

## Weekly Calendar

Today	Pre-Service Prayer	9:00 am
	Worship	9:30 am
	CE for Children	10:45 am
	CE for Adults	11am
	Alternative Gifts Fair	
	Mennonite Relief Sale	2:30 pm
	Junior Choir	6 pm
	Youth Choir	6:45 pm
Tues Nov. 19	Staff Meeting	9:30 am
Thur Nov. 21	Next Man Bible Study	6:15 am
	Outreach	5 pm

**Interim Office Hours and Visitation.** Pastor Jim Bortell will usually be in the church office Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at 11 am. Jim may be contacted at jimbertell@gmail.com or 309-830-5897. Pastor Ron Ropp is available for hospital visits, as needed.

**Cantus Novus Chorale** will present their fall concert today at 3 pm at MCN. Free, donations appreciated. All are welcome and invited.

**Camp Friedenswald Winter Church Retreat** will be Jan. 24 - 26. Sign-up coming soon!

## Stewardship News

Today's focus: **Income & Expenses to date**

October : Income: \$37,133.66

Expenses: \$29,863.33

Income - Expenses: \$7,270.33

**Year to date: (Through October)**

Income: \$359,871.40

Expenses: \$383,575.02

Income - Expenses = **(\$23,703.62)**

We gained on the deficit, from \$50,000 to \$31,000 to now \$23,000. We have more to go for the next two months!

**Working together we can do this!**

**Would you consider a 13<sup>th</sup> month gift?**

**Thank you for your gifts to the ministry at MCN!**

## Of Note

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

**Alternative Gifts Fair.** Today is the last day to visit the Alternative Gifts Fair in the back of the sanctuary. If you have not already, please be sure to check out the projects our youth are supporting and give the gift of gratitude this year. Gift Fair donations can be submitted until Dec. 1 to the office or to Erin Ponnou-Delaffon. If you have any questions, please let Erin know. Thank you for your support!

### Retirement Celebration for Jane Roeschley

Please join the Church Board as we celebrate the retirement of Pastor Jane Roeschley and thank her for her many years of service to MCN.

#### Sunday, Nov. 24

Pastor Jane will preach and this will be her last Sunday of attendance at MCN (until she returns one day in the future after a time away). Included in the service will be an anointing service. Doug Luginbill, CDC Conference Minister, will be here and will lead the Litany of Blessing and Release. There will be no Sunday School so there will be time for a reception and program.

#### Memory Book

We are asking the congregation to bring retirement cards or notes. Bring them to the office no later than Friday, Nov. 15. They will be placed in book—please do not write on the back. If you have questions contact Stephanie Company or Mary Ann Watkins.

**Lost and Found.** The Lost and Found area is overflowing. Please check through all the items and take home anything that belongs to your family.

**Attendance** last Sunday was 214



# Mennonite Church of Normal

A congregation of  
Mennonite Church USA

**Nov. 17, 2019**

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

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# Order of Worship Nov. 17, 2019

## 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

Prelude

Denise Hedberg

Call to Worship

Janet Wilson

\*Hymns

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty  
We Gather Together*

Barry Weaver  
HWB 37  
HWB 17

\*Prayer

Children's Time

Louis Reeser

Offering

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

\*Hymn

*God is Here Among Us*

HWB 16

Scripture

Psalm 111

Emmanuel Kasongo

Sermon

Ponder These Things

Silent Reflection

\*Hymn

You Shall Go Out With Joy

HWB 427

\*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.*