



Mennonite Church of Normal

A congregation of
Mennonite Church USA

April 12, 2026

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

Order of Worship

Gather

Welcome and Congregational Life

Prelude

Call to Worship

Hymns

Lift Your Glad Voices

VT* 340

Open the Eyes of My Heart

VT 401

Gathering Prayer

Listen

Children's Time

Draw the Circle, chorus only

VT 802

Scripture

John 20:19-31

Sermon

There Lives More Faith

Respond

Response Song

For Those with Whom Our Lives Are Bound

VT 734

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Choir Anthem

Always In Your Presence

Junior Choir

Stewardship Affirmation

Send

Sending Song

Open My Eyes

VT 732

Benediction

Final Response

God, Be the Love, vs. 1, 4, 5

VT 43

**Voices Together Hymnal*

Assisting in Worship:

Worship Leader & Planner: Cindy Ropp

Prelude & Accompaniment: Bill West

Song Leader & Choir Director: Cindy Ropp

Children's Time: Kevin Chupp

Scripture Reader: Rita Munkakusi

Sermon: Kevin Chupp

Pastoral Prayer: Kevin Chupp

Tech: 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

Announcements from the Midweek:

- **Community Life Commission Member:** The Spiritual Gifts Discernment Team, in consultation with the chair of the Community Life Commission, has called Nancy to serve as a member of the Community Life Commission. Please send any feedback to Janet by Sunday, April 12. Thank you!
- **Midwest Food Bank Volunteering:** Our next volunteer night at Midwest Food Bank (MFB) is April 28 from 6-8pm. MFB wants us to sign up two weeks ahead of time to facilitate their project planning, so if you think you will go, please sign up as early as possible using the link in the Midweek. If you have any questions, please contact a member of the Outreach Committee.
- **Dutch Market Thank You:** The Illinois Mennonite Relief Sale Board and Dutch Market Committee wish to extend a very special thank you to all those involved in baking, selling, organizing, setting up, and buying delicious products at our 68th Sale. Chair Kathy Miller has reported that we received 714 pies, 175 jars, and 300 baked treats. According to Kathy and Wesley most everything was sold by 11:30 A.M. on Saturday. The Board deeply appreciates the excellent leadership and the many delicious products that were donated again this year to the sale. Finally, thank you to all who participated. May God richly bless you! *Shared by Mrs. Ruthie Roth, Relief Sale Executive Secretary.*
- **Good Friday Service Recording:** Whether you missed the Ecumenical Good Friday Service at Centennial Christian Church or you want to revisit the powerful messages from our community's Christian clergy, you can access the recording of the service with the link in the Midweek.

This Week:

Monday 4/13	5:00 pm	Outreach Commission
Tuesday 4/14	3:00 pm	Pastoral Team (Zoom)
Wednesday 4/15	9:30 am	Wednesday Morning Book Group
	1:00 pm	Quilting
Thursday 4/16	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 – 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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