

Weekly Calendar

Today	Pre-Service Prayer	9 am
	Worship	9:30 am
	CE for Children	10:45 am
	CE for Adults	11 am
	IL Menn. Relief Sale Board	2:30 pm
Mon Sept. 9	Financial Stewardship	4:30 pm
Tues Sept. 10	Staff Meeting	9:30 am
	Worship Committee	1:30 pm
	Church Board	5:30 pm
Thur Sept. 12	Next Man Bible Study	6:15 am
	Pastoral Council	6 pm

Opportunity at Midwest Food Bank

Come join in an evening of fun, fellowship, and service!
 Where: Midwest Food Bank, 2031 Warehouse Rd., Normal
 When: Thursday, Sept. 19 from 6-8pm
 Who: anyone 5 years and older
 Signup: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e094aa4a723a5fa7-midwest> or contact the church office. Questions: see J'ne Augspurger.

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 184.

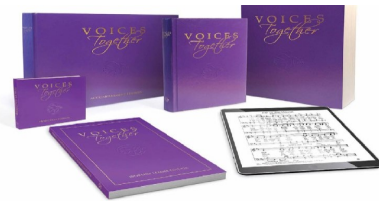
Of Note

TODAY during SS hour & at Noon
Spending plan information session
Hear some history of how we got to where we are.
See 35 years of MCN big picture spending.
Observe what other Mennonite churches are doing.
Learn the current status of the 2019 spending plan.
Talk to the Financial Stewardship Committee.
 Please come and join us!

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. Jim may be contacted at 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.



Sneak Peek Bible Party announced
 Sneak Peek Bible Party for second and third graders and their families. Come Sunday, Sept. 8 from 5:30 to 6:30 pm to eat supper and let your children get an advance preview of the Bible they will be receiving next week. For questions, contact Chris.



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A congregation of
 Mennonite Church USA

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

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Order of Worship

Sept. 8, 2019

“The human spirit is the candle of the Lord illuminating our innermost parts.”
Proverbs 20:27

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 Jim Bortell, Interim Minister

Ministry Moment Mennonite Disaster Service Ronn Franz

Prelude Youth Musicians

Call to Worship Janet Wilson

*Hymns Jenell Ulrich, Denise Hedberg
We Sing to You, O God STJ 1
Praise to the Lord the Almighty HWB 37

*Prayer

Children’s Time Chris Culbertson

Leadership Selection Moment Mike Company
Offering My Gifts and Affirming the Gifts of Others

Offering

Menno Minute Growing a Culture of Care and Generosity Holly Zehr

*Hymn *O God of Love, O Power of Peace* HWB 368

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

Scripture Matthew 13:31-33; Luke 5:36-37 Melika Hershberger

Sermon On Thy People Pour Thy Power Pastor Jim Bortell

Silent Reflection

*Hymn *God of Grace and God of Glory* HWB 366

*Sung Benediction *Spirit of God* Youth Musicians
Spirit of God, grow in us
That we may learn to love like Jesus.
Spirit of God, go with us
That we may share the love that frees us.

*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.*