



Mennonite Church of Normal

A congregation of
Mennonite Church USA

February 1, 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* VT* 84

I Know God Loves Me VT 158

Gathering Prayer

Listen

Children's Time *Come on, Children, to the Gospel Feast* VT 511

Scripture John 3:1-21

Sermon *Reverse Graffiti*

Respond

Song of Response *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* VT 638

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Stewardship Affirmation

Communion Hymn *Womb of Life and Source of Being* VT 112

Communion Service

Send

Sending Song *Guide My Feet*, vs. 1-3 VT 816

Benediction

Final Response *Guide My Feet*, vs. 4 VT 816

**Voices Together Hymnal*

Assisting in Worship:

Worship Leader & Planner: Wayne Hochstetler

Accompaniment & Prelude: Bill West

Song Leader: Barry Weaver

Children's Time: Gail Fisher

Scripture Reader: Lotus Hershberger

Sermon: Kevin Chupp

Communion: Joe Culpepper

Pastoral Prayer: Lauren Satchwell

Tech: Caleb Augspurger

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:

- **Spending Plan Voting Results:** Following the Annual Meeting on January 18, the 2026 Spending Plan was passed with an approval rate of 98%. The Vision Team would like to thank all those that attended and participated in the meeting, the Fellowship Committee for coordinating the congregational meal, and those that played a role in the development of the Annual Report and Spending Plan.
- **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 to sew and construct tops. If you cannot come on Wednesday, you are welcome to make one at home. Fabric and patterns are available. Consider using your creative gifts and contributing to this worthwhile project. Thanks for helping.
- **Community Peacemaker Teams Presentation:** Quinn will deliver a presentation at 7:00 pm on Sunday, February 15th at MCN on his participation with a Community Peacemaker Teams Delegation to Palestine from October 28, 2025, until November 7, 2025. Although he already delivered a presentation immediately following his trip, this presentation will allow more stories and reflections about his CPT delegation and the Israeli occupation of the West Bank. Quinn will also lead a class on February 8th during the SS hour on the history of the Israeli occupation of Palestine. If you are concerned about what is going on these days with Palestinians at the hands of the Israeli Settlers and the Israeli military, you won't want to miss Quinn's professional quality stand-up presentations.
- **Call to Serve:** The Spiritual Gifts Discernment Team, in consultation with the chair of the Outreach Commission, has called Peter to serve on the Outreach Commission. Please send any feedback to Janet by February 8, 2026. Thank you!
- **Partners in Healing:** Once again, this year we are participating in the "Partners in Healing" program at Carle BroMenn, where we are invited to pray for one of the hospital's departments. This year we have been assigned to Environmental Services. This is the department tasked with cleaning and disinfecting medical equipment, rooms, and public spaces making sure that the hospital is a safe place to be for patients, staff, and visitors.

This Week:

Tuesday 2/3	3:00 pm	Pastoral Team (Zoom)
	7:00 pm	Spiritual Gifts Discernment Team (Zoom)
Wednesday 2/4	9:30 am	Wednesday Morning Book Group
	1:00 pm	Quilting
Thursday 2/5	7:00 am	Next Man Bible Study
	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study

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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