



Mennonite Church of Normal

A congregation of
Mennonite Church USA

August 17, 2025

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

Order of Worship

Gather

Welcome and Congregational Life

Prelude *Blessed Assurance*

Call to Worship

Hymns *Holy God, We Praise Thy Name* VT* 126
Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee VT 103

Gathering Prayer

Listen

Children's Time *This Little Light of Mine*, vs. 1 VT 762

Scripture Philippians 4:10-13

Sermon *Volutus*

Respond

Response in Song *God, Be the Love* VT 43

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Stewardship Affirmation

Recognition of Ministry for Lynette Miller

Sent

Sending Song *We Walk by Faith* VT 588

Benediction

Closing Chorus *May God Grant You a Blessing* VT 845

**Voices Together Hymnal*

Assisting in Worship:

Worship Planner & Leader: Shannon Unzicker

Prelude: Bill West & Glenn Wilson

Accompaniment: Bill West

Song Leader: Wayne Hochstetler

Children's Time: Holly Zehr

Scripture Reader: Shannon Unzicker

Sermon: Kevin Chupp

Pastoral Prayer: Kevin Chupp

Tech: Ryan Miller & Glenn Wilson

In Memoriam:

Evelyn Benner, Steve Benner's Mom: January 30, 1944 - July 24, 2025

Alice Swift, member of MCN: August 29, 1927 - March 14, 2025

Announcements from the Midweek:

- **Backpack Blessing & Ice Cream Social:** Holly Zehr will present a blessing of the backpacks today, August 17. Anyone returning to school or work is invited to bring their backpack, but we especially hope that children will. This is for all students whether they attend homeschool or public school. Also, during the CE hour today the entire congregation is invited to join in an Ice Cream Social celebrating our "back to school / back to CE / back to routine" season.
- **Thank You, Lynette!** Recently it was announced that Lynette Miller will be stepping down from her interim role with the Pastoral Team on August 17. We plan to honor her work during our worship service today, August 17. The Vision Team invites you to share your affirmations of Lynette's ministry, they can be sent to Shelly King.
- **Office/Building Closed:** The office/building will be closed Monday and Thursday morning next week, but Lydia will be back working in the building in the afternoon each day. Thank you for your understanding!
- **Photo Directory:** At the back of the sanctuary and in the Midweek, you will find a copy of the most recent roster the office has. Please take a couple of minutes to review your entry for accuracy. Now is also the time to request your information remain out of the photo directory if you wish. Please email the office if this is the case. Thank you all for your help making this a complete and accurate directory!
- **MCC School Kits:** We continue to collect school supplies for Mennonite Central Committee (MCC). There is a table for drop off. Please pay attention to the type of supplies required, MCC wants special items. If you do not want to shop and prefer to donate money, we can order for you. Lets get this project going, but we need your help! Contact Louise Reeser with any questions.
- **CDC Connector:** The newest edition of Central District Conference's monthly Connector publication is now available. If you would like a paper copy, they are now available to take from the Library Table.

This Week:

Monday 8/13	until 1:30 pm	Office/Building Closed
Tuesday 8/19	3:00 pm	Pastoral Team (Zoom)
Wednesday 8/20	1:00 pm	HSHM Quilt Project
Thursday 8/21	7:00 am	Next Man Bible Study
	until 10 am	Office/Building Closed
	7:30 pm	Vision Team (Zoom)

Our Vision:

Mennonite Church of Normal is a nurturing, Christ-centered Anabaptist congregation that welcomes all people. As followers of Jesus, we aspire to transform our communities and world into places of peace, healing, and hope.

Our Welcome:

All people of any race, ethnicity, immigration status, 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 MCN.

After Worship Christian Education:

Pre-K – 4th Grades	Room 9/12
5 th – 12 th Grades	Conference Room
Adult CE	Room 5/7/8

Building Open Hours: Monday – Friday 9am-11am & 1:30pm-3pm

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