

## Weekly Calendar

Today	Pre-Service Prayer	9:00 am
	Worship	9:30 am
	CE for Children	10:45 am
	Blood Pressure Checks	10:45 am
	CE for Adults	11am
	Meal	Noon
	Congregational Meeting	1 pm
	Junior Choir	6 pm
	Youth Choir	6:45 pm
Tues Nov. 5	Staff Meeting	9:30 am
Thur Nov. 7	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. Jim may be contacted at [jimbortell@gmail.com](mailto:jimbortell@gmail.com) or 309-830-5897. Pastor Ron Ropp is available for hospital visits, as needed.

**Attendance** last Sunday was 169.

## Of Note

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

**LGBTQIA+ Safe Space & Ally Group.** If you are interested in forming a group to explore ways to help make MCN be an LGBTQIA+ safe and inclusive space, contact Andy Hedberg.

**Nov 3 Congregational Meal and Meeting** – at noon and 1 pm today!

**I'd Like to Buy an Enemy** comedy play by Ted & Co. Sunday, Nov.10, 3 pm at Lincoln Hall Theatre, University of Illinois. Free. This thought-provoking show allows us to laugh at ourselves, while engaging us to consider the influence of America's highly militarized presence in the world, to confront the fear that drives our culture, and to consider how we can work for peace and justice in the U.S. and globally.

**Alternative Gifts Fair** Next Sunday, Nov. 10, marks the first of two Sundays of MCN's 16th annual Alternative Gifts Fair. Time to make your list and check it twice! Fuller descriptions of the projects on the shopping lists can be found in the MCC and AGI catalogs on the library table or online. Cards and inserts describing the projects are available with your donation. You can give any amount to any project, and donations are tax-deductible and will appear on your yearly financial statement. If you have any questions, please see Amy Reiman or Erin Ponnou-Delaffon. Thank you for your support!



# Mennonite Church of Normal

A congregation of Mennonite Church USA

**Nov. 3, 2019**

### Stewardship News

Today's focus: **Big Picture** items  
**Spending plans: 2019, 2020 prop**  
**Totals \$495,166 \$451,998**

Local prog	8.5%	8.8%
Staff & Adm	48.4%	43.2%
Facilities	17.0%	19.1%
Sent out	26.1%	28.9%

**Come join us on Nov 3 at 1 pm to see the details and talk to the FSC. Does this plan help us accomplish our mission? Thank you for your gifts to the ministry at MCN!**

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

# Mennonite Church of Normal

805 S Cottage Ave — Normal IL 61761

Ph (309) 452-6622

church@normalmennonite.org

www.normalmennonite.org

## Order of Worship Nov. 3, 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)  
**Service Response Class**, led by Roger Clemmons, Steve Stenger, Gail Fisher and others. Room 4.

### Staff

Jim Bortell, Interim Minister  
jimbortell@gmail.com

Jane Roeschley, Associate Pastor  
Worship & Lay Ministries  
jane@normalmennonite.org

Ron Ropp, Pastor of Visitation  
rjroppbarn@gmail.com

Laurie Vial, Office Manager  
church@normalmennonite.org

Lauren Satchwell, Youth Ministry Leader  
satchwell.lauren@gmail.com

Wireless Access MCN\_Guest/mcnguest

Community Life

Pastor Jim Bortell

Prelude

Chris Culbertson

Call to Worship

Darrel Miller

\*Hymns

*Love Divine All Loves Excelling  
Here I Am*

Barry Weaver  
HWB 592  
STJ 100

\*Prayer

Children's Time

Shelly King

Offering

Randy, Jaron and Addy Zehr

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

\*Hymn

*La Tenebre (Our Darkness)*

STJ 101

Comments on the Lesson

Scripture

Ruth 1:16-21, Philippians 4:11-13

John Reimer

Sermon

Love Divine and Ills Unlimited

Silent Reflection

\*Hymn

*I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

HWB 46

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.*