



# Mennonite Church of Normal

A congregation of  
Mennonite Church USA

**September 28, 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>Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing</i>	VT* 7
	<i>For the Fruit of All Creation</i>	VT 124

Gathering Prayer

## Listen

Children's Time	<i>This Little Light of Mine</i> , vs. 1	VT 762
Scripture	1 Corinthians 9:19-27	
Sermon	<i>Pillar Talk</i>	

## Respond

Response in Song	<i>What Can I Leave Behind</i>	VT 154
Sharing Joys and Concerns		
Pastoral Prayer		
Stewardship Affirmation		

## Sent

Sending Song	<i>In My Life, Lord, Be Glorified</i>	VT 754
Benediction		
Final Response	<i>Spirit of the Living God</i>	VT 740

*\*Voices Together Hymnal*

## Assisting in Worship:

**Worship Planner & Leader:** Kevin Chupp

**Accompaniment & Prelude:** Lydia Hedberg

**Song Leader:** Cindy Ropp

**Children's Time:** Darrel Miller

**Scripture Reader:** Amy Reiman

**Sermon:** Kevin Chupp

**Pastoral Prayer:** Kevin Chupp

**Tech:** Adam 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:

- **Congregational and Pastoral Review:** The Vision Team will be hosting one more guided discussion and storytelling time during the Christian Education hour on Sunday, October 5. **Please plan to attend regardless of whether you did or did not attend on August 31.** The previous session, on August 31, centered around the ministry of Kevin Chupp. October 5th will center around the ministry of Lauren Satchwell. All are invited into this conversation! During this time, you will be invited into small groups to share or simply listen as you feel led. If you have questions, you can reach out to a member of the Vision Team.
- **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!
- **FreedUp Financial Planning Class:** The Community Life Commission has teamed up with Everence to offer the FreedUp Program, a six-week financial stewardship planning class during the Sunday School hour. The FreedUp program is a way to get your finances in order – and gain a deeper faith perspective on money. The cost is \$19. Learn more in the Midweek. Contact Lotus by October 10<sup>th</sup> if you are interested in joining.
- **MCN 50<sup>th</sup>:** On September 26, 1976, First Mennonite Church (Normal) and Bloomington Mennonite Church met separately one final time and voted unanimously to merge to form Mennonite Church of Normal. As we begin our 50th year as a church, we will celebrate this milestone with a Celebration Sunday on September 27th, 2026. We are looking to form a committee to plan and coordinate the 50th year celebration. If you would like to be a part of this committee, please let Ben Roeschley or Kevin Chupp know by October 15, so planning can begin for events that could begin in January. If you have ideas for how we might celebrate next year, please consider joining the committee or share your ideas with us!
- **A Note from AC:** On September 7 Mary Dyck shared a Ministry Moment from the Administration Commission about the development of the 2026 Spending Plan. AC is taking a new approach. Previously, Commissions sent their input to AC. Now, AC may make adjustments to ensure we can cover all upcoming expenses because our current plan is in the red by \$49,000. Learn more in the Midweek.
- **Alternative Gifts Fair:** The Alternative Gift Fair is just around the corner. The new Alternative Gift International catalog is available online and the MCC catalog will be available online beginning October 1st. We will make paper copies of each available when we receive them. Enjoy a peruse through each catalog and be thinking about which project you would like to highlight with a booth!

### **This Week:**

Sunday 9/28	6:00 pm	Junior Choir
	6:45 pm	Youth Choir
Tuesday 9/30	3:00 pm	Pastoral Team (Zoom)
Wednesday 10/1	9:30 am	Wednesday Morning Book Group
	1:00 pm	HSHM Quilt Project
Thursday 10/2	7:00 am	Next Man Bible Study
	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study
Sunday 10/5	11:00 am	Congregational & Pastoral Review Session
	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 <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:**

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:**

Lauren Satchwell | lauren@normalmennonite.org | 309-830-6827