

## 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
	JMYF & MYF	5 pm
	Junior Choir	6 pm
	Youth Choir	6:45 pm
Tues Feb. 18	Youth Ministry	6:30 pm
Wed Feb. 19	100 Gifts for 100 Years	6:30 pm
Thur Feb. 20	Next Man Bible Study	6:15 am
	Peace & Justice	5pm

Pastor Ron Ropp is handling visitation for people with health issues. Barry and Marge Weaver and Lois and Wayne Hochstetler are also helping with visitation with those in care facilities or home-bound.

**Encountering Mental Health Challenges** A class, sponsored by the Wellness Committee to provide basic mental health knowledge and training for responding to individuals in distress, will begin March 01, 2020. Individuals are invited to tell their mental health stories. It could be a personal journey or the effect of a family member's or friend's mental health challenge on you. Confidentiality will be stressed. If you are willing to share in the class in this way, please contact Lois Hochstetler, Kristen Satchwell or Bess Desch personally or with an email or note in one of their mailboxes. Questions or concerns can be addressed to any of them. An additional goal for the class is to aid in removing the stigma of seeking help for those with a mental help challenge. You could be instrumental in this effort. Please respond soon.

**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.

**February sermon series on Ruth** *God provides, we decide*, includes dramatic monologues from four of the characters: Orpah, Naomi, Boaz, and Ruth.

**New Compostable Tableware for Relief Sale** See details in the Feb. 5 Midweek.

## 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. This opportunity ends Feb. 18.

**A special welcome today** to Rudy Moyer-Litwiller; originally from Hopedale, and his wife Michelle Moyer-Litwiller; originally from Champaign. They are the leaders of the Service Adventure Unit in Albuquerque, N.M. for Mennonite Mission Network. Rudy will be sharing with the high school students today about Service Adventure and their work with MMN. They will also have an information table.

**Attendance** last Sunday was 121.

### Stewardship News

**Today's Focus: Current status as of Jan 31, 2020**

January income:	\$37,702.68
January expenses:	\$30,996.83
Income over expenses:	\$6,705.85

This is a very pleasant surprise! Thank You!!! For the first time in at least four years, we ended January in the black! How did that happen? The simple answer is that the income was greater in January 2020 than in either 2018 or 2019 and the expenses were lower than in either of those years! Again, thank you very much and let's hope that this continues.



# Mennonite Church of Normal

A congregation of  
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**Feb. 16, 2020**

*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&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 Feb. 16, 2020 God provides, we decide

Community Life

Pastor Gary Martin

Prelude

Sally, Jace and Alexa Hoffmann

Call to Worship (see slide)

Darrel Miller

\*Opening Hymns

Cindy Ropp, Chris Culbertson  
*Heart with loving heart united* HWB 420  
*I'm pressing on the upward way* STJ 96

\*Prayer

Children's Time

Melika Hershberger

Offering

Ministry Moment

Pastoral Council

Melika Hershberger

Congregational Sharing, Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Scripture

Ruth 3:1-18

Rita Munkakusi

Hymn

*O breathe on me, O breath of God*

STJ 40

Dramatic Monologue

Boaz

Mike Company

Sermon

*Doing the right thing*

Silent Reflection

\*Hymn

*I want to walk as a child of the light*

STJ 95

\*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.*