



# Mennonite Church of Normal

A congregation of  
Mennonite Church USA

**September 14, 2025**

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

# Order of Worship

## Gather

Welcome and Congregational Life

Prelude

Call to Worship

Hymns

*Summoned by the God Who Made Us*

VT\* 1

*Could It Be That God Is Singing*

VT 42

Gathering Prayer

## Listen

Children's Time

*This Little Light of Mine, vs. 1*

VT 762

Christian Formation Sunday

Scripture

Ezekiel 1:1-28

Sermon

*"a likeness like..."*

## Respond

Response in Song

*Christ Be in Your Senses*

VT 721

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

## Sent

Closing Hymn

*Christ, Be All around Me*

VT 848

Benediction

Final Response

*Praise God (Dedication Anthem)*

VT 70

*\*Voices Together Hymnal*

## Assisting in Worship:

**Worship Leader:** Melika Hershberger

**Worship Planner:** Lauren Satchwell

**Accompaniment & Prelude:** Lydia Hedberg

**Song Leader:** Wayne Hochstetler

**Children's Time:** Holly Zehr

**Scripture Reader:** JB Ponnou-Delaffon

**Sermon:** Lauren Satchwell

**Pastoral Prayer:** Lauren Satchwell

**Tech:** Rick Harnish & Wyatt Fisher

### 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:

- **Ecology and Sustainability in India:** Today, September 14 at 5 pm in the MRC Community Building, Emily Hershberger will be presenting on the Goshen College SST course that she took this past May, Ecology and Sustainability in India. Learn more in the Midweek
- **Mum Fundraiser:** Funds for youth who attended convention were provided by a reserve fund that has grown over the years from various fundraisers by youth. Now it's our turn to build the reserve back up for future youth. The mum sale will start today, September 14th! They mums are now available and will continue to be until all the mums (48!) are sold. There are a variety of colors and they are 11 inches for \$20.
- **Vision Team Chair:** Ben Roeschley has been called by The Spiritual Gifts Discernment Team to serve as Chair of the Vision Team. SGDT asks for your feedback on this call. Please email any feedback you have to Janet Wilson at [jmwilso4@ilstu.edu](mailto:jmwilso4@ilstu.edu) by tomorrow, September 15.
- **Congregational and Pastoral Review:** If you were unable to attend the August 24 guided listening and storytelling session, the Vision Team (VT) invites you to join the next opportunity which will be over Zoom, Wednesday, September 17, at 6:00 pm. Please sign up at the link in the Midweek so we can know how many will be participating.
- **Blood Drive:** MCN will be hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive on Saturday, October 18 from 8 am - 12 pm. Sign up now by calling the church office or using the link in the Midweek!
- **Orienting with the Word:** We have the opportunity to partner with Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary and their Faith Formation Collaborative in Orienting with the Word, a small group Bible study opportunity that utilizes Confessional Bible Study over a 5-month period. Pastor Kevin and one lay person will lead the group from January 1 – May 17, 2026 in this process. In order to participate, we need to register a cohort of interested individuals by November 15. There is no cost. Learn more in the Midweek Please respond to Holly Zehr by email ([hmzehr@hotmail.com](mailto:hmzehr@hotmail.com)) or in person if you're interested in participating!
- **CDC Connector:** The newest edition of Central District Conference's monthly Connector publication is now available to read at the link in the Midweek. If you would like a paper copy, they will be available on the Library Table in the coming weeks.

### **This Week:**

#### **Pastor Kevin on vacation through September 20<sup>th</sup>**

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| Sunday 9/14    | 5:00 pm | Ecology and Sustainability in India, a presentation offered by Emily Hershberger |
| Wednesday 9/17 | 9:30 am | Wednesday Morning Book Group   |
|                | 1:00 pm | HSBM Quilt Project   |
| Thursday 9/18  | 7:00 am | Next Man Bible Study   |
|                | 9:30 am | Women's Bible Study  |

### **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:**

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| Pre-K – 1 <sup>st</sup> Grades           | Room 9/12       |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> Grades | Room 11         |
| Junior High                              | Conference Room |
| High School                              | Room 8          |
| Adults                                   | Room 5/7        |

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

**Office Administrator:** Lydia Hedberg | church@normalmennonite.org  
309-452-6622

**Custodian** Rita Munkakusi

**Community Life Commission, Outreach Commission, Spiritual Gifts Discernment Team, & Worship Commission Pastor:**

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*Pastor Kevin designated office hours: Wednesdays, 8am-12pm (or call to plan a visit)*

**Pastoral Team Leader and Administration Commission, Discipling Commission, and Vision Team Pastor:**

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