making us look good for a refreshed website that will be available in early 2019. If you have any questions, or do not want your picture on the website, please let me know. Lynn Reha

MCN Spending Plan Status

Thank you for your offerings.

Year to date income: \$396,179

Year to date expenses: \$396,542

Can we finish the year in the black?

2018 Spending Plan total: \$495,356

2019 Proposed Plan total: \$495,276

Attendance on November 11 was 190.

Today

15th Annual Alternative Gifts Fair: Thank you to everyone who attended, prepared booths, and contributed generously at the first Sunday of the Alternative Gifts Fair. So far we have raised \$5,672 (MCC-\$2,925; AGI-\$2,747)! Today is the last day of the fair. Shopping lists are available on the cashier's table, together with cards to send to recipients. Checks should be made out to the Mennonite Church of Normal (memo: Alternative Gifts) and donations can be made in any amount. If you aren't prepared today but still want to participate, shopping lists and donations can be dropped off in the church office anytime before Monday, 11/26. Our thanks to all for joining us in this fun project which sends gifts of caring and hope around the world!

Communion will be celebrated in worship today. In preparation, we are all encouraged to engage in self-examination - of both our relationships with God, and with others.

A Congregational Meal, a fundraiser for MCN's Youth Groups to attend Mennonite Church USA's 2019 Convention in Kansas City, will be served at noon today. Come enjoy a homemade meal by the youth even if you can't stay for the meeting!

A Congregational Meeting will take place today at 1:00 pm. During this meeting the proposed 2019 Spending Plan will be presented as well as Leadership Selection's 2019 volunteers to be affirmed. Copies of the proposed 2019 Spending Plan are available for your review on the entry table or through the link in the Midweek.

No Youth Groups Tonight! Youth Group with resume December 2nd.

Homebuilder's tonight at 7:00 PM at the MRC Community Building, Wayne and Lois Hochstetler will share from their recent trip to Russia. Pictures, song, dance, who knows? All are welcome.



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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, Pastor Tim’s Office (this Sunday only)

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Order of Worship November 18, 2018

Community Life		Pastor Tim Schrag
Ministry Moment	Alternative Gifts Fair Skit	Joe Warfel, Jaron Zehr
Prelude		Youth Musicians
Call to Worship		Holly Zehr
*Hymns	<i>Holy Spirit, Come with Power</i>	Denise Hedberg, Barry Weaver HWB 26
*Prayer		
Children’s Time		Chris Culbertson
Worship Music	<i>Peace Before Us</i>	Junior Choir
Offering		
Sharing and Congregational Prayer		
*Hymn	<i>Create in Me a Clean Heart</i>	STS 62
Scripture Reading	James 3:3-12	Nancy Fisher
Sermon	<i>Seeds in Our Lives: Holding On, and Letting Go</i>	
Service of Communion		Pastor Jane Roeschley
*Hymn	<i>I Will Come to You in the Silence</i>	STS 49
*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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