

Weekly Calendar

Today	Camp Friedenswald Retreat	
	Pre-Service Prayer	9 am
	Worship	9:30 am
	C.E. for Children	10:45 am
	C.E. For Adults	11 am
Thur Jan. 30	Next Man Bible Study	6:15 am

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.

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.

Parking If you are able-bodied please do not park on the south side of the church during Sunday worship and other well-attended events. This leaves spaces for people who do not have a handicap permit but would benefit from parking near the door. Thank you.

Communion will be served Feb. 2. The Bible teaches that we are to “examine ourselves” in preparation (1 Cor 11:27-29). Our Mennonite forebears took seriously the idea of being fully at peace with God and one’s Christian brothers and sisters in order to partake. Let us prepare with similar prayerful reflection and personal examination. Please mark your Mutual Aid offering clearly and put them in the offering plate.

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 134

Stewardship News

Today’s focus: Looking ahead!

The 2020 Spending Plan was approved last Sunday, Jan 19, 2020. This sets a goal that we can/will work on together for this year. **Thank You.**

The total is **\$452,046**. It is divided into four sections as noted below.

Local MCN programs:
\$39,635 **8.8%**

This includes children’s, youth and adult SS materials & activities, music & worship materials, library, camperships, fellowship supplies, laity training, etc.

Staff & Administration:
\$195,468 **43.2%**

This includes salary, pension, FICA, medical & other insurance, office & conference expense, mileage, continuing education, etc.

Church Building:
\$86,400 **19.1%**

This includes utilities, insurance, janitorial service, grounds care, snow removal, building maintenance escrow, minor equipment & repairs, etc.

Sent out from here:
\$130,543 **28.9 %**

This includes what is sent to Mennonite Mission Network, regional Mennonite conferences & camps, MCC, MDS, MEA, Menno Media, CPT, plus some local outreach efforts. For us the vast majority of this goes to Mennonite or directly related group.



Mennonite Church of Normal

A congregation of Mennonite Church USA

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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. 26, 2020

Community Life		Lynn Reha
Prelude		Dorothy Loepp
Call to Worship		Lynn Reha
*Opening Hymns	<i>Come, Thou Almighty King Holy Spirit, Come With Power</i>	Glenn Wilson HWB 41 HWB 26
*Prayer		
Children's Time		Darrel Miller
Offering		
Congregational Prayer and the Lord's Prayer		Lynn Reha
	Our loving God, we lift this concern/praise to you.	
*Hymn	<i>There is a Place of Quiet Rest</i>	HWB 5
Scripture	Philippians 4:4-9	Joe Jantze
Sermon	<i>Thank You! That's a Good One!</i>	Pastor Joe Culpepper
Silent Reflection		
*Hymn	<i>This is a Day of New Beginnings</i>	HWB 640
*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.*