



Mennonite Church of Normal

A congregation of
Mennonite Church USA

March 15, 2026

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

Order of Worship

Gather

Welcome and Congregational Life

Prelude

Call to Worship

Hymns

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

VT* 65

Seek Ye First

VT 417

Opening Prayer

Listen

Children's Time

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me, vs. 1

VT 306

Junior Choir

Scripture

John 18:28-40

Sermon

Minor Second

Respond

Poem of Confession

Words of Assurance

Hymn of Response

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

VT 536

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Send

Hymn

Jesus Shall Reign

VT 414

Benediction

Sending Song

Together, vs. 4

VT 389

**Voices Together Hymnal*

Due to the intricate nature of the cross visual on the stage, we request that our children stay off the stage during Lent and Easter for safety reasons. Thanks!

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Assisting in Worship:

Worship Leader: Judith Valente

Worship Planner: Jane Roeschley

Prelude & Accompaniment: Bill West

Song Leader: Cindy Ropp

Junior Choir: Cindy Ropp

Sermon: Kevin Chupp

Children's Time: Shannon Neely

Scripture Reader: Cal Hubbard

Pastoral Prayer: Lauren Satchwell

Tech: Glenn Wilson & Ryan Miller

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

Announcements from the Midweek:

- **CDC Annual Meeting:** In just a few months, the 2026 Central District Conference annual meeting will meet June 25-27, 2026 in Harrisonburg, Virginia at Eastern Mennonite University. The theme of *Rise Up! Take Courage!* We are looking for delegates to represent MCN at this meeting. Please let Lauren know if you are interested today, March 15.
- **Lloyd and Aldine Combs Scholarship:** Applications are due March 15 for the Lloyd and Aldine Combs Scholarship which supports students pursuing higher education, with a preference for those attending Mennonite-affiliated colleges, universities, and seminaries.
- **Fellowship Time Coffee:** Sign up today to serve coffee during fellowship time and you might win a bag of coffee!
- **IL Mennonite Relief Sale on March 20 & 21:** Can you believe we are only a week and a half away from the 68th annual Illinois Mennonite Relief Sale!?!? Please continue to help get the word out and invite your friends! There are a few more spots to sign up to volunteer for. Helping Ben - the sale treasurer, serving ice cream on Saturday, and a few others. Please take a look at the sign-up sheets on Sunday. Don't forget to grab your supplies for baked goods! Last year MCN made 75 strawberry pies that were sold out early in the morning, this year our goal is 100! What are you baking?
- **Bel Canto Choir:** We are delighted the Hesston College (KS) Bel Canto choir will lead our worship service on Sunday, March 22. We will share lunch with them (provided by the Fellowship Committee) before they leave to return to Hesston yet that day. **WHAT WE NEED:** Overnight hosts for the 22 students and 2 faculty on Saturday night, March 21. They will arrive at the church at 9pm and will need a place to rest their heads and eat breakfast before returning to MCN by 8:45am Sunday. If you'd like to host, please contact Jill with how many you can accommodate. If you have room for only one, that works too! They ask that each faculty member not be housed with students. Thank you for offering hospitality to these folks as they offer their gifts to us!

This Week:

Sunday 3/15	7:00 pm	Adult Choir
Monday 3/16	9:30 am	Community Life Commission
Wednesday 3/18	9:30 am	Wednesday Morning Book Group
	1:00 pm	Quilting
Thursday 3/19	7:00 am	Next Man Bible Study
	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study
Friday 3/20	5:00 pm	IL Mennonite Relief Sale: Trivia Night with Meat Market & Select Food/Beverage Booths Open
Saturday 3/21	6:00 am	IL Mennonite Relief Sale: Pancakes & Sausage IL Mennonite Relief Sale: Dutch Market, Meat Market Open, & Booths Open
Sunday 3/22	7:00 pm	Adult Choir

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 – 5 th Grades	Room 9/12
Junior High	Conference Room
High School	Room 8
Adults	Rooms 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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