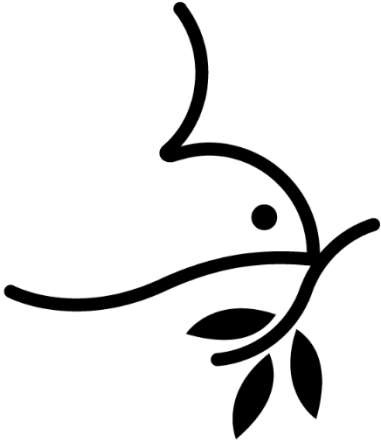




Mennonite Church of Normal

A congregation of
Mennonite Church USA

October 19, 2025

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

Order of Worship

Gather

Welcome and Congregational Life

Prelude

Call to Worship

Jeremiah 31:3

Hymn	<i>Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing</i>	VT* 7
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Psalms 103

Hymn	<i>The Love of God</i>	VT 162
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Gathering Prayer

Listen

Romans 8:31-39

Hymn	<i>Don't Be Afraid</i>	VT 596
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Children's Time	<i>Like a Rock</i>	VT 63
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Scripture	Psalms 63: 1-8 & Luke 10: 25-28
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Sermon	<i>God is Love!</i>
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Respond

Confession and Assurance

Response in Song	<i>I Know God Loves Me</i>	VT 158
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Stewardship Affirmation

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Congregational Prayer

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Sending Song	<i>Rain Down</i>	VT 703
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Sending Prayer

Dismissal Song	<i>God, Be the Love, verse 1</i>	VT 43
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**Voices Together Hymnal*

Assisting in Worship:

Worship Planner & Leader: Wayne Hochstetler

Accompaniment & Prelude: Lydia Hedberg

Song Leader: Cindy Ropp

Children's Time: Annette Harnish

Scripture Reader:

Sermon: Jane Roeschley

Congregational Prayer: Jane Roeschley

Tech: Caleb Augspurger & Phil

In Memoriam:

Roberta Bortell, wife of Jim Bortell: April 26, 1947 – October 12, 2025

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

Evelyn Benner, mom of Steve Benner: January 30, 1944 – July 24, 2025

Announcements from the Midweek:

- **Congregational Vote:** On behalf of the Vision Team, we extend our heartfelt thanks to the congregation for your support and engagement throughout the evaluation process of Pastor Kevin Chupp. Following these fruitful conversations, the members of the Vision Team unanimously recommend that Pastor Chupp be offered a renewed three-year call to serve as our full-time pastor at MCN. A congregational vote on this recommendation will take place following the service **today**. Please feel free to send any questions/comments to a member of the Vision Team. Learn more in the Midweek.
- **MDS Trip Sharing:** The Mennonite Disaster Service group who spent a week in West Asheville will be sharing some of their experiences and pictures today, October 19 at the MRC Community Building at 5:00.
- **IL Relief Sale Sausage Sale:** Preorder sales for 1lb bulk and 1lb link packages of Mennonite Relief Sale Sausage are available **now through November 1** via the sign-up sheet in the back of the sanctuary.
- **Midwest Food Bank Volunteering:** Our next volunteer night at Midwest Food Bank (MFB) is November 6 from 6-8pm. MFB wants us to sign up at least a week ahead of time with the link in the Midweek.
- **CPT Delegation:** Plans have come together for Quinn to be sent on a Community Peacemaker Teams (CPT) to go on a delegation to Palestine October 28th-November 7th. Outreach Commission is able to support him using special funds that were set aside for that specific purpose. Quinn is planning to join us at MCN on November 12th at 7:00 pm to share about his trip.
- **Alternative Gifts Fair:** The Alternative Gifts Fair will be November 16 and 23. Both Mennonite Central Committee and Alternative Gifts International giving catalogues are available on the library table and online. Mark has background information and helpful suggestions from AGI for setting up booths on AGI projects. Consider setting up a booth to highlight a favorite project to lift up folks struggling around the world in seemingly unsurmountable circumstances around the world.
- **Spending Plan Status as of 9/30/25:**

This Week:

Sunday 10/19	3:00 pm	Liz & Caleb Baby Open House
	5:00 pm	MDS Trip Sharing
	6:00 pm	Junior Choir
	6:45 pm	Youth Choir
Monday 10/21	3:00 pm	Pastoral Team (Zoom)
Wednesday 10/22	9:30 am	Wednesday Morning Book Group
	1:00 pm	HSHM Quilt Project
	6:30 pm	Congregational Care Committee (Zoom)
Thursday 10/23	7:00 am	Next Man Bible Study
	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study
	6:30 pm	Administration Commission (Zoom)
Sunday 10/12	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
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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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