



Mennonite Church of Normal

A congregation of
Mennonite Church USA

January 25, 2026

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

Order of Worship

Gather

Welcome and Congregational Life

Prelude

Call to Worship

Singing Praise to God *To God Be the Glory*
I Know God Loves Me

VT* 84

VT 158

Gathering Prayer

Listen

Children's Time *Come on, Children, to the Gospel Feast*
Scripture John 3:1-21
Sermon *Reverse Graffiti*

VT 511

Respond

Song of Response *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

VT 638

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Reading *Womb of Life and Source of Being*

VT 112

Stewardship Affirmation

Send

Sending Song *Guide My Feet, vs. 1-3*
Benediction
Final Response *Guide My Feet, vs. 4*

VT 816

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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: Gail Fisher

Scripture Reader: Lotus Hershberger

Sermon: Kevin Chupp

Pastoral Prayer: Kevin Chupp

Tech: Caleb Augspurger & 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

Announcements from 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 are 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. Thanks for helping.
- **Lent Devotional:** Lent is quickly approaching with Ash Wednesday on February 18th. If you are looking for resources, Herald Press recently published a new Lenten devotional by Tatum Tricarico titled, *Blessed is the Body: Disability Justice and the Community of Christ*. You can learn more and watch a webinar discussion with the author at the link in the Midweek. If you'd like to order a copy, Bobzbay Books in Bloomington can get it for you in just a couple days.
- **The Bridge:** *The Bridge*—a community of transitional housing for unhoused people in our community—formally opened on January 6th, and MCN was a part of bringing that project to fruition. The final number of our contribution is \$11,063.62 or roughly 82% of the cost of one of the cabins. We are so grateful for the vision of Home Sweet Home Ministries to begin such a project and invite you all to join us in hopeful prayer as the first residents move in.

This Week:

Sunday 1/25

Tuesday 1/27 3:00 pm Pastoral Team (Zoom)

Wednesday 1/28 9:30 am Wednesday Morning Book Group
1:00 pm Quilting

Thursday 1/29 7:00 am Next Man Bible Study
9:30 am Women's Bible Study

Sunday 2/1

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

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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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