

## Weekly Calendar

Today	Pre-Service Prayer	9 am
	Worship	9:30 am
	CE for Children	10:45 am
	CE for Adults	11 am
	Mennonite College Showcase	5 pm
Tues Sept. 17	Staff Meeting	9:30 am
	Leadership Selection	5 pm
	Youth Ministry Comm.	6:30 pm
Thur Sept. 19	Next Man Bible Study	6:15 am
	Midwest Food Bank	6 pm

**Interim Office Hours and Visitation.** Pastor Jim Bortell will usually be in the church office Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at 11 am for anyone who would like to stop by to talk with him. Pastor Ron Ropp is available for hospital visits, as needed.

### Opportunity at Midwest Food Bank

Come join in an evening of fun, fellowship, and service!

Where: Midwest Food Bank, 2031 Warehouse Rd., Normal

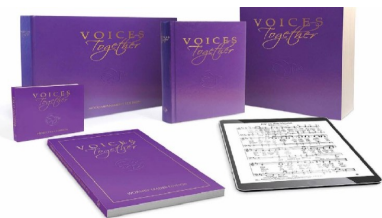
When: Thursday, Sept. 19 from 6-8pm

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.

**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: **Current status of spending plan August 2019**

Income: \$28,679  
Expenses: \$37,767  
Income - Expenses: -\$9,087  
Total to the end of August:  
Income: \$276,047  
Expenses: \$326,509  
Deficit at the end of August:  
**-\$50,462**

**Note: Expenses are on target at 64.9%! Income? We need active participation of all to accomplish what we agreed to do together!**

**Together we CAN do this!**

## Of Note

**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](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.

**Offering My Gifts and Affirming the Gifts of Others.** A new Church Year gives us an opportunity to review how we can be part of the work and mission of Mennonite Church of Normal. We also can affirm others in whom we see God's gifts for serving on our Committee. Please complete the Offering My Gifts and Affirming the Gifts of Others forms by Sept. 22. The Leadership Selection Committee and many others who give leadership to groups and projects thank you!

Attendance last Sunday was 171.



# Mennonite Church of Normal

A congregation of  
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**Sept. 15, 2019**

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

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# Order of Worship

## Sept. 15, 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)

### Staff

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Community Life		Pastor Jim Bortell, Interim Minister
Prelude		Elsa Raab
Call to Worship		Lynn Reha
*Hymns	<i>Holy, Holy, Holy Blessed Assurance</i>	Wayne Hochstetler HWB 120 HWB 332
*Prayer		
Children’s Time		Darrel Miller
Presentation of Third Grade Bibles		Pastor Jane
Offering		
Sharing and Congregational Prayer		
Scripture	Numbers 6:24-27 Matthew 5:1-12	Rita Munkakusi
Sermon	What’s a Blessing?	Pastor Jim Bortell
Silent Reflection		
*Hymn	<i>Bless’d Be the Tie That Binds</i>	HWB 421
*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.*