



# Mennonite Church of Normal

A congregation of  
Mennonite Church USA

**January 18, 2026**

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

# Order of Worship

## Gather

Welcome and Congregational Life

Prelude

Call to Worship

Hymns                    *Rain Down*

VT\* 703

*Jesus Christ Is Waiting*

VT 287

Affirmation of Faith

## Listen

Children's Time            *Come on, Children, to the Gospel Feast*

VT 511

Scripture                    John 2:13-25

Sermon                    *Off-Key*

## Respond

Response in Song            *Lord Jesus, Come and Overturn*

VT 146

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Stewardship Affirmation

## Send

Sending Song                    *Christ, Be All around Me*

VT 848

Benediction

Final Response                    *Seeds*

VT 777

\**Voices Together Hymnal*

## Assisting in Worship:

**Worship Leader & Planner:** Cindy Ropp

**Accompaniment & Prelude:** Bill West

**Song Leader:** Cindy Ropp

**Children's Time:** Annette Harnish

**Scripture Reader:** Cal Hubbard

**Sermon:** Kevin Chupp

**Pastoral Prayer:** Lauren Satchwell

**Tech:** Glenn Wilson & Rick Harnish

## In Memoriam:

**Mary Ann King**, member of MCN: October 11, 1939 – January 5, 2026

**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:

- **Annual Meeting:** You can read the 2025 Annual Report at the link in the Midweek. The Annual Meeting will be Today, January 18th at 1 pm in person and on Zoom. The link to vote will be available after the meeting through Monday at 5 pm. Paper ballots will also be at the back of the sanctuary.
- **Congregational Meal:** There will be a Potluck Meal to precede the Annual Meeting today.
- **Midwest Food Bank Volunteering:** Our next volunteer night at Midwest Food Bank is Thursday, January 22 from 6-8pm. MFB wants us to sign up at least a week ahead of time to facilitate their project planning, so if you think you will go, please sign up as early as possible with the link in the Midweek.
- **Winter Retreat:** EVERYONE is invited to a weekend of fellowship and fun at camp, January 23-25! Friedenswald is a beautiful retreat with large, comfortable, warm lodges for us to stay in. Whether you're looking for social time or solitude, there's something for everyone! For more details and to sign up, please use the link in the Midweek.
- **Hopedale Quilt Bash:** Our congregation has again been invited to take part in a Quilt Bash at Hopedale Mennonite Church on February 13 & 14. They have requested our help both on those dates and also asked us to make 10 comforter tops to be knotted. We will be meeting every Wednesday from 1-4:00 sewing and constructing tops. If you cannot come on Wednesday you are welcome to make one at home. Fabric and patterns are available. So consider using your creative gifts and contributing to this worthwhile project.

## This Week:

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| Sunday 1/18     | 1:00 pm | Annual Meeting                                      |
| Monday 1/19     | All Day | Building/Office Closed of Martin Luther King Jr Day |
| Tuesday 1/20    | 3:00 pm | Pastoral Team (Zoom)                                |
| Wednesday 1/21  | 9:30 am | Wednesday Morning Book Group                        |
|                 | 1:00 pm | Quilting  |
| Thursday 1/22   | 7:00 am | Next Man Bible Study                                |
|                 | 6:00 pm | Midwest Food Bank Volunteering                      |
|                 | 6:30 pm | Administration Commission                           |
| January 23 – 25 | All Day | Winter Retreat at Camp Friedenswald                 |
| Sunday 1/25     |         |   |

## 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 <sup>st</sup> Grades           | Room 9/12       |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](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:**

Lauren Satchwell | [lauren@normalmennonite.org](mailto:lauren@normalmennonite.org)