

## Weekly Calendar

Today	Pre-Service Prayer	9 am
	Worship	9:30 am
	C.E. for Children	10:45 am
	Blood Pressure Checks	10:45 am
	C.E. For Adults	11 am
	Junior Choir	6 pm
	Youth Choir	6:45 pm
	Adult Choir	7:30 pm
Tues Dec. 3	Staff Meeting	9:30 am
Wed. Dec. 4	Cello Recital	6 pm
Thur Dec. 5	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.

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

**New Adult Sunday School class** will start today in Room 4. Randy Zehr will lead the class using the book *The Bible Unwrapped Making Sense of Scripture Today* by Meghan Larissa Good. Attendees can purchase the book at the first class. If anyone owns the book and would be willing to lend it please let Randy know.

## Of Note

**Announcements** Please give or send all announcements you want publicly shared during Community Life to the pastor.

**Alternative Gifts Fair.** Gift Fair donations can be submitted today to the office or to Erin Ponnou-Delaffon. If you have any questions, please let Erin know. Thank you for your support!

**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.

**Surprise! Luncheons. Everyone's invited!**

When: Dec. 15, immediately following CE  
What happens: Hosts provide soup or sandwiches. Guests take along a salad or side dish to share. Everyone eats!

RSVP by Dec. 5: to Kristen Satchwell [kristen.satchwell@gmail.com](mailto:kristen.satchwell@gmail.com), call or text 309-838-6319, or place completed form (please sign your name) in Kristen's church mailbox with info:  
Host: \_\_\_\_\_ guests in my/our home.

Guests: \_\_\_\_\_ of me/us.

I'm/we're in! Signed:

When is the surprise revealed? Sunday morning, Dec. 15, you will find an envelope in your church mailbox giving you the name and address of your host. They will be expecting you/guests, but their guests will only be revealed when you appear at the door! This is a wonderful way to fellowship with folks in our church family.

**An Evening with ISU Strings.** Hear several students of the ISU Strings, and MCN cellist, Lydia Hedberg, perform on Dec. 4 at 7 p.m. in the MCN sanctuary. Free admission. Donations are welcome to cover the rental fee for the evening.

**From our Transition Pastor, Gary Martin,** "I am looking forward to our journey together, which begins with a sermon on Epiphany Sunday, Jan. 5. My priority for the first six weeks, is to visit as many households as possible. Details about that process, and how to sign up for a visit, will be provided next week."

**Attendance** last Sunday was 226.



# Mennonite Church of Normal

A congregation of Mennonite Church USA

**Dec. 1, 2019**

## Stewardship News

Today's focus: **Big Picture items**

<b>Spending plans: 2019,</b>	<b>2020 prop</b>
<b>Totals \$495,166</b>	<b>\$451,998</b>
Local prog 8.5%	8.8%
Staff & Adm 48.4%	43.2%
Facilities 17.0%	19.1%
Sent out 26.1%	28.9%

**Do these plans help us accomplish our mission?**

**What aspect of giving do you find most meaningful?**

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

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

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## 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 a.m. 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)  
**The Bible Unwrapped**, led by Randy Zehr in Room 4.

### Staff

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## Order of Worship

Dec. 1, 2019

Thanksgiving Sunday

Community Life

Pastor Ron Ropp

Prelude

Dorothy Loepp

Call to Worship

Lynette Miller

\*Hymns

*Come, Ye Thankful People Come  
We Gather Together*

Wayne Hochstetler

HWB 94

HWB 17

\*Prayer

Children's Time

Shelly Nester King

Offering

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

\*Hymn

*We Plow the Fields and Scatter*

HWB 96

Scripture

John 15:9-17

Joe Jantze

Sermon

Joy, the Sign of God's Presence

Pastor Ron Ropp

Silent Reflection

\*Hymn

*Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee*

HWB 71

\*Benediction

\*Postlude