



Mennonite Church of Normal

A congregation of
Mennonite Church USA

October 5, 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>Together</i>	VT* 389
	<i>Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord</i>	VT 131

Gathering Prayer

Listen

Children's Time	<i>Like a Rock</i>	VT 63
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Scripture	Galatians 6:1-10
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Sermon	"Does Your Work Give You Joy?"
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Respond

Response in Song	<i>Help Us to Help Each Other</i>	VT 722
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Stewardship Affirmation

Hymn	<i>When Pain or Sorrow / Hold On</i>	VT 612
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Sharing Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Communion	<i>Come to the Table of Grace</i>	VT 461
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	<i>I Am the Bread of Life</i>	VT 480
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Sending Song	<i>Use Us, God</i>	VT 811
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Benediction

Final Response	<i>Use Us, God, refrain</i>	VT 811
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**Voices Together Hymnal*

Assisting in Worship:

Worship Planner & Leader: Shannon Unzicker

Accompaniment & Prelude: Bill West

Song Leader: Cindy Ropp

Children's Time: Shannon Unzicker

Scripture Reader: Robin Gundy

Sermon: Kevin Chupp

Pastoral Prayer: Lauren Satchwell

Communion: Holly Zehr

Tech: Caleb Augspurger & Glenn Wilson

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 today, 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.
- **Period. @ ISU:** MCN will be collecting donations for Period's One Million Products in One Day project at the back of the sanctuary today. View suggested products to donate and learn about the national organization in the Midweek.
- **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!
- **Anabaptism Goes Global:** Assistant Professor of History at Goshen College Elizabeth Miller will present on Saturday October 18th at 10am at the Mennonite Heritage Center, 675 State Highway 116 Metamora, IL. There will be a fellowship lunch to follow her presentation.
- **Baby Open House:** Celebrate with Caleb and Liz on Sunday, October 19 from 3-5pm here at MCN. RSVP by October 12 to Lynn Reha or Vivian Hubbard.
- **MDS Trip Sharing:** The Mennonite Disaster Service group who spent a week in West Asheville will be sharing some of their experiences and pictures on Sunday, October 19 at the MRC Community Building at 5:00. Come and find out more about MDS.
- **IL Relief Sale Sausage Sale:** Once again, if you have been missing Mennonite Relief Sale Sausage it is available right in time for the holidays! Preorder sales for 1lb bulk and 1lb link packages of fresh sausage at the cost of \$6.00 per pound start **now through November 1** via the sign up sheet in the back of the sanctuary. You will also find Relief Sale Coffee for sale on the website.
- **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. Learn more in the Midweek. Contact Lotus by October 10th if you are interested in joining.
- **MCN 50th:** 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.

This Week:

Sunday 10/5	11:00 am	Congregational & Pastoral Review Session
	6:00 pm	Junior Choir
	6:45 pm	Youth Choir
Wednesday 10/8	9:30 am	Wednesday Morning Book Group
	1:00 pm	HSHM Quilt Project
	7:00 pm	Community Life Commission (Zoom)
	7:00 pm	Fellowship Committee (Zoom)
Thursday 10/9	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:**

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