

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
	Junior Choir	6:00 pm
	Youth Choir	6:45 pm
	Adult Choir	7:30 pm
Tues Nov 27	Peace & Justice Comm.	5:00 pm
Thur Nov 29	Next Man Bible Study	6:15 am

Today

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

Upcoming Events

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

Sing-Along Concert of Handel's Messiah: December 7, 7:00 pm at the ISU Center for Performing Arts. Find more information in the Midweek Connection.

Calling all Musicians: Christmas Orchestra
Whether you've been playing for a year or haven't played for years, we want you in our Christmas Orchestra! All ages playing woodwinds, brass, strings and percussion are welcome. Rehearsals: Sunday, Dec 16 after church, Saturday, Dec 22, 10:30-12:00. Performance in worship on Sunday, Dec 23. If you can participate CONTACT Marianne Israel or Wesley Hershberger .

The Longest Night Service is Thursday, December 20, at 6:30 pm. We hope you can join us!

The Christmas Eve Service is Monday evening, December 24 at 6:30 pm.

Of Note

Alternative Gifts Fair: Our 15th MCN Alternative Gifts Fair is in the books. Thanks to your generosity, we raised just over \$18,000 for MCC and AGI projects!

If you meant to give but didn't get around to it, you still have a chance. Shopping lists and payments can still be dropped off in the church office until the end of the day Monday, 11/26. Extra shopping lists are on the table in the library. Thanks to all who participated!

You're invited to Advent Sunday School Classes! We'll meet December 2nd and 9th to prepare and Dec. 16th to share with the community what created. Class options are: Coloring, card making, clay creating, caroling, or Christmas treat making. Sign up in the library or on the sign-up genius link in the Midweek.

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 \$18,550 dollars and our commitment is \$28,000 dollars. Payments can be placed in offering plate or at the front desk with checks and envelopes designated for SMAP fund. On behalf of the SMAP committee and the college students thank you for the continued support.

All Sharing and Prayer Requests to Pastor Tim During Advent - 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 Advent.

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 18 was 187.



Mennonite Church of Normal

A congregation of
Mennonite Church USA

November 25, 2018

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

Mennonite Church of Normal

805 S Cottage Ave – Normal IL 61761

Ph (309) 452-6622

church@normalmennonite.org

www.normalmennonite.org

Order of Worship November 25, 2018

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 10:45 am

Gather ‘Round (age 3-1st grade) Room 11
Nursery (newborn – age 3) Room 3

SHINE: Living in God’s Light Curriculum

PreK (3 & 4 year olds) Rooms 13 & 14
Kindergarten & Grade 1 Room 11
Grades 2 Room 12
Grades 3 – 5 Room 9

Youth 10:45 am

Grades 6 – 8 Room 8
High School Rooms 5 & 7

Adults 11:00 am

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

Caring and Sharing, Fellowship Area

Staff

Tim Schrag, Senior Pastor
tim@normalmennonite.org

Jane Roeschley, Associate Pastor
Worship & Lay Ministries
jane@normalmennonite.org

Lynn Reha, Office Manager
officemanager@normalmennonite.org

Lauren Satchwell, Interim Administrative Assistant
Youth Ministry Leader
church@normalmennonite.org

Chris Culbertson, Children’s Ministry Leader
chrisculbertson22@gmail.com

Community Life		Pastor Tim Schrag
Prelude		Elsa Raab
Call to Worship		David Warfel
*Hymns	<i>Come, Ye Thankful People Sing to the Lord of Harvest</i>	Jenell Ulrich HWB 94 HWB 98
*Prayer		
Children’s Time		Louise Reeser
Worship Music	<i>Peace Before Us</i>	Junior Choir
Membership Welcome		Tshitshi Tshiseleka and Ginette Molino
Offering		
Sharing and Congregational Prayer with the Lord’s Prayer		
Worship Music	<i>Every Valley</i>	Adult Choir
Scripture Reading	Luke 18:9-12; 2 Corinthians 9:8-11	Jeremy Haab
Sermon	<i>However, At Times</i>	
Silent Reflection		
*Hymn	<i>Go, My Friends, In Grace</i>	STS 57
*Benediction		
*Postlude and Dismissal		

Wireless Access MCN_Guest/mcnguest

**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.*