

Mennonite Church of Normal

A congregation of
Mennonite Church USA

December 28, 2025

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

Order of Worship

Gather

Welcome and Congregational Life

Ministry Moment – Vision Team

Prelude

Call to Worship

Hymns	<i>O, How Joyfully</i>	VT* 254
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	<i>Hark! the Herald Angels Sing</i>	VT 247
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Gathering Prayer

Listen

Children's Time	<i>Away in a Manger, vs. 1</i>	VT 257
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Scripture	Luke 10:38-42	
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Sermon	For Survivors, that <i>is all of us</i>	
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Respond

Response in Song	<i>Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus</i>	VT 218
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Honoring God with Our Gifts

Offering Response	<i>God, Whose Giving</i>	VT 745
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Sharing Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

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Sending Song	<i>Sing a New World into Being</i>	VT 809
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Benediction

Final Response	<i>Sing Amen</i>	VT 90
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**Voices Together Hymnal*

Assisting in Worship:

Worship Leader & Planner: Wayne Hochstetler

Accompaniment & Prelude: Lydia Hedberg

Song Leader: Barry Weaver

Children's Time: Holly Zehr

Sermon: Jim Bortell

Pastoral Prayer: Lauren Satchwell

Tech: Rick Harnish & Adam Augspurger

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

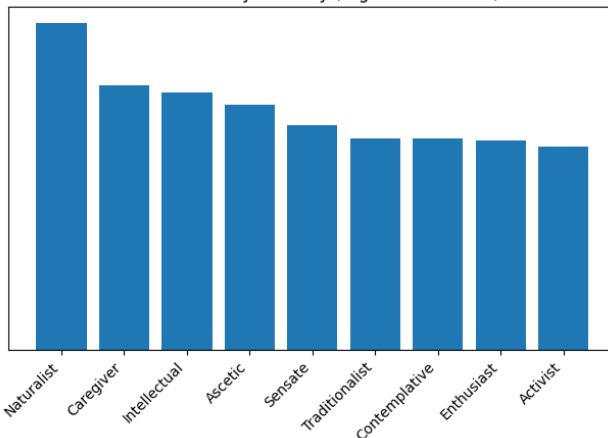
Doris Shoemaker, member of MCN: April 13, 1926 – September 13, 2025

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

Announcements from the Midweek:

- **No CE:** There will be no Christian Education for adults, children, or youth this Sunday so that families may enjoy extra time for the holidays.
- **Building & Office Closed:** The church office is currently closed through Thursday, January 1. There will be no Midweek on December 31st. Thank you for your understanding!
- **Sacred Pathways: One Final Look:** As the year winds down, we take one final look at the information gathered from the Sacred Pathways series. According to the responses we received, it appears that MCN is solidly a congregation of Naturalists—those who find creation to be a primary setting for encounter with the divine. Every Summer, we hold a worship services at one camp and each winter retreat at another camp, but is there more we can do in worship or our shared life to respond to this strong leaning? Wild Church anyone? It is perhaps unsurprising that there are also many caregivers among us as well as intellectuals. And while many of us find ways to engage in activism and see those things as important, not many of us find that to be our primary way of connecting to God. What does this information inspire you to do? How do you think we have shifted over the last 50 years?

Total Scores by Pathway (Highest to Lowest)



This Week:

Sunday 12/28	11:00 am	No After Worship Christian Education
	7:00 pm	Adult Choir
12/29 – 1/1		Building/Office Closed
Friday 1/2	9:00 am	Church Office Open
Sunday 1/4	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.

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