

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
	Adult Choir	7:30 pm
Wed Mar 4	100 Gifts for 100 Years	6:30 pm
Thur Mar 5	Next Man Bible Study	6:15 am

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 homebound.

Thank you! The Worship Committee is grateful to Jim and Kay Sommer once again for creating our banner, with the addition of dead twigs and the cross. Kay selected a banner hand-dyed and assembled by Janelle Friesen a few years ago to use as background for this season's Lenten/Easter theme "Show Us." We also would like to thank Nancy Fisher for her work in creating the Worship Table and niche visuals. Her selection of desert plants, twigs, moss and rocks communicate the dry and spiritually barren climate of this Lenten season.

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 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 an option for people who are vegetarian. Most of the tableware will be compostable. Thanks to those who have given generously to support this earth-friendly cause. Some sorting will be needed, we are asking for trash/composting sorters in the volunteer sign up.

During Lent please write prayer requests and announcements on the slips of paper provided at the Welcome Desk. Check the bulletin to see who to hand them to. There is no open mic during Lent.

Of Note

62nd Illinois Mennonite Relief Sale is March 20-21 at the Interstate Center in Bloomington. The 2020 theme is "Celebrating MCC's Century of Global Ministry in the Name of Christ."

****Each church is asked to donate five or more NEW ITEMS FOR THE AUCTION.** Let us know as soon as possible.

*The **DUTCH MARKET** needs more pies (especially cherry pies), cookies, bread, tea rings and gluten-free food items.

More volunteers are needed on Friday evening.

***SIGN-UP SHEETS:** Thank you to everyone who has signed up so far. There are still many empty spaces. More volunteers are needed especially for serving the chicken/fish dinners (Friday, 4:05-5:30 p.m.) and serving pancakes (Saturday, 5:30-8:30 a.m. and 10:30-12:30). All help is appreciated

***NEW SOUP BOOTH:** needs a few volunteers for the compostable/trash sorting. People would put compostable items in the compostable bin and the trash in the trash bin.

*Help is needed for the **RECYCLING** of cardboard, syrup bottles, applesauce cans etc.

*Help distribute the booklets, posters and yard signs.

***DISPLAY TABLE** will be on Sunday, March 15.

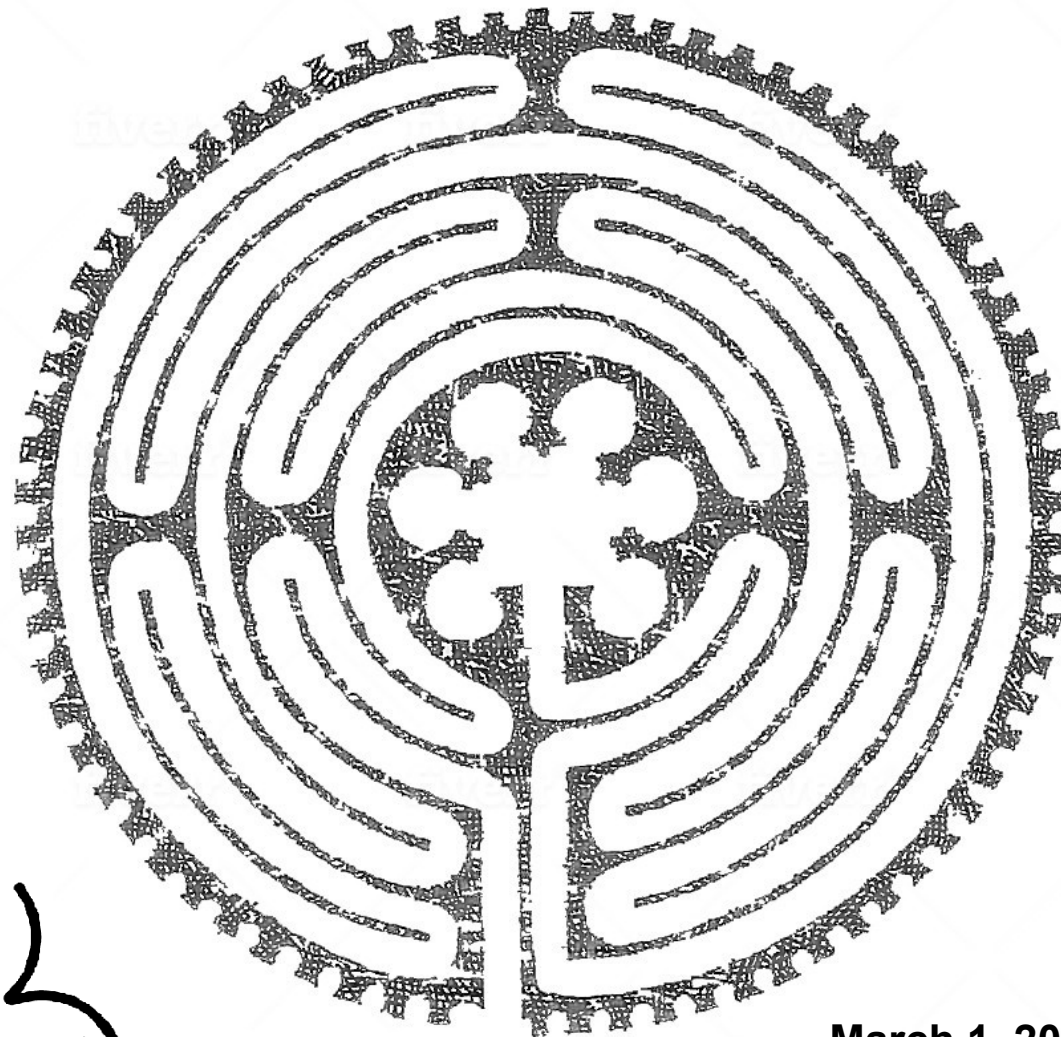
*Questions? Ask Gerry Schrock, Marcia Rossi or Roelie Homan

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

The Bethel College Choir. On Monday, March 23rd, we have the opportunity to host the Bethel College concert choir. We will have a sign-up for hosting the students. A host simply needs to provide a place to stay on Monday evening following the 7 p.m. concert, breakfast the next morning, and a sack lunch for the bus ride the next day; we will need to find housing for 50 people. We will also have a sign-up for desserts and salads for the choir's Monday evening supper. Please sign up at the back of the church or on [Sign Up Genius](#). Thank you in advance for opening your home and hospitality to the students and their conductor. If you have questions, please contact Phil Dick at (309) 824-2551 or Helen Dick Brandon (309) 826-4359.

Adult Choir practice resumes today at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome.

Attendance last Sunday was 130.



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Order of Worship March 1, 2020 Show Us

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: **Encountering Mental Health Challenges** in the MRC Community Building.

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Community Life

Marge Weaver

Prelude

Elsa Raab

Call to Worship

*Opening Hymns

*Come, thou fount
Just a closer walk with thee*

Wayne Hochstetler
HWB 521
STJ 106

*Confession (on screen)

*Assurance of Pardon

Children's Time

Shelly King

Offering

Congregational Sharing, Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Scripture

Matthew 4:1-11

*Hymn

Jesus, tempted in the desert

STS 36

Sermon

Beginning the journey

Jan Miller

Silent Reflection

*Hymn

The Lord lift you up

STJ 73

*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.*