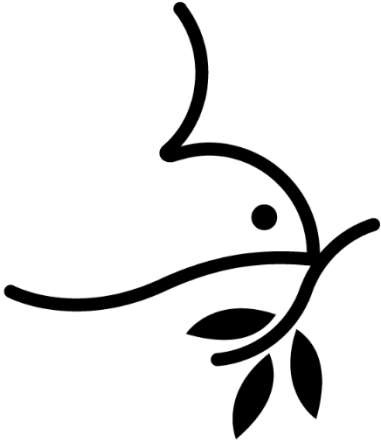




Mennonite Church of Normal

A congregation of
Mennonite Church USA

October 26, 2025

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

Order of Worship

Gather

Welcome and Congregational Life

Prelude

Call to Worship

Hymn	<i>Come, Christians, Join to Sing</i>	VT* 28
	<i>I Sing with Exultation</i>	VT 444

Opening Prayer

Listen

Children's Time	<i>Like a Rock</i>	VT 63
Scripture	Ephesians 5:15-21	
Sermon	<i>The Right Kind of Fool</i>	

Respond

Hymn of Response	<i>Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord</i>	VT 131
Words of Confession and Assurance		
Response in Music		
Stewardship Affirmation		
Sharing Joys and Concerns		
Pastoral Prayer		

Sent

Sending Song	<i>Heart with Loving Heart United</i>	VT 813
Benediction		
Dismissal Song	<i>May God Grant You a Blessing</i>	VT 845
	<i>*Voices Together Hymnal</i>	

Assisting in Worship:

Worship Planner & Leader: Ben Roeschley

Accompaniment, Prelude, & Response in Music: Lydia Hedberg

Song Leader: Barry Weaver

Children's Time: Laura Dick

Sermon: Kevin Chupp

Pastoral Prayer: Kevin Chupp

Tech: Caleb Augspurger

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:** The Vision Team is happy to share the results of the congregational vote regarding extending to Kevin Chupp a renewed three year call as full time pastor at Mennonite Church of Normal. 102 participants submitted responses, including members, associate members, and non-members. Among members and associate members, 92% voted to extend the renewed call (67% was required to pass). Adding in the feedback from non-members, 93% of all participants affirmed the renewed call to Kevin, who has accepted this call! Thank you to all who participated in this process!
- **Spending Plan Hearing:** The 2026 Spending Plan hearing will be on Sunday, November 16 at 1 pm. We anticipate that the Spending Plan will be available early so that questions can be addressed prior to the meeting.
- **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 held November 16 and 23. Both Mennonite Central Committee and Alternative Gifts International giving catalogues are available on the library table and online. Consider setting up a booth to highlight a favorite project to lift up folks struggling around the world.
- **Open House Reception:** Darvis and Shelly are inviting everyone to a dessert reception to celebrate the marriage of Jonah and Ruby! Jonah and Ruby were married in Indiana on September 6 of this year. The open house reception will be on Sunday, November 16 from 2:30 to 4:30 PM at the church.
- **CDC Connector:** Paper copies of the October edition of Central District Conference's monthly Connector publication are now available to take from the Library Table.
- **Update from Outreach:** Read an update from the Outreach Commission about their recent activities in the Midweek.

This Week:

Sunday 10/26	6:00 pm	Junior Choir
	6:45 pm	Youth Choir
Tuesday 10/28	3:00 pm	Pastoral Team (Zoom)
Wednesday 10/29	9:30 am	Wednesday Morning Book Group
	1:00 pm	HSHM Quilt Project
Thursday 10/30	7:00 am	Next Man Bible Study
	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study
Sunday 11/2	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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