

Weekly Calendar

Today	Pre-Service Prayer	9:00 am
	Worship	9:30 am
	CE for Children	10:45 am
	Blood Pressures Taken	10:45 am
	CE for Adults	11:00 am
	JMYF & MYF	12:00 pm
Mon Jan 7	Youth Ministry Comm.	7:30 pm
Tues Jan 8	Financial Stewardship	4:30 pm
	Wellness Committee	5:30 pm
	Church Board	6:30 pm
Wed Jan 9	Pastoral Council	6:00 pm
Thur Jan 10	Next Man Bible Study	6:15 am
	Pastor Peer Meeting	9:00 am

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.

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 third class is scheduled to start January 20th. 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.

Of Note

If you have a book from last year's Lenten study, *Embracing the Uncertain* by Magrey R. deVega and would be willing to lend or donate it to be used again, please contact Lynette Miller or return to the church office. Thanks!

Upcoming Events

Please plan to attend a Q&A and discussion time immediately after Sunday School 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).

You are invited! Quinn Wilson will share about his travels with Christian Peacemaker Teams to Israel this fall, with a presentation next Sunday night, January 13th at 7:00 PM.

Volunteer with MCN at the Midwest Food Bank! Monday, January 14, 2019 from 6-8pm, Spots are still available! Come join us in a fun evening of service to others at Midwest Food Bank! Anyone 10 yrs or older is welcome. Sign up through the link in the Midweek or contact the church office.

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!

MCN Spending Plan Status

We are very grateful for your donations; they are greatly appreciated. It looks like we will end 2018 with at least \$17,000 income above expenses! Although subject to some change, here are the tentative income and expense figures for 2018.

December Income:	\$51,184
December Expenses:	\$39,868
Year-to-date Income:	\$494,429
Year-to-date Expenses:	\$476,481

As we enter 2019, we seek God's guidance in meeting the mission set before us.

Attendance on December 30 was 153.



Menonite Church of Normal

A congregation of
Mennonite Church USA

Sixth Sunday of Advent

January 6, 2019

Epiphany

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 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—Our Love for God, Class Led,
 Conference Room (Room 2)

Creating Space for God, Nancy Fisher, Room 4 (by
 Kitchen)

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Order of Worship January 6, 2019 Epiphany

Community Life

Pastor Tim Schrag

Ministry Moment

January 13 Q & A

Process Design Team

Prelude

Dorothy Loepp

Call to Worship

Ben Roeschley

*Hymns

Arise, Your Light is Come!
As with Gladness Men of Old, vs 1-3

Glenn Wilson
 STS 30
 HWB 218

*Prayer

Children’s Time

Shannon Unzicker

Offering

Congregational Prayer

*Hymn

Helpless and Hungry

STS 26

Scripture Reading

Matthew 2:1-12

Sermon

On Common Ground

Worship Music

Solemn Stillness, Weary Streets

Youth Choir

Service of Communion

*Hymn

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

HWB 343

*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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