

## Weekly Calendar

Today	Pre-Service Prayer	9 am
	Worship	9:30 am
	CE for Children	10:45 am
	CE for Adults	11 am
Tues Oct. 8	Staff Meeting	9:30 am
	Worship Committee	1:30 pm
	Peace & Justice Comm	5:00 pm
	Church Board	5:30 pm
Thur Oct 10	Next Man Bible Study	6:15 am

**Reverend Paul Unger** Bringing the sermon today is Reverend Paul Unger. He is a retired Methodist minister and friend of Pastor Jim, having served several locations her in Illinois. He currently resides at Westminster Village.

**Communion is served today.** The Bible teaches that we are to “examine ourselves” in preparation (1 Cor 11:27-29). Our Mennonite forebears took seriously the idea of being fully at peace with God and one’s Christian brothers and sisters in order to partake. Let us prepare with similar prayerful reflection and personal examination..

**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.

**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?

## Stewardship News

**Today’s focus: Adjusting the Spending plan**  
Due to the \$50,000 shortfall and consistent with MCN Board policy, FSC requests a 10% reduction of all non-contractual expenses. Committees & Staff have been notified. This will reduce overall expenses by about \$20,000. FSC will revisit this decision monthly.  
We encourage generosity, perhaps a 13<sup>th</sup> month.  
**Together we can do this!**

## Upcoming Dates

**Bryan Moyer Suderman**  
**Reading the Bible With Jesus**

**Friday Oct 11**  
5:30-6:15 Family Meal (RSVP to Dorothy Zehr or Sign-up Genius; donation appreciated)  
6:30-7:30 Family Concert (\$5 donation suggested)  
Following concert: Youth Jam Session with Bryan

**Saturday Oct 12**  
9-4 Reading the Bible with Jesus Workshop (\$10 for lunch) RSVP by email to church@normalmennonite.org

**Sunday Oct 13**  
Bryan will be with us in worship

**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 sheena@mennohaven.com or calling the office at 815.646.4344. Folks from MCN can contact Marge Weaver for a ride or more info.

**16th Annual Alternative Gifts Fair at MCN**  
It’s time to mark your calendars for the 16th annual Alternative Gifts Fair, to be held on two Sundays, November 10 and 17. Families and Sunday School classes interested in preparing a booth to highlight a project offering these gifts of hope, please check out (and then return!) the Mennonite Central Committee and Alternative Gifts International catalogs in the church library. Contact Amy Reiman or Erin Ponnou-Delaffon if interested in helping with a booth. Thank you for considering this opportunity to serve the poorest of our brothers and sisters.

## Of Note

**Announcements** Please give or send all announcements you want publicly shared during Community Life to Pastors Jim or Jane.

**Attendance** last Sunday was 134.



# Mennonite Church of Normal

A congregation of  
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**October 6, 2019**

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

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# Order of Worship

## October 6, 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)  
**Service Response Class**, led by Roger Clemmons, Steve Stenger, Gail Fisher and others. Room 4.

### Staff

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Community Life

Pastor Jane Roeschley

Prelude

Elsa Raab

Call to Worship

Mike Company

\*Hymns

Barry Weaver

*Will You Come and Follow Me (v 1-3)*

STS 39

*Christ We Do All Adore Thee*

HWB 105

\*Prayer

Children’s Time

Helen Brandon

Child Dedication

Manuella Kimbembe Kasongo

STJ 90

Offering

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

\*Hymn

*One Is the Body*

STJ 72

Scripture

Matthew 26: 31-35; 69-75

Kay Reimer

Sermon

Flawed But Faithful

Rev Paul Unger

Service of Communion

\*Hymn

*Guide Me O Though Great Jehovah*

HWB 582

\*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.*