

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
	MRC Meeting	2:00 pm
	JMYF & MYF	5:00 pm
	Junior Choir	6:00 pm
	Youth Choir	6:45 pm
	Homebuilders	7:00 pm
	Adult Choir	7:30 pm
Thur Apr 4	Next Man Bible Study	6:15 am
Fri April 5	Family Fun Night	5:00 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 tableescape evokes our deepest spiritual longing for God in the Lenten journey to Easter.

Of Note

Returning Citizens Care Kits We are 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

Today's Focus: MCN and MDS

2019 Spending Plan: \$1,875

MCN participants have gone on many MDS trips from Florida to North Dakota, from West Virginia to California involving dozens of different people, some multiple times.

- ◆ Wayne and Lois are currently serving in Texas for a month.
- ◆ Gerry has spent many weeks cooking for MDS over the past years.
We are well connected with MDS!
Attendance on March 24 was 162.

Upcoming Events

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.

Midwest Food Bank Volunteer Opportunity Friday, April 12, from 6-8pm, come join us in a fun evening of service to others at Midwest Food Bank! Anyone 10 years or older is welcome. Sign up in the church office or through the link in the Midweek.

Menno Haven Spring Work Day Saturday, April 13th. You are invited to join us for a day together and meeting others who love Menno Haven. Maybe you'll learn a new skill or teach a new skill. Whatever happens, it should be a fun day. Work starts with breakfast at 8:00 am and finishes around 4:00 pm. Feel free to come for all or part of the day. Check out the link in the Midweek for planned tasks and what to bring. Contact Sheena if you have any questions.



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

March 31, 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 31, 2019 Lent 4

God Reaches Out with Open Arms

*When we are lost and far from God, God reaches out with open arms.
 We are welcomed to the feast of reconciliation!*

Community Life		Pastor Tim Schrag
Prelude	<i>Come, Thou Fount</i>	
Call to Worship		David Harnish
*Hymn	<i>Far, Far Away From My Loving Father</i>	Cindy Ropp, Elsa Raab HWB 139
*Prayer		
Children's Time	God Reaches Out with Open Arms	Pastor Jane Roeschley
Offering		
Hymn	<i>Nothing is Lost on the Breath of God</i>	STS 121
Congregational Prayer		
Worship Music	<i>Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley My Soul Cries Out</i>	Junior Choir Youth Choir
Scripture Reading	Luke 15:11-32	
Worship Music	<i>First Song of Isaiah</i>	Adult Choir
Sermon	<i>Coming Home: The Tale of Two Brothers</i>	
Faith Story	Who Will Trust the Lord Today?	Mark Roeschley
Confession		
*Hymn	<i>Why Should I Feel Discouraged</i>	STJ 103
*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.*