

## Weekly Calendar

Today	Pre-Service Prayer	9:00 am
	Worship	9:30 am
Tues Jan 1	Church Office Closed	
Thurs Jan 3	Next Man Bible Study	6:15 am

## Upcoming Events

Please plan to attend a Q&A and discussion time immediately after church on January 13, 2019. A panel of people from the LGBTQ community, all people of faith, will be here to share their stories and answer questions. We, the Process Design Team, see this as an integral step in our church's discernment process and hope many in the congregation will attend. Plans for lunch are in the works. Any questions can be directed to Shelly King (snking2002@yahoo.com) or Joe Culpepper (pepperjetn@aol.com).

**EVERYONE** is invited to a weekend of fellowship and fun at Camp Friedenswald, January 25-27! Friedenswald is a beautiful retreat in southern Michigan with comfortable, warm lodges to accommodate us. Whether you're looking for social time or solitude, there's something for everyone! Check out the link in the Midweek to sign up and for more details!

**Save the Date:** Sister Care Seminar: Equipping Women for Healing Ministry is April 5-7, 2019 at Camp Menno Haven. Presenters are Alicia Manning and Hyacinth Stevens. For more information, contact Shannon Unzicker.

At the end of November, income was about \$6,600 above expenses. FSC is very appreciative for the strong support received!

There are some additional year-end expenses in December such as the MCN portion of fuel & maintenance costs of the jointly owned mower (with MRC) of \$730 this year. Ending in the black will allow us to add to the unrestricted reserve funds and perhaps accomplish other MCN mission goals.

Attendance on December 23 was 177.

## Today

**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.

## Of Note

**God, the Giver**—We are reminded this Advent that as we seek God's righteousness, that God is the Giver of all that we need. Scripture reminds us that, "God will make a righteousness branch sprout from David's line" (Jeremiah 33:15). The branch that holds our Advent candles for worship is a reminder of that promise. It is through the gifts of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love that God gives us in Jesus that we are given what we need to follow God's way in righteousness. "Out of the stump of David's family will grow a shoot – yes, a new Branch bearing fruit from the old root." (Isaiah 11:1) NLT

### Adult Sunday School Options Starting Jan. 6

1. The uniform series class continuing with "Our Love for God."

2. A class entitled "Creating Space for...." with multiple presenters. See the Midweek for dates and topics.

3. A class entitled "Stories of Struggle" Parenting is hard! Each week in this class a seasoned parent will talk about a struggle they experienced raising children. The second part of the class gives time for class members to share one of their children's current challenges and pray about these together. Shannon Neely and Pastor Jane will facilitate this class, which is planned to start January 20th.



# Mennonite Church of Normal

A congregation of Mennonite Church USA

**Fifth Sunday of Advent**

**December 30, 2018**

**God, the Giver**

*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

There is no Sunday School today.

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# Order of Worship December 30, 2018

*PRAISE to God, the Giver*

*On this Sunday after Christmas we praise God for God's gifts and love revealed in the Son, the Word made flesh, who brings together all creation in Him.  
Praise God!*

Prelude	Elsa Raab
Community Life and Congregational Prayer	Pastor Tim Schrag
Children's Time	Shannon Unzicker

## The Heavens Praise God

Scripture Reading	Psalm 148:1-6	Ben Roeschley
*Hymns	<i>I Sing the Mighty Power of God All Creatures of Our God and King, v1-5</i>	Barry Weaver HWB 46 HWB 48

## The Earth and Creatures Praise God

Scripture Reading	Psalm 148:7-10	
Hymn	<i>All Things Bright and Beautiful, v1 &amp; 4</i>	HWB 156

## Humanity Praises God

Scripture Reading	Psalm 148:11-12	
Hymn	<i>Let the Whole Creation Cry, v1 &amp; 2</i>	HWB 51

## God's People Praise God

Scripture Reading	Psalm 148:13-14	
Hymn	<i>For the Beauty of the Earth, v1, 4, &amp; 5</i>	HWB 89

Offering		
*Hymn	<i>Praise the Lord, Sing Hallelujah</i>	HWB 50

\*Benediction

\*Postlude and Dismissal

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