### Weekly Calendar

Today	Pre-Service Prayer Worship Christian Education Process Design Discussion IL Relief Sale Board JMYF	9:00am 9:30am 10:45am 12pm 2:30pm 5pm
	MYF	5pm
	Junior Choir	6pm
	Youth Choir	6:45pm
	Homebuilders	7pm
	Adult Choir	7:30pm
Wed	Leadership Summit	5:45pm
Thur	Next Man Bible Study	6:15am
	Cluster Leaders	6:30pm

## Today

The quilt block on the worship table is from our 2015 True Story series. The block pattern is "In the Garden."

The Process Design Team will host a Discussion and Listening Session immediately after Christian Education TODAY, regarding our process in welcoming the LGBTQIA+ persons. Lunch will be served. Hard copies of the discussion questions and more details on the objective of this discussion are available on the table in the narthex. If you are unable to participate, written responses may be returned to Joe Culpepper or Shelly King.

Homebuilders meets this evening 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.

# **Opportunities to Serve**

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

Little Free Library steward needed. If you love books, and want to share your love with our neighborhood, please consider being our Little Free Library steward. We have one ready to install. Talk to Pastor Jane. Looking for more than a job this summer? Join Menno Haven's team as they embark on a journey of learning, adventure, exploration, and most importantly, bringing campers closer to Jesus! Email Jeremiah Graham at jeremiah@mennohaven.com. 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

MCC Borderlands Learning Tour May 22-26 in Arizona, including crossing the border into Mexico. This learning tour is designed to bring awareness to the issues caused by the border wall. You will increase your understanding and knowledge of the social, economic, political and theological significance of migration in border communities, including advocacy tools and capacity building to engage others on borderland and migration issues. Contact Juan Sebastian Pacheco Lozano at <u>JuanPacheco@mcc.org</u> or call 574.534.4133 for more information. A tentative schedule is available at <u>mcc.org/</u> <u>borderlands-may-2019</u>.

### 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.

Today's focus: MCN & MMN (Mennonite Mission Network) MCN will contribute \$46,726 to MMN in 2019, 9.4% of our Spending Plan. MMN income in 2017-18 was \$8,820,000! MMN has ministries in about 60 counties, with over 100 partner organizations and more than 150 workers. MCN is part of sharing God's gracious invitation much more broadly than we could ever do by ourselves! Next week: More about MMN.



A congregation of Mennonite Church USA

# April 28, 2019

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

## Mennonite Church of Normal

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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 Men-nonite Church of Normal lives out Anabaptist values of peace, reconciliation, discipleship, and communi-ty. 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	Staff
Children 10:45 amGather 'Round (age 3-1st grade)Room 11Nursery (newborn – age 3)Room 3SHINE: Living in God's Light CurriculumPreK (3 & 4 year olds)Rooms 13 &Kindergarten & Grade 1Room 11Grades 2Room 12Grades 3 – 5Room 9Youth 10:45 amGrades 6 – 8Rooms 5 & 7Adults 11:00 amAdult Bible Study–Discipleship & Mission, JeRoberts & Class Led, Conference Room (RoomCeltic Wisdom for Seeking the Sacred, PastorRoeschley, Room 4 (by Kitchen)	

# Order of Worship April 28, 2019

In worship we are invited to exalt and encounter God so that we become more like Jesus Christ and, by the power of the Holy Spirit, join God's mission to offer Christ's peace to hearts, home, community and world.

Community Life		Pastor Tim Schrag		
Prelude		Denise Hedberg		
Call to Worship		Gail Fisher		
*Hymns	The God of Abraham Praise My Soul Proclaims with Wonder	Barry Weaver HWB 162 HWB 181		
*Prayer				
Children's Time		Louise Reeser		
Offering				
Sharing and Congregat	ional Prayer			
*Hymn	Will You Come and Follow Me	STS 39		
Scripture Reading	Genesis 12:1-3 Matthew 22:35-40 Matthew 28:16-20	Shannon Neely		
Sermon	An Invitational People			
Silent Reflection				
*Hymn	Make Me a Channel of Your Peace	STJ 56		
*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.

Leader