



Mennonite Church of Normal

A congregation of
Mennonite Church USA

September 21, 2025

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

Order of Worship

Gather

Welcome and Congregational Life

Prelude

Call to Worship

Hymns	<i>Praise to the Living God</i>	VT* 204
	<i>O God, We Read the Holy Law</i>	VT 571

Opening Prayer

Listen

Children's Time	<i>This Little Light of Mine</i> , vs. 1	VT 762
Scripture	Leviticus 23:1-8	
Sermon	<i>A Thing Worth Living In</i>	

Respond

Hymn of Response	<i>The Word of God Is Solid Ground</i>	VT 399
Words of Confession and Assurance		
Hymn	<i>Blessed Assurance</i>	VT 435
Stewardship Affirmation		
Sharing Joys and Concerns		
Pastoral Prayer		

Sent

Sending Song	<i>The Hand of God Shall Hold You</i>	VT 671
Benediction		
Dismissal Response	<i>Praise God (Doxology)</i>	VT 71

**Voices Together Hymnal*

Assisting in Worship:

Worship Planner & Leader: Ben Roeschley

Accompaniment & Prelude: Elsa Raab

Song Leader: Barry Weaver

Children's Time: Joe Culpepper

Scripture Reader: Ben Roeschley

Sermon: Kevin Chupp

Pastoral Prayer: Kevin Chupp

Tech: Caleb Augspurger & Ryan Miller

In Memoriam:

Doris Shoemaker, member of MCN: April 13, 1926 - September 13, 2025

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:

- **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 started last Sunday, September 14th and will continue until all the mums are sold!** They are 11 inches for \$20. Thanks!
- **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!
- **Vision Team Nominations:** Spiritual Gifts Discernment Team (SGDT) asks you to prayerfully consider who God has prepared to help govern the congregation as a member of the Vision Team. We ask everyone to submit up to 5 names of members or associate members who they did not name in the recent nominations for Vision Team Chair-Elect. (Those individuals were not ready to serve on Vision Team at this time.) You may make nominations at the link in the Midweek or one of the paper ballots placed on the table in the entryway of the church building. Please place those in Barry Weaver's mailbox. Nominations will be open through September 26. SGDT will then tally the nominations and discern who to contact. Please contact Barry Weaver (SGDT secretary) if you have questions.
- **Spending Plan Status as of August 31, 2025**
August Income: \$28,582.08
August Expenses: \$35,079.76
August Income - Expenses: \$ -6,497.68
Year-to-Date Income: \$238,385.61
Year-to-Date Expenses: \$287,753.71
Year-to-Date Income - Expenses: \$ -49,368.10
- **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. In order to participate, we need to register a cohort of interested individuals by November 15. There is no cost. Please tell to Holly Zehr 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 are now available to take from the Library Table.**

This Week:

Sunday 9/21	6:00 pm	No Junior Choir
	6:45 pm	No Youth Choir
Tuesday 9/23	3:00 pm	Pastoral Team (Zoom)
Wednesday 9/24	9:30 am	Wednesday Morning Book Group
	1:00 pm	HSHM Quilt Project
	6:30 pm	Congregational Care Committee (Zoom)
	7:00 pm	Vision Team & Administration Commission (Zoom)
Thursday 9/25	7:00 am	Next Man Bible Study
	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study
	6:30 pm	Administration Commission (Zoom)
Sunday 9/28	6:00 pm	Junior Choir
	6:45 pm	Youth Choir

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 – 1 st Grades	Room 9/12
2 nd – 5 th 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:

Kevin Chupp | kevin@normalmennonite.org | 574-315-2579

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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