



Mennonite Church of Normal

A congregation of
Mennonite Church USA

January 4, 2026

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

Order of Worship

Gather

Welcome and Congregational Life

Prelude

Call to Worship

Hymns *Jesus Calls Us*

VT* 30

Will You Come and Follow Me

VT 540

Gathering Prayer

Listen

Children's Time *Away in a Manger*, vs. 1

VT 257

Scripture John 1:35-51

Sermon *Accidental Invitation*

Respond

Response in Song *Be Thou My Vision*

VT 549

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*

VT 443

Stewardship Affirmation

Sent

Closing Hymn *Somlandela (We Will Follow)*

VT 566

Benediction

Final Response *Somlandela (We Will Follow)*

VT 566

**Voices Together Hymnal*

Assisting in Worship:

Worship Leader & Planner: Lauren Satchwell

Accompaniment & Prelude: Bill West

Song Leader: Wayne Hochstetler

Children's Time: Louise Reeser

Sermon: Kevin Chupp

Pastoral Prayer: Lauren Satchwell

Tech: Adam Augspurger & 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:

This Week:

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| Tuesday 1/6 | 3:00 pm | Pastoral Team (Zoom) |
| Wednesday 1/7 | 9:30 am | Wednesday Morning Book Group |
| Thursday 1/8 | 7:00 am | Next Man Bible Study |
| Sunday 1/11 | 3:00 pm | Relief Sale Board Meeting |

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:

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| 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:

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