



# 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	<i>To God Be the Glory</i>	VT* 84
	<i>I Know God Loves Me</i>	VT 158

Gathering Prayer

## Listen

Children's Time	<i>Come on, Children, to the Gospel Feast</i>	VT 511
Scripture	John 3:1-21	
Sermon	<i>Reverse Graffiti</i>	

## Respond

Song of Response	<i>Love Divine, All Loves Excelling</i>	VT 638
Sharing Joys and Concerns		
Pastoral Prayer		
Reading	<i>Womb of Life and Source of Being</i>	VT 112
Stewardship Affirmation		

## Send

Sending Song	<i>Guide My Feet, vs. 1-3</i>	VT 816
Benediction		
Final Response	<i>Guide My Feet, vs. 4</i>	VT 816

*\*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 <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  
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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