



# Mennonite Church of Normal

A congregation of  
Mennonite Church USA

**February 8, 2026**

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

# Order of Worship

## Gather

Welcome and Congregational Life

Prelude

Call to Worship

Hymns                   *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*  
                          *The Love of God*

VT\* 28

VT 162

Gathering Prayer

## Listen

Youth Choir

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

VT 511

Scripture                   John 4:46-54

Sermon                   *Learning to Whistle*

## Respond

Song of Response           *For the Healing of the Nations*

VT 705

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Stewardship Affirmation

## Send

Sending Song                   *We Shall Overcome*

VT 803

Benediction

Final Response                   *Go Now in Peace*

VT 835

\**Voices Together Hymnal*

## Assisting in Worship:

**Worship Leader:** Shannon Neely

**Worship Planner:** Kevin Chupp

**Accompaniment & Prelude:** Bill West

**Song Leader:** Wayne Hochstetler

**Youth Choir Director:** Cindy Ropp

**Children's Time:** Laura Dick

**Scripture Reader:** Emmanuel Kasongo

**Sermon:** Kevin Chupp

**Pastoral Prayer:** Kevin Chupp

**Tech:** Adam 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:

- **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.
- **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 15th during the CE 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 Cerneka to serve on the Outreach Commission. Please send any feedback to Janet by today, February 8. Thank you!
- **Congregational Care Committee:** Heads up! You can expect to hear from someone from the Congregational Care Committee (CCC) as we work our way through the directory over the course of this year, focusing on and praying for part of the list each month. We are open for you to share whatever needs/issues you might be navigating, but we are also glad to hear what you are looking forward to this year. CCC is glad to support the Pastoral Team in meeting the emergent needs of the congregation, but we hope to also find ways like this to offer support in regular seasons.
- **MCN 50<sup>th</sup>:** We are celebrating the 50th anniversary of MCN on September 27th, 2026! One way we are celebrating this 50th year is by collecting stories. Read the call for submissions at the link in the Midweek.
- **CDC Connector:** The newest edition of Central District Conference's monthly Connector publication is now available. If you would like a paper copy, they are now available to take from the Library Table.

## This Week:

Monday 2/9	5:00 pm	Outreach Commission
	7:30 pm	Vision Team (Zoom)
Tuesday 2/10	3:00 pm	Pastoral Team (Zoom)
Wednesday 2/11	9:30 am	Wednesday Morning Book Group
	1:00 pm	Quilting
	7:00 pm	Fellowship Committee (Zoom)
Thursday 2/12	7:00 am	Next Man Bible Study
	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study
	6:45 pm	Administration Commission (Zoom)
Sunday 2/15	11:00 am	Quinn CPT CE Class
	7:00 pm	Quinn CPT Presentation

## 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](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)