

## Weekly Calendar

Today	Pre-Service Prayer	9 am
	Worship	9:30 am
	C.E. for Children	10:45 am
	Transition Visit Report	10:45 am
	JMYF & MYF	5 pm
	Junior Choir	6 pm
	Youth Choir	6:45 pm
Mon March 9	Mennonite Women	9:30 am
	Staff Meeting	4:30 pm
Tues March 10	Financial Stewardship	4 pm
	Peace & Justice	5 pm
	Church Board	5:30 pm
Wed Mar 11	Outreach	5 pm
	100 Gifts for 100 Years	6:30 pm
	Pastoral Council	6:30 pm
	Adult Choir	7:30 pm
Thur Mar 12	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 home-bound.

**Thank you!** The Worship Committee is grateful to Jim and Kay Sommer for creating our banner. Kay selected a banner hand-dyed and assembled by Janelle Friesen a few years ago to use as background. We also thank Nancy Fisher for her work in creating the Worship Table and niche visuals.

**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 them on Saturday and breakfast on Sunday. Details can be found in the Midweek including the Sign Up Genius link or contact Marge Weaver. Five students still need housing.

**New Compostable Tableware** for Relief Sale. See more details in the Midweek. There will be a new booth offering an option for people who are vegetarian. Most of the tableware will be compostable and sorters are needed. Thanks to those who have given generously to support this earth-friendly cause.

**Financial Stewardship News** Today's Focus: Manner of giving to MCN. Many persons put cash or a check in the offering plate weekly, monthly or less often. Others, about 1/3, give electronically or have checks sent directly to MCN. Interested in exploring those options? See info in March 11 Midweek.

**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." Volunteers are still needed in several areas. See where you can help. \*SET UP tables and booths: Thursday, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

\*DUTCH MARKET: needs some people for stocking on Friday 12-2 p.m., 2-4 p.m. and for checkout lanes, 6:30-9 p.m. We need more pies (especially cherry pies), cookies, bread, tea rings and gluten-free baked items.

\*CHICKEN/FISH DINNERS, Friday, 4:05-5:30 p.m. needs a few more people.

\*Serving PANCAKES, Saturday, 5:30-8:30 a.m. & 10:30-12:30 needs many more volunteers.

\*NEW SOUP BOOTH: Friday, 4 p.m. Need more people for the trash/compost sorting.

\*PEACE & JUSTICE BOOTH, Friday 5-7 p.m.; Saturday, 9-11 a.m. and 11-1 p.m.

\*INFORMATION BOOTH: Friday evening and Saturday.

\*Distribute BOOKLETS and YARD SIGNS.

\*DISPLAY TABLE is Sunday, March 15. Bring your quilts, comforters, knitted and crocheted items, arts and craft items and other homemade items.

\*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 will host the Bethel College concert choir. Hosts are needed to provide a place to stay following the 7 p.m. concert, breakfast and a sack lunch. We will need to find housing for 50 people. We will also have a sign-up for desserts and salads for the Monday evening meal. Sign up at the back of the church or on [Sign Up Genius](#) (see Midweek). If you have questions contact Phil Dick at (309) 824-2551 or Helen Dick Brandon (309) 826-4359.

**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.

**Attendance** last Sunday was 141.



# Mennonite Church of Normal

A congregation of  
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**March 8, 2020**

*Offering Christ's peace to hearts, homes, community and world*

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## Order of Worship

March 8, 2020

Second Sunday in Lent

*Show us the extent of your faithful, loving presence*

### 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

Gary Martin

Prelude

Dorothy Loepf

Call to Worship (on slide)

Marge Weaver

\*Opening Hymns

*To God be the Glory  
Blessed Jesus, at your word*

Barry Weaver  
HWB 102  
HWB 13

\*Prayer

Children's Time

Shelly King

Offering

Ministry Moment

Lynette Miller

Congregational Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Scripture

Genesis 12:1-4a; John 3:1-17

\*Hymn

*Don't be afraid*

STJ 105

Sermon

*Enlightening Nick at Night*

Silent Reflection

Confession (on slide)

Assurance of Pardon (on slide)

\*Hymn

*Praise the One who breaks the darkness*

STS 1

\*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.*