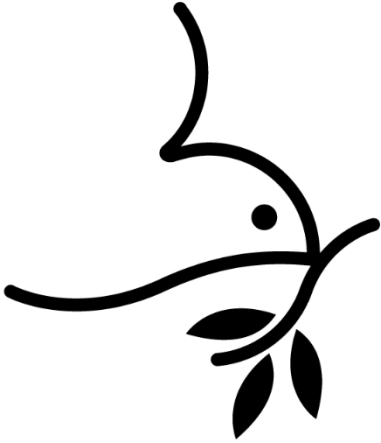




Mennonite Church of Normal

A congregation of
Mennonite Church USA

November 16, 2025

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

Order of Worship

Gather

Welcome and Congregational Life

Ministry Moment: Outreach (Sandy Colbs)

Alternative Gifts Fair Song

Prelude

Call to Worship

Hymns

Creation Is a Song

VT* 181

Summoned by the God Who Made Us

VT 1

Gathering Prayer

Listen

Children's Time

Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom, vs. 1 & 2

VT 196

Scripture

Isaiah 9:1-7

Sermon

The Stone Broken Off from the Mountain

Respond

Response in Song

O Day of Peace

VT 787

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Stewardship Affirmation

Sent

Sending Song

We Are People of God's Peace

VT 797

Benediction

Final Response

Go Now in Peace

VT 835

**Voices Together Hymnal*

Assisting in Worship:

Worship Leader: Gail Fisher

Worship Planner: Kevin Chupp

Accompaniment & Prelude: Bill West

Song Leader: Cindy Ropp

Children's Time: Shannon Unzicker

Scripture Reading: Adam Augspurger

Sermon: Kevin Chupp

Pastoral Prayer: Lauren Satchwell

Tech: Glenn Wilson & 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:** Please join us for the Spending Plan Hearing on today! It will follow a potluck meal hosted by the Fellowship Committee and be available to join both in-person and on Zoom. Please take some time to review the 2026 Spending Plan before the hearing on November 16th. Our hope is for people to ask any questions you might have before the day of the hearing. You can view the proposed 2026 Spending Plan in the Midweek.
- **Alternative Gifts Fair:** Our 2025 Alternative Gifts Fair opens today, November 16 and concludes November 23. Shopping lists for both AGI and MCC were in church mailboxes last Sunday, and also a Children's Shopping List featuring items from both catalogues. Fuller information on all the projects can be found in the MCC and AGI catalogues on the table in the library and also on their websites. Our Alternative Gifts Fair is an opportunity to honor our loved ones at Christmas by giving for them a life-changing gift of hope and joy which reflects Christ's love for us all. Shoppers choose cards and receive inserts describing the gifts they are sending on behalf of their loved ones.
- **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 9/6 of this year. The open house reception will be today, 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.
- **Periodical Renewals:** Each year the church organizes group subscriptions to three Mennonite publications: *Rejoice!* (a quarterly devotional) by Menno Media for \$38, *The Upper Room Daily Devotional* (delivered quarterly) for \$9.29, and *Anabaptist World* (16 issues) for \$49. This gives everyone the opportunity to subscribe to these publications with a discounted rate through the church office. If you would like to renew, begin, or end a subscription to one or more of these publications, please contact the church office at 309-452-6622 or church@normalmennonite.org **before Monday, December 8th.**

This Week:

Sunday 11/16	1:00 pm	Spending Plan Hearing
	2:30 pm	Jonah & Ruby Reception
	7:00 pm	Adult Choir
Tuesday 11/18	3:00 pm	Pastoral Team (Zoom)
	7:30 pm	Vision Team (Zoom)
Wednesday 11/19	9:30 am	Wednesday Morning Book Group
	1:00 pm	HSBM Quilt Project
	7:30 pm	Spiritual Gifts Discernment Team (Zoom)
Thursday 11/20	7:00 am	Next Man Bible Study
	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study
Sunday 11/23	7:00 pm	Adult 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
309-452-6622

Custodian: Rita Munkakusi

Community Life Commission, Outreach Commission, Spiritual Gifts Discernment Team, & Worship Commission Pastor:

Kevin Chupp | kevin@normalmennonite.org

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