

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
	Potluck	
	Annual Meeting	
	Menn. Relief Sale Board	2:30 pm
Tues Jan. 21	Youth Ministry Comm	6:30 pm
Wed Jan. 22	Outreach	5 pm
Thur Jan. 16	Next Man Bible Study	6:15 am
Jan. 24-26	Camp Friedenswald Retreat	

Pastor Ron Ropp is handling visitation to people with health issues. Barry and Marge Weaver are also helping with visitation with those in care facilities or homebound.

Camp Friedenswald Winter Church Retreat will be Jan. 24 - 26. Sign-up info was placed in mailboxes and the link was published in the Midweek.

Encountering Mental Health Challenges. This Spring Quarter class will provide basic knowledge and training to respond to individuals in distress. An additional goal is to aid in removing the stigma of seeking help for those with a mental health challenge. Confidentiality will be stressed. Look for more information in two weeks.

Of Note

Visits with Transitional Pastor. If you have not already done so please schedule your visit with Gary Martin. Complete details are in the Midweek along with the hotlink to Sign Up Genius. If you need assistance call the church office. Thanks for being part of this important process.

Mennonite Arts Weekend Feb. 7-9. Lynn Reha is the local rep and is attending. Contact Lynn if you would like a ride. Details in the Midweek.

IMC Annual Business Meeting will be Saturday, Feb. 15 at Camp Menno Haven. See www.illinoismennonite.com for information.

Attendance last Sunday was 140.

Stewardship News

Today's focus: A look back.

2019 Spending Plan.	\$495,166
2019 Income	\$470,243.53
2019 Expenses	\$441,482.03
Income - Expenses	\$28,761.50!!!

NOTE: There may be some changes in these numbers yet as the last details and adjustments for the end of the year get worked out.

Some observations from the past year:

1. We are delighted to end the year in the black! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!
2. The balance turned positive for the first time this year at the end of Nov! That is, for the first 10+ months we had a negative balance.
3. Although there were 6 months when income exceeded expenses, 4 of those months were the last 4 months of the year. In the first 8 months of the year, March and April were the only months when income exceeded expense.
4. Over the years, we have often had a negative balance many of the months of the year but when it reached \$50,000 it caused some anxiety. We asked Committees to restrict spending. A question: What suggestions do you have as to how we might work with this situation?



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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 am

Bible Study—Living In Covenant With God, Darrel Miller & class led, Conference Room (Room 2).
Adult Class: **The Bible Unwrapped**, led by Randy Zehr, Room 4.

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Order of Worship Jan. 19, 2020

...so that through the church, the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. (Ephesians 3:10)

Community Life

Pastor Gary Martin

Prelude

Elsa Raab

Call to Worship

Lynette Miller

*Opening Hymns

*God Is Here Among Us
Sometimes a Light Surprises--*

Barry Weaver
HWB 16
HWB 603

*Prayer

Children's Time

Holly Zehr

Offering

Congregational Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

*Hymn

God of the Bible--

STJ 27

Scripture

Genesis 18:1-15

Erin Ponnou-Delaffon

Sermon

This time next year

Pastor Gary Martin

Silent Reflection

*Hymn

We Give Thanks Unto You

HWB 161

*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.*