

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
	Design Team Discussion	11:45 am
	JMYF & MYF	5:00 pm
	Junior Choir	6:00 pm
	Youth Choir	6:45 pm
	Adult Choir	7:30 pm
	Mon Apr 8	Mennonite Women
	Financial Stewardship	4:30 pm
Tue Apr 9	Church Board	5:30 pm
	Wellness Committee	5:30 pm
Wed Apr 10	Pastoral Council	6:00 pm
Thur Apr 11	Next Man Bible Study	6:15 am
	Pastor Peer Meeting	9:00 am
	Outreach Committee	5:00 pm
	MCC Sale Evaluation	7:00 pm
Fri April 12	Family Fun Night	5:30 pm
	Midwest Food Bank	6:00 pm

Today

Small Group Discussion and Listening Session
Immediately after Sunday School, 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. Lunch is provided.

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.

Upcoming Events

Family Fun Nights are on the way! Fridays April 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.

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 from 8-4. Come volunteer, meet others that love camp and enjoy a meal. For more information see the flyer posted on the entry bulletin board or call Menno Haven at 815-646-4344. Check out the link in the Midweek for planned tasks and what to bring.

Maudy Thursday Service, April 18 at 7:00 pm.

Communion will be celebrated in worship on Easter Sunday, April 21. In preparation, we are all encouraged to engage in self-examination—both of our relationships with God, and with others.

Of Note

SMAP Care Packages will be sent tomorrow, April 8. Gift cards, cash, notes, gum, etc. accepted. Please do not send perishable items. Thank you for supporting our students!

Returning Citizens Care Kits We are collecting kits for persons returning to our community from prison. Kit lists are available in the atrium.

Today's Focus: MCN and MEA
(Mennonite Education Association)
MCN 2019 Spending Plan for MEA: \$15,911
MEA: Five colleges/universities, two seminaries, plus 30+ elementary/secondary schools.
Through the MCN Student Mutual Aid Program (SMAP), we have sent more than 100 of our youth to MEA schools.
Currently at MCN there are more than 80 persons who have attended/graduated from MEA schools. We have a strong connection to MEA!
Attendance on March 31 was 173.



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

April 7, 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 Makes a Way Through Mighty Waters

*When we are worn and exhausted, God makes a way through the mighty waters!
 We can move forward in hope, as God does a new thing.*

Community Life		Pastor Tim Schrag
Prelude	<i>Come, Thou Fount</i>	Randy Zehr
Call to Worship		Janet Wilson
*Hymns	Glenn Wilson, Chris Culbertson <i>O Lord, Our Lord Majestic</i> <i>This is a Day of New Beginnings</i>	HWB 112 HWB 640
*Prayer		
Children's Time	God Likes to do New Things	Pastor Jane Roeschley
Worship Music	<i>Al Shlosa D'varim</i>	Youth Choir
Offering		
Hymn	<i>Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise</i>	HWB 70
Congregational Prayer		
Worship Music	<i>Lay Me Low</i>	Adult Choir
Scripture Reading	Isaiah 43:16-21; Philippians 3:10-14	
Sermon	<i>Things Which are Real but Not Yet Seen</i>	
Faith Story	Who Will See the New Work of God Today?	Lynn Reha
Confession		
*Hymn	<i>Awake, My Soul</i>	HWB 609
*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.*