

## Weekly Calendar

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| Today        | Pre-Service Prayer      | 9 am     |
|              | Worship                 | 9:30 am  |
|              | C.E. for Children       | 10:45 am |
|              | C.E. For Adults         | 11 am    |
|              | Pastoral Council        | 5 pm     |
|              | JMYF & MYF              | 5 pm     |
|              | Junior Choir            | 6 pm     |
|              | Youth Choir             | 6:45 pm  |
| Tues Feb. 25 | Piano tuning            | 12 pm    |
|              | Staff Meeting           | 4:30 pm  |
|              | Church Board            | 5:30 pm  |
| Wed Feb. 26  | Christian Education     | 5:45 pm  |
|              | 100 Gifts for 100 Years | 6:30 pm  |
| Thur Feb. 27 | 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 1. See the Midweek for details.

**The Bel Canto Singers** from Hesston (KS) College will be participating in our worship service Sunday, March 22. We are asked to provide lodging for these 20 folks on Saturday night, March 21, and breakfast Sunday morning. Details can be found in the Midweek Connection including the Sign Up Genius link or contact Marge Weaver. Thanks for offering hospitality!

**New Compostable Tableware** for Relief Sale See more details in the Midweek. There will be a new booth featuring borscht, zwiebach and vegetable soup. This will offer a meal or snack option for people who are vegetarian, in addition to providing a healthy and historically Russian Mennonite soup. Most of the tableware will be compostable. Thanks to those who have given generously to support this earth-friendly cause. It is important that no trash go into the tableware which will get composted. Therefore, some sorting will be needed, so we are asking for trash/composting sorters in the volunteer sign up.

**A special thank you** to Maggie Machledt Girard, Indianapolis, for creating the Ruth series artwork and PowerPoint slides.

## Of Note

**62nd Illinois Mennonite Relief Sale**, is March 20-21 at the Interstate Center, Bloomington. The 2020 theme is "Celebrating MCC's Century of Global Ministry in the Name of Christ." The sign-up sheets and supplies will be available today. The Dutch Market needs more pies, cookies, bread and gluten-free baked items. If you want to order pie crusts put your name on the order form. **The deadline for ordering pie crusts is Wednesday, Feb. 26.** The Outreach Committee will pay for the crusts. If you have any items for the auction, please let us know as soon as possible. Workers are needed in a variety of booths. **100 Gifts for 100 Years** is another way to help. Take some time to work on a project. Bring your own ideas, suggestions and supplies for a project to work on Wednesdays from 6:30-8:30 p.m. The challenge is to make 100 gifts. Come bring your project and have fun making things for the sale!

**Rainbow lanyards.** There is a basket of rainbow lanyards and stickers for nametags on the Welcome Desk if anyone wants to swap theirs out.

**Attendance** last Sunday was 118.

### Stewardship News

**Today's Focus: MCN and MCC**  
**This is MCC's 100<sup>th</sup> year!!**  
 We are well connected with MCC!  
 -2020 Spending Plan: \$4,113  
 -Upcoming 2020 MCC Relief sale: 100s of hours in organizing, preparation, working at the sale. 100s of items given for sale. 1000s of \$ spent in support of MCC.  
**The Big Picture of MCC 2019(USA & Canada)**  
**Total income: \$77.8 million!**  
**Sources:** Cash gifts, Thrift Stores, Grants, Material Resources, and **Relief Sales:**(We are part of this!)  
**1,190 MCC Workers in 53 Countries!**  
**453 Partner groups. 648 Projects.**  
**\$15,000,000 + on Relief!**  
**\$39,000,000+ on Development!**  
**\$13,000,000+ on Peace!**  
 We can do great things working together!!  
 We are part of a grand enterprise!  
 A few of us have actually served with MCC!



# Mennonite Church of Normal

A congregation of  
Mennonite Church USA

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*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. 23, 2020 God provides, we decide

Community Life

Pastor Gary Martin

Prelude

Denise Hedberg

\*Call to Worship (see slide)

Wayne Hochstetler

\*Opening Hymns

*Spirit, working in creation  
For we are strangers no more*

Barry Weaver

STJ 10

HWB 322

\*Prayer

Children's Time

Chris Culbertson

Offering

Congregational Sharing, Prayer and Lord's Prayer

\*Scripture

Ruth 4:1-15 Romans 12:1-8

Wilma Dyck

Hymn

*Why should I feel discouraged*

STJ 103

Dramatic Monologue

Ruth

Lucy Unzicker

Sermon

*Three strikes and Ruth's babe*

Silent Reflection

\*Hymn

*Guide me, O though great Jehovah*

HWB 582

\*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.*