

Weekly Calendar

Today	Pre-Service Prayer	9 am
	Worship	9:30 am
	C.E. for Children	10:45 am
	C.E. For Adults	11 am
	Junior Choir	6 pm
	Youth Choir	6:45 pm
	Adult Choir	7:30 pm
Mon Dec. 9	Mennonite Women	9:30 am
	Financial Stewardship	4:30 pm
Tues Dec. 10	Staff Meeting	9:30 am
	Church Board	5:30 pm
Thur Dec. 12	Next Man Bible Study	6:15 am
	Pastoral Council	6 pm
Fri Dec. 13	Piano Tuning	11 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 or 309-830-5897. Pastor Ron Ropp is available for hospital visits, as needed.

New Adult Sunday School class 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 class. If anyone owns the book and would be willing to lend it please let Randy know.

Stewardship News

Today's focus: Sent Out items

Totals:	2019	2020 Prop
	\$129,154;	\$130,543
Menn Mission Network.	\$46,726	\$47,661
Area Conf (CDC, IMC).	\$30,710	\$31,324
Menn Educ Association	\$15,911	\$16,229
Outreach Com.	\$9,000	\$9,000
Camps (MH, Frdswld).	\$8,376	\$8,544
MCC, MDS, MennoMedia	\$7,782	\$7,937
CPT, Peace & Justice	\$4,375	\$4,412
Mission Support.	\$4,000	\$4,080
Other	\$2,274	\$1,356

This is about ¼ of our spending plan. Do you know what all of these organizations do? What do you find most exciting about this portion of the spending plan? Let us know! Thank you for your support of the ministries at the Mennonite Church of Normal! Next week: 2019 Spending plan progress to date.

Of Note

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

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.

From our Transition Pastor, Gary Martin, “My priority for the first six weeks, is to visit as many households as possible.” Details about that process were in the Midweek Wednesday. Instructions on how to sign up for a visit, will be provided soon in the Midweek and a flyer in each mailbox. Sign up will be done with Sign Up Genius but if you don't have access to the Internet there will be a table with a helper several Sundays in early January.

All-Church Christmas Caroling. Friday, Dec. 20 5:30–7 p.m. Supper is provided. Please bring one to two dozen cookies if you can. We will pass them out to the houses where we carol. Invite friends! If you'd like to go, please use Sign Up Genius. If you have any questions, contact Spring Neely or Chris Culbertson.

Special Congregational Meeting on Sunday, Dec. 15 to vote on the “TAP proposal” – see complete announcement in Midweek.

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

Advent Banner Special thank you to Kay Sommer who created our Advent banner and to Roger Clemmons who made the question mark sculpture.

Attendance last Sunday was 157.



What are you waiting for? Throughout our Advent Season this question is directed to God, to ourselves, and ultimately to the congregation. We hope this time for you, will be a season of reflection, curiosity, celebration and hope. The question mark symbolizes a time of questioning.



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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&3 Room 12
Grades 4&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.

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Order of Worship

Dec. 8, 2019

What Are You Waiting For?

Focus Statement: We enter the Advent season crying out to God to break into our lives with a new light and a new hope. We ask the question, God, what are you waiting for?

Community Life Pastor Joe Culpepper

Ministry Moment The Longest Night Service Lynn Reha

Prelude The Youth Musicians

Welcome Words David Voegtlin

Call to Worship (on screen)

*Opening Hymns Glenn Wilson, Chris Culbertson
Bless'd be the God of Israel HWB 174
Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus HWB 178

*Prayer

Children's Time Darrel Miller

Offering Clara Ponnou-Delaffon

Confession and Lighting the Advent Wreath (on screen)
Clara Ponnou-Delaffon & Jack Brandon

Special Music *Come to the Stable* Adult Choir

Sharing Time and Congregational Prayer

*Hymn *What Child is This?* HWB 215

Scripture Isaiah 2:1-5, Matthew 24:36-44 David Voegtlin

Sermon "What are you waiting for? IDK" Pastor Joe Culpepper

Silent Reflection

*Hymn *Praise the One who Breaks the Darkness* STS 1

*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.*