

## Weekly Calendar

Today	Pre-Service Prayer	9 am
	Worship	9:30 am
	CE for Children	10:45 am
	Blood pressure checks	10:45 am
	CE for Adults	11 am
	Dinner honoring Schraggs	
Mon Sept. 2	Office closed	
Tues Sept. 3	Staff Meeting	9:30 am
Wed Sept. 4	Wellness Committee	5:30 pm
Thur Sept. 5	Next Man Bible Study	6:15 am
	Outreach Committee	5 pm



**College and Universities Fair announced.** There will be a Mennonite Colleges and Universities Fair on Sunday, Sept. 15 at 5 pm at the Mennonite Church of Normal. Area youth groups and the MCN MYF are invited.

### Stewardship News

Today's focus: **Sent Out items**

**2019 Spending plan: Sent Out** \$129,154

Menn Mission Network.	36.2%	\$46,726
Area Conf (CDC, IMC).	23.8%	\$30,710
Menn Educ Association	12.3%	\$15,911
Outreach Com.	7%	\$9,000
Camps (MH, Frdswld).	6.4%	\$8,376
MCC, MDS, MennoMedia	6.1%	\$7,782
CPT, Peace & Justice	3.4%	\$4,375
Mission Support.	3.1%	\$4,000
Other.	1.7%	\$2,274

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 227.

## Of Note

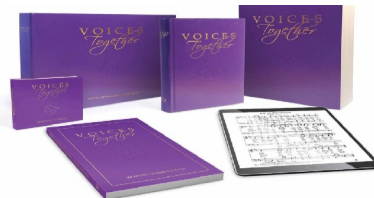
**Spending Plan Review Information Sessions Announced** Where does your donation go? What programs and outreach are being supported by our Spending Plan? The Board has asked the Financial Stewardship (FS) Committee to review our Spending Plan, and make recommendations for any changes, especially in outreach. 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.

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

**Welcome Interim (part-time) Pastor Jim Bortell.** We welcome church neighbor and retired United Methodist pastor Jim Bortell this Sunday to his part-time ministry with us for September-December. Jim will work approximately 10 hours a week, focusing on preaching, pastoral care and some office coverage. Beginning Sunday, Jim may be contacted at [jimbortell@gmail.com](mailto:jimbortell@gmail.com) or 309-830-5897.

**The Big Give for the Widow's Cruse in September.** During the month of September, MCN will join 16 area churches in collecting food for The Big Give when Home Sweet Home Missions and the Midwest Food Bank partner to provide area families in need with a turkey and a box of fixings for Thanksgiving. Please bring items on the list **ONLY** and place them in the shopping cart in the entryway. The Big Give will provide 2,000 to 2,500 meals which will impact 10,000 people.

**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.



# Mennonite Church of Normal

A congregation of Mennonite Church USA

Sept. 1, 2019

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

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# Order of Worship

## Sept. 1, 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)

### Staff

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Community Life Pastor Jim Bortell, Interim Minister

Prelude Dorothy Loepp

Call to Worship Lynette Miller

\*Hymns Barry Weaver  
*For We Are Strangers No More* HWB 322  
*Holy Spirit, Come with Power* HWB 26

\*Prayer

Children's Time Darrel Miller

Offering

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

\*Hymn *Teach Me Thy Truth* HWB 548

Scripture Reading Hebrews 13:1-8; John 16:7, 12-13 Louise Reeser

Sermon A Pensive Farewell Rev. Doug Luginbill,  
Central District Conference Minister

Litany of Blessing and Release

\*Hymn *Nothing is Lost on the Breath of God* STS 121

\*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.*