

# Mennonite Church of Normal

A congregation of  
Mennonite Church USA

**December 28, 2025**

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



## 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

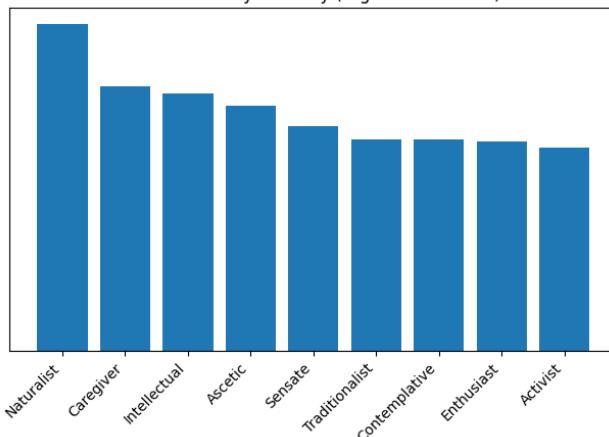
**Doris Shoemaker**, member of MCN: April 13, 1926 – September 13, 2025

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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:**

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