

Weekly Calendar

Today	Pre-Service Prayer	9:00am
	Worship	9:30am
Tue	Peace & Justice Committee	5:00pm
Thur	Next Man Bible Study	6:15 am
Fri	Family Fun Night	5:30pm
Sat	Midwest Food Bank	1:-00pm

Today

Communion will be celebrated today. Contributions for the Mutual Aid Fund are specifically sought on Communion Sundays. Resources from this benevolent fund are disbursed by the Pastoral Council in times of discerned need. Simply include your offering clearly marked "Mutual Aid." Your gift will be gratefully received, and carefully distributed.

Opportunities to Serve

Join the youth at Midwest Food Bank
Saturday from 1-3pm. Anyone 10 years of age and older is welcome. Want to stay a little longer? Pick up a basketball or volleyball game from 3-4pm on Midwest's new sport courts!

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

Looking for more than a job this summer?
Come join Menno Haven's mission team as they embark on a journey of learning, adventure, exploration, and most importantly, bringing campers closer to Jesus! Call 815.646.4344 or email Jeremiah Graham at jeremiah@mennohaven.com for more information. You can apply online at mennohaven.com/summer-staff.

Rhubarb for 2020 MCC Relief Sale pies—Do you have a rhubarb patch from which you would consider harvesting, chopping and freezing rhubarb (in 6-cup packages) to benefit next year's Sale? Your crop will be transformed into delicious pies with proceeds

to benefit the work of Mennonite Central Committee around the world. Please let Sophie Charles or Leah Roeschley know!

Upcoming Events

The last Family Fun Night is Friday! Come for food, fellowship, and fun as we explore the miracles of our mighty God. We'll begin at 5:30 with a meal and finish by 7:30 pm. Friends are welcome! Contact Chris at chrisculbertson22@gmail.com if you have any questions.

The Process Design Team has scheduled one more Discussion and Listening Session immediately after Christian Education next Sunday, regarding our process in welcoming the LGBTQIA+ community. Lunch will be served. A link to a document including discussion questions and more details on the objective of this discussion was in the Midweek; hard copies are available on the table in the narthex. If you are unable to participate next Sunday, you are invited to return written responses to Joe Culpepper or Shelly King.

Homebuilders will meet April 28 at 7pm in the MRC Community Building. Sam and Joe Warfel will share about their Star Wars Fan Film which premiered at the Normal Theatre in January, and how they filmed the scenes.

Of Note

Church Office hours will be irregular until we have a permanent replacement as Administrative Assistant. Please call ahead before coming to the church for office services 309.452.6622.

March Income:	\$45,453.86
March Expenses:	\$39,860.02
March Income—Expenses:	\$5,593.84
First Quarter Summary	
1st Qtr Income:	\$103,977.30
1st Qtr Expenses:	\$128,249.51
1st Qtr Income—Expenses:	\$24,272.21
Thank you for your participation!	
Attendance on April 14 was 149.	



Mennonite Church of Normal

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

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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

There is no Christian Education today.

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Order of Worship Easter Sunday April 21, 2019 God's Steadfast Love Endures Forever

*As we rejoice in and bear witness to the risen Christ,
 we commit to seeking and recognizing the light of Christ in others,
 and to finding Christ among the living.*

Community Life		Pastor Tim Schrag
Prelude		Dorothy Loepp
Musical Call to Worship	<i>The Lord Is Risen Indeed</i>	Adult Choir
Opening Prayer		Pastor Jane Roeschley
*Hymns	<i>Christ the Lord Is Risen Today I Will Stand in the Congregation</i>	Cindy Ropp HWB 280 STS 113
Children's Time		Darrel Miller
Offering		Denise Hedberg
Worship Music	<i>Run to the Garden</i>	Junior Choir
Sharing and Congregational Prayer with the Lord's Prayer		
*Hymn	<i>To My Precious Lord</i>	
Scripture Reading	Isaiah 65:17-25 Luke 24:1-12	
Worship Music	<i>The Mercy Tree</i>	Youth Choir
Sermon	<i>Seeking Life, and Finding It!</i>	
Worship Music	<i>Alleluia! Give Thanks to the Risen Lord</i>	
Service of Communion	<i>At the Table, Easter People</i>	
*Hymn	<i>Alleluia! Gracious Jesus! Sing with All the Saints in Glory</i>	STS 110 STS 92
*Benediction		
*Postlude and Dismissal		

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**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.*