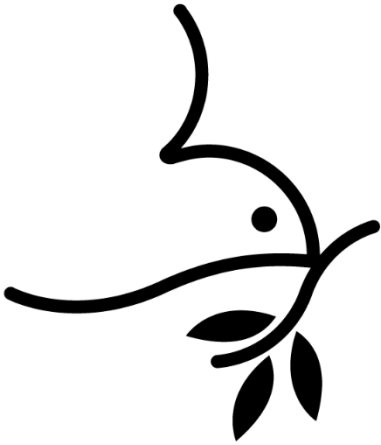




Mennonite Church of Normal

A congregation of
Mennonite Church USA

November 9, 2025

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

Order of Worship

Gather

Welcome and Congregational Life

Sharing Christ's Peace

Prelude

Call to Worship

Hymns	<i>I Sing the Mighty Power of God</i>	VT* 182
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	<i>10,000 Reasons/Bless the Lord</i>	VT 111
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Gathering Prayer

Listen

Children's Time	<i>Like a Rock</i>	VT 63
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Scripture	Matthew 22:34-40	
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Sermon

Respond

Response in Word

Response in Song	<i>Help Us to Help Each Other</i>	VT 722
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Honoring God with Our Gifts

Response in Music

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

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Sending Song	<i>The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound</i>	VT 392
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Sending Prayer

Dismissal Song	<i>There is More Love Somewhere, vs. 1 & 2</i>	VT 804
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**Voices Together Hymnal*

Assisting in Worship:

Worship Planner & Leader: Joe Culpepper

Accompaniment, Prelude, & Response in Music: Elsa Raab

Song Leader: Wayne Hochstetler

Children's Time: Joe Culpepper

Scripture Reading:

Sermon: Matt Burgess

Pastoral Prayer: Kevin Chupp

Tech: Wyatt Fisher & Ryan Miller

In Memoriam:

Joyce Thompson, long-time MRC resident: March 9, 1927 – October 13, 2025

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:

- **Spending Plan Hearing:** Mark your calendars for our Spending Plan Hearing on Sunday, November 16! It will follow a potluck meal hosted by the Fellowship Committee and be available to join both in-person and through Zoom. Please take some time to review the 2026 Spending Plan before the hearing on November 16th and reach out to Mary Dyck, chair of Administration Commission, with any questions. You can view the proposed 2026 Spending Plan in the Midweek.
- **Hiking the Appalachian Trail:** Rick Yoder dreamed of hiking the 2,190-mile Appalachian Trail from Georgia to Maine. He began the walk in Georgia in 2015 and has now completed 3/4 of the trail. Come see some pictures and hear some stories from Rick and two friends who joined him on the trail this Sunday, November 9 at 5 pm at the MRC Community Building.
- **CPT Delegation.** Quinn is planning to join us at MCN on Wednesday, November 12th at 7:00 pm to share about the Community Peacemaker Teams (CPT) delegation to Palestine earlier this month.
- **Alternative Gifts Fair:** Our Alternative Gifts Fair is November 16 and 23. Hearty thanks to the four families who have already chosen a project to support with a booth! We are hoping that three or four more families are still planning to jump in and set up a booth! If so, please check with Mark Hodel or Meredith Schroeder for the projects already spoken for. Shopping lists for both MCC and AGI and also a shopping list for children will be in your mailboxes on Sunday, to help you plan for our Fair. Thank you for helping to bring hope and life-changing help to many struggling people both here and abroad!
- **Open House Reception:** Darvis and Shelly King are inviting everyone to a dessert reception to celebrate the marriage of Jonah King and Ruby Meyer! Jonah and Ruby were married in Indiana on 9/6 of this year. The open house reception will be on Sunday, 11/16 from 2:30 to 4:30 PM at the church.
- **IMC Withdrawal:** As part of Mennonite Church of Normal's withdrawal from Illinois Mennonite Conference, MCN leadership invited a representative from IMC to be present with us during a worship service, where we can acknowledge and express gratitude for our shared history and exchange blessings as we move forward. Cal Zehr, a member of IMC's Minister Team, will join us on November 23 for Sunday morning worship. He and his wife, Carol, have also accepted our invitation to share lunch with us immediately following the Christian Education hour. If you would like to attend the meal and fellowship with Cal and Carol, please let the Vision Team know. All are welcome! Any questions can be directed to a member of the Vision Team.

This Week:

Sunday 11/9	6:00 pm	Junior Choir
	6:45 pm	Youth Choir
Monday 11/10	5:00 pm	Outreach Commission
Tuesday 11/11	3:00 pm	Pastoral Team (Zoom)
Wednesday 11/12	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)
	7:00 pm	Quinn Wilson CPT Delegation Presentation
Thursday 11/13	7:00 am	Next Man Bible Study
	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study
	6:30 pm	Administration Commission (Zoom)
Sunday 11/16	1:00 pm	Spending Plan Hearing
	2:30 pm	Jonah King & Ruby Meyer Reception
	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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