

## 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
	Congregational Meal	12:00 pm
	Congregational Meeting	1:00 pm
Thur Jan 24	Next Man Bible Study	6:15 am

### Today

A **Congregational Meal**, which is a fundraiser for MCN's Youth Groups to attend Mennonite Church USA's 2019 Convention in Kansas City, will precede the congregational meeting at noon. Come enjoy a homemade meal by the youth!

A **Congregational Meeting** will take place at 1:00 pm. During this meeting the 2019 Spending Plan, the Annual Reports, a Design Team 2019 Plan, and a Pastoral Transition Plan will be presented. Copies of the proposed 2019 Spending Plan are available for your review on the entry table or through the link in the Midweek.

### 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!

Can you offer your gifts in 2019 by volunteering to be a Sunday morning Usher? If you would like to be added to the schedule or have questions on what an Usher does, please contact Lauren, email church@normalmennonite.org or call 309-452-6622. Thanks!

Please let Lauren know if you are running low on offering envelopes in 2019. The envelopes are no longer dated, so feel free to use all of the ones you have. We will not be doing a standard order this year. When you run out, please contact the church office and we will give you more. Thanks!

## Upcoming Events

**Holly Zehr** is seeking volunteers to help her set up the Book Fair for Sheridan School on Wednesday, January 23rd from 5:30-7:30 pm. More information is in the Midweek Connection.

The **Peace and Justice Committee meeting** has been moved to January 29th.

**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!

**Come, walk with us. . . to God knows where!** You are invited to the CDC Regional Gathering on February 9. More information is available in the Midweek. Please let Emma know if you are attending by Feb 1.

### Summary of 2018 Spending Plan, Income and Expenses

For 2018, the Spending plan was \$495,356. The income for 2018 was \$494,439. The Expenses for 2018 were \$476,531. This results in a \$17,908 excess of income over expenses!

The Financial Stewardship Committee is very grateful for the generous support offered during 2018. As we enter 2019, we encourage your continued support as the Mennonite Church of Normal seeks to fulfill its mission in Normal, IL and around the world.

As a result of the recommendation of the Spending Plan Task Force that we have a reserve fund of about 1.75 months expenditures, or about \$72,000, the \$17,908 will be placed in such a reserve fund. That fund is identified on the Balance Sheet as Net Assets: Unrestricted - Prior Years. Current balance for that funds with the \$17,908 included is \$69,575.

Attendance on January 13 was 100.



# Mennonite Church of Normal

A congregation of  
Mennonite Church USA

**January 20, 2019**

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

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# Order of Worship January 20, 2019

## 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 the Stranger**, Lotus & Judy Hershberger, Room 4 (by Kitchen)

**Stories of Struggle**, Wilma Dyck, North Mezzanine

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Community Life

Pastor Tim Schrag

Prelude

Denise Hedberg

Call to Worship

David Warfel

\*Hymns

*Here in This Place*  
*Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us*

Wayne Hochstetler

HWB 6

STJ 91

\*Prayer

Children’s Time

Chris Culbertson

Offering

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

\*Hymn

*Come, Thou Fount*

HWB 521

Scripture Reading

Luke 14:15-24

Tshitshi Tshiseleka

Sermon

*How to Keep Ourselves Out of the Kingdom of God*

Silent Reflection

\*Hymn

*There is Room in God’s Great Welcome*

Screen

\*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.*