

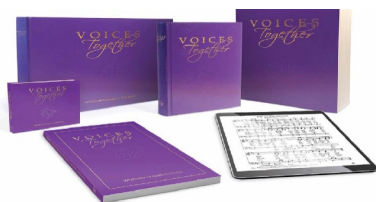
Weekly Calendar

Today	Pre-Service Prayer	9 am
	Worship	9:30 am
	CE for Children	10:45 am
	CE for Adults	11 am
	Reception for Schrags	
Tues Aug. 27	Staff Meeting	9:30 am
	Peace & Justice Comm.	5 pm
Thur Aug 29	Next Man Bible Study	6:15 am
	John Stutzman Visitation	9:30 am
	John Stutzman Memorial Service	10:30 am
	Leadership Selection Committee	5 pm

Of Note

School Kits During the months of July and Aug., Mennonite Women will be collecting supplies for school kits to be distributed to children in need by Mennonite Central Committee.

Hymnal Orders There are three options for ordering hymnals: 1) Personal copies for yourself or others (not tax deductible), 2) Copies in Honor/Memory of Someone for the church (tax deductible) and 3) Copies as gifts for the Church (tax deductible). Hymnals are \$22. Large print are \$44. If you have questions, see Pastor Jane or Laurie. Deadline extended.



Stewardship News

Today's focus: **Big Picture items**
2019 Spending plan \$495,166
 Local programs 8.5% \$42,225
 Staff & Adm 48.4% \$239,487
 Facilities 17.0% \$84,300
 Sent out 26.1% \$129,154
 Join us **Sept. 8** during the SS hour or at Noon to **hear a bit of history** of how we got here, **see 35 years of MCN big picture spending**, **learn what other Mennonite Churches** are doing, and **talk to the Financial Stewardship Committee**.

Attendance last Sunday was not recorded.

Spending Plan Review Information Sessions Announced Where does your donation go? What programs and outreach are being supported by our Spending Plan? The Board has asked the Financial Stewardship (FS) Committee to review our Spending Plan, and make recommendations for any changes, especially in outreach. The FS Committee would like to give you information about our current Spending Plan, and some research into the spending plans for similar churches. The FS committee will be taking questions and suggestions, also. This information session is planned for 11 a.m. and at noon on Sept. 8.

Retirement Celebration for Tim and Sue Schrag Please join the Church Board as we celebrate the retirement of Pastor Tim Schrag and thank him for his many years of service to Mennonite Church of Normal.

Today is Tim's final sermon as pastor of our congregation. A cake and punch reception will be served during the fellowship time between the Church Service and the Sunday School hour. This time together will give the opportunity to bid farewell to the Schrags.

Sunday, Sept. 1 Doug Luginbill, Central District Conference Minister, will be preaching. Pastor Schrag will be officially retired but he and Sue will be in attendance that day. A fellowship meal will be served at noon and there will be special gifts and words of appreciation presented to Tim and Sue. This will be our final farewell to Schrags. If you have questions contact Stephanie Company or Mary Ann Watkins.

Sign up to bring something The farewell dinner for Tim and Sue Schrag will be served after worship on Sunday, Sept. 1. Ham, roasted potatoes and green beans will be provided. Please sign up to bring a pie or a fruit or vegetable salad. Also please RSVP with the number who are eating. We will use Sign Up Genius to sign up for the dish you are sharing and to RSVP. The link is below. Please respond by Aug. 29. If you don't have access to the internet call the church office and ask Laurie to sign you up. 309-452-6622. If you have questions please contact Marge Weaver.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E094AA4A723A5FA7-farewell>

Illinois MDS Annual Meeting. Sept. 7, 10 am-1 pm with lunch, at Arthur Mennonite. RSVP to Gerry Schrock.

Stutzman Memorial Service Lunch - donations of salads and desserts are welcome.



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

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Order of Worship

Aug. 25, 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.

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

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.

All people of any race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, age, education, or ability who confess faith in Jesus Christ, are welcome to participate in the full life and ministry of the Mennonite Church of Normal. Furthermore, All people of any gender or sexual orientation who confess faith in Jesus Christ, may become members, be married, and are eligible for all volunteer, staff, and pastoral positions at the Mennonite Church of Normal.

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

Bible Study—Living In Covenant With God, Darrel Miller & Class Led, Conference Room (Room 2)

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Community Life Pastor Tim Schrag

Prelude Chris Culbertson

Call to Worship Jan Miller

*Hymns Jenell Ulrich
I sing the mighty power of God HWB 46
Joyful, joyful, we adore thee HWB 71

*Prayer

Children's Time Louise Reeser

Offering

Memory Book Presentation Church Board

Worship Music *The Lord's Prayer* Bev Collins

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

*Hymn *We plow the fields and scatter* HWB 96

Scripture Reading Ephesians 3:14-21 Shannon Neely

Sermon *Not an ending but a beginning* Pastor Tim

Silent Reflection

*Hymn *Now thank we all our God* HWB 86

*Benediction

*Postlude

**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.*