

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
	Homebuilders	7:00 pm
	Adult Choir	7:30 pm
	Process Design Team	6:00 pm
Mon Mar 25	Peace & Justice Comm.	5:00 pm
Tue Mar 26	Next Man Bible Study	6:15 am
Thur Mar 28	MEDA Gathering (At the Miller's)	7:00 pm

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: Lent is a time of spiritual reflection. When we find ourselves lost, afraid, or alone, God hears our cries, and, as the artwork suggests, God cares for us. Confession *of our sin to God*, as well as our confession *of our faith in God*, helps us discover God's abundant forgiveness and love. A wilderness tablescape evokes our deepest spiritual longing for God in the Lenten journey to Easter.

Homebuilders 7:00 pm this evening at the MRC Community Building. What did Abe Lincoln do in school? Did you do ciphering in school? Come and see samples of ciphering books and other items from former years. Ken Clemments and Nerida Ellerton, who have been attending the MCN for the past months, will show and talk about ciphering books and other interesting artifacts.

Of Note

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!

Upcoming Events

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. 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.

Menno-Nite of Climbing at The Proving Ground Bouldering Gym opened by Barry and Marge Weaver. Friday, March 29th from 6:30-8:30 pm. Waiver link and more information is in the Midweek. RSVP by Monday, March 25 to Barry.

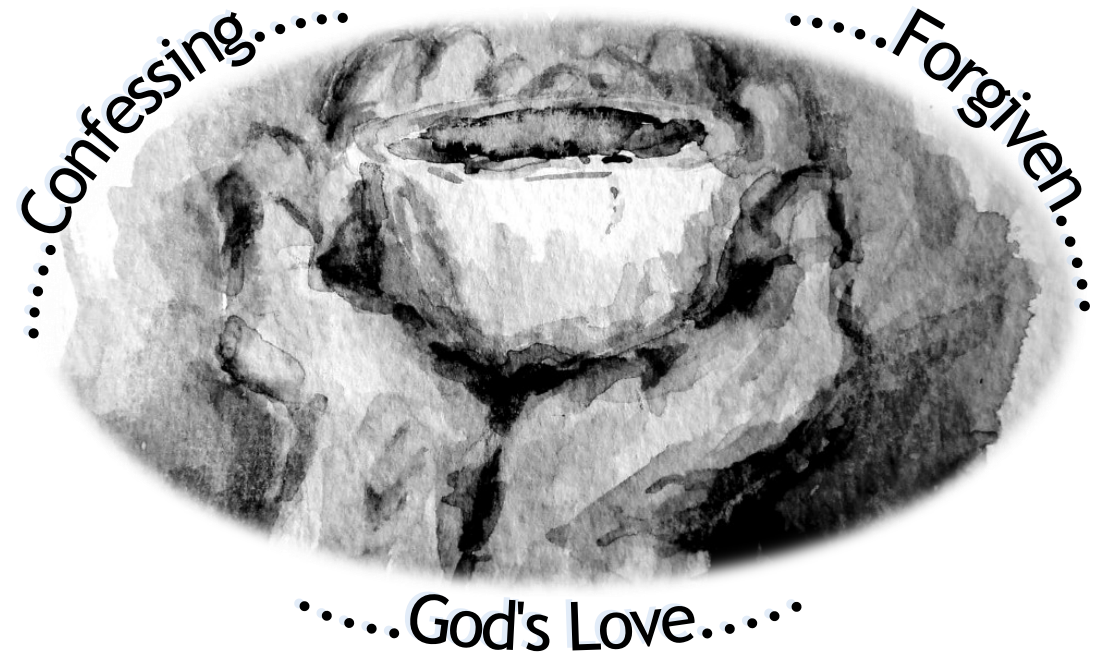
The 2019 IL Mennonite Women's Retreat April 5 & 6 at Menno Haven. Register through the Midweek or a brochure on the entry table. This retreat will feature a two-day Sister Care Seminar. Talk with Shannon Unzicker if you have any questions.

Family Fun Nights are on the way! Fridays April 5, 12, and 26th. Come for food, fellowship, and fun as we explore the miracles of our mighty God. We'll begin at 5:30 pm with a meal and finish by 7:30 pm each night. Friends are welcome! Contact Chris at if you have any questions.

Small Group Discussion and Listening Session Sunday, April 7th, everyone is invited to gather for both small and large group discussions regarding our process in welcoming the LGBTQIA+ community. We will reflect on policies and statements as we discern the next steps together. We will gather immediately after Sunday School and lunch will be provided. If you would prefer an opportunity to share your thoughts more privately, you are invited to contact a design team member for a one on one listening time.

Today's Focus: MCN and MCC
We are well connected with MCC!

- ◆ 2019 Spending Plan: \$4,032
 - ◆ 2019 MCC Relief Sale: Hundreds of hours in organizing, preparation, working at the sale. Hundreds of items given for the sale. Thousands of dollars spent in support of MCC.
 - ◆ Part of the Alternative Gifts Fair each Dec.
 - ◆ A few of us have actually served with MCC.
- Attendance on March 17 was 176.



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

March 24, 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

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God Pours Out Life-Giving Drink

*When we become empty and weary from things that do not satisfy,
 God pours out life-giving drink. We turn from desolation to God's grace.*

Community Life		Pastor Tim Schrag
Prelude	<i>Come, Thou Fount</i>	Marianne Israel
Call to Worship		David Harnish
*Hymns	<i>Come, Thou Fount</i> <i>I am Weak and I Need Thy Strength</i>	Barry Weaver, Dorothy Loepf HWB 521 HWB 553
*Prayer		
Children's Time	God's Goodness Quenches Us	Pastor Jane Roeschley
Offering		
Service of Membership	JB and Erin Ponnou-Delaffon	
Hymn	<i>When Peace Like a River</i>	HWB 336
Congregational Prayer		
Worship Music	<i>When From Our Darkness</i>	Adult Choir
Scripture Reading	Isaiah 55:1-9	
Sermon	<i>Real Water for Real Life</i>	
Faith Story	Who Will Seek Listen to the Lord Today?	Louise Reeser
Confession		
*Hymn	<i>Rain Down</i>	STJ 49
*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.*