

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
	JMYF & MYF	5:00 pm
	Junior Choir	6:00 pm
	Youth Choir	6:45 pm
	Adult Choir	7:30 pm
Mon Mar 11	Mennonite Women	9:30 am
	Financial Stewardship	4:30 pm
Tue Mar 12	Church Board	5:30 pm
	Wellness Committee	5:30 pm
Wed Mar 13	Pastoral Council	6:00 pm
Thur Mar 14	Next Man Bible Study	6:15 am
	Apple Pie Baking	8:00 am
	Pastor Peer Meeting	9:00 am
Fri Mar 15	IL Menn. Relief Sale	5:00 pm
Sat Mar 16	IL Menn. Relief Sale	6:00 am

Upcoming Events

Family Game Night! Friday, March 8th from 6-8pm at the home of Darvis and Shelly King. Bring your favorite games and a snack to share. PB&J fixings and drinks provided. All ages welcome! If you have questions, please contact Shelly King. An RSVP is welcome but not at all required.

MCN Red Cross Blood Drive Saturday March 23rd from 8:00 am until noon. Walk-in's welcome. For appointments, please call the church office or use the link in the Midweek. There is also a sign up sheet in the library. Bring a photo ID or your blood donor card.

Mennonite Economic Development Associates (MEDA) Gathering Thursday, March 28, 7:00 pm—You're invited to the home of Eric and Chellie Miller to network with others, learn more about MEDA, and explore the opportunities that await through participation in the local network hub. Members of MEDA staff will be on hand to provide an update on MEDA's work throughout the world, while local advocates will lead a discussion on the creation of a group of MEDA supporters in Central IL. Desserts and refreshments provided. RSVP to Eric Miller or Ben Roeschley.

Today

All Sharing and Prayer Requests to Pastor Tim During Lent, 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 Lent.

Lent Lenten scriptures feature our human need and how God satisfies as nothing else can. When we find ourselves lost, afraid, or alone, God hears our cries, and, as the bulletin artwork suggests, God provides for us. Confession is a key spiritual practice during Lent - both confession *of our sin to* God, as well as our confession *of our faith in* God. In confessing, we discover we are always held in God's abundant forgiveness and love. The rocky, wilderness landscape symbolically sets a scene that evokes our deepest spiritual longings as Lent prepares us for celebrating Easter.

61st Illinois Mennonite Relief Sale, March 15-16 at the Interstate Center. Take a look at the Display Table to see the beautiful items our people have made. Volunteers are still needed in many areas especially serving the Chicken/Fish meals, serving Pancakes & Sausage, and serving Ice Cream. Bring your baked goods, plants, and other items to the church by FRIDAY, March 15 at 9:00 am. Questions? Ask Gerry Schrock, Roelie Homan, and Marcia Rossi.

Returning Citizens Care Kits For the months of March and April we will be collecting kits for persons returning to our community from prison. Kit lists are available in the atrium or you can make a donation to Outreach Committee to purchase the items on your behalf. Thank you!

The 2019 IL Mennonite Women's Retreat: April 5-6 at Menno Haven. Register through the Midweek or a brochure on the entry table.

MCN Spending Plan Status

Thank you for your offerings.
 Year-to-Date Income: \$58,523
 Year-to-Date Expenses: \$88,389
 February Income: \$29,318
 February Expenses \$50,857

Attendance on March 3 was 149.



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

March 10, 2019

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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—Discipleship & Mission, Jenny Roberts & Class Led, Conference Room (Room 2)

Celtic Wisdom for Seeking the Sacred, Pastor Jane Roeschley, Room 4 (by Kitchen)

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Order of Worship

March 10, 2019 Lent 1

God's Hand Delivers Us

*When we enter the wilderness of wandering and temptation,
 God's hand delivers us.*

We confess our trust in a saving God.

Community Life Pastor Tim Schrag

Ministry Moment Sister Care Women's Retreat Shannon Unzicker

Prelude Randy Zehr

Call to Worship Pastor Jane Roeschley

*Hymns Elsa Raab, Barry Weaver
Praise Him, Praise Him! HWB 100
Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness STS 1

*Prayer

Children's Time

Offering

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

Hymn *Jesus, Tempted in the Desert* STS 36

Scripture Reading Luke 4:1-13

Sermon *Safety and Adventure*

Faith Story Ruth Haney

Confession

*Hymn *We are Often Tossed and Driv'n* STS 72

*Benediction

*Postlude and Emergency Preparedness Information

**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.*