

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
Tues Sept. 24	Staff Meeting	9:30 am
	Leadership Selection	5 pm
	Peace & Justice	5 pm
Thur Sept. 26	Next Man Bible Study	6:15 am

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. Jim may be contacted at jimbortell@gmail.com or 309-830-5897. Pastor Ron Ropp is available for hospital visits, as needed.

Blood Pressure Checks Today Carrie Fisher will offer blood pressure checks today during Sunday School time in the parish nurse's office.

Alternative Gifts Fair Coordinators sought. Alternative Gifts Fair Coordinators. This congregation has been so generous in support of ministries around the world via our annual Alternative Gifts Fair each November - a chance to "give gifts" to those you love that do good for others. With both Sophie and Abby moving away, we are in need to new coordinators. Might God be calling you? Let Pastor Jane or Phil Dick know if you feel the nudge!

Service Response Class, led by Roger Clemmons, Steve Stenger, Gail Fisher and others. Rm 4.

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

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. Please submit the forms today. The Leadership Selection Committee and many others who give leadership to groups and projects thank you!

Choir Accompanists Needed. Due to some changes in people's schedules, we do not have accompanists yet for the Junior, Youth and Adult choirs this fall. Do you know anyone we could talk to about volunteering for one of these opportunities? Please let Louise Reeser or Pastor Jane know.

Fall Menno Haven Work Day announced. This fall's Menno Haven Work Day is on Saturday, Oct. 12. Work Day starts with breakfast at 8 am and finishes around 4 pm. Feel free to come for all or part of the day. If you know of anyone from your church planning to come to Work Day, can you let us know by emailing me at

Attendance last Sunday was 145.



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Order of Worship

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“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	MCN Pavilion	Eric Miller
Prelude		Denise Heberg
Call to Worship		Marge Weaver
*Hymns	<i>Praise the Lord, Sing Hallelujah Jesus, Be the Center</i>	Glenn Wilson HWB 50 STS 31
*Prayer		
Children’s Time		Holly Zehr
Offering		
Menno Minute: Growing a Culture of Care and Generosity		Helen Dick Brandon
Sharing and Congregational Prayer		
Hymn	<i>As the Deer</i>	
Scripture	Psalm 42:1-11	Jeurgen Schroeer
Sermon	The Pantry of the Soul	
Silent Reflection		
*Hymn	<i>Come, Come Ye Saints</i>	HWB 425
*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.*