



Mennonite Church of Normal

A congregation of
Mennonite Church USA

April 26, 2026

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

Order of Worship

Gather

Welcome and Congregational Life

Prelude

Call to Worship

Hymns *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* VT* 103
 Come, Thou Fount VT 563

Gathering Prayer

Listen

Children's Time *Be Not Afraid* VT 356

Scripture Acts 16:16-34

Sermon *A Little Farther Down the Line*

Respond

Response in Song *Spirit, Open My Heart* VT 636

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Stewardship Affirmation

Send

Sending Song *Will You Let Me Be Your Servant* VT 778

Benediction

Final Response *Seeds* VT 777

**Voices Together Hymnal*

Assisting in Worship:

Worship Leader & Planner: Kevin Chupp

Prelude & Accompaniment: Elsa Raab

Song Leader: Cindy Ropp

Children's Time: Kevin Chupp

Scripture Reader: Diane Wiman

Sermon: Kevin Chupp

Pastoral Prayer: Lauren Satchwell

Tech: Adam Augspurger

In Memoriam:

Mary Ann King, member of MCN: October 11, 1939 – January 5, 2026

Announcements from the Midweek:

- **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 Commission.
- **Give soap full of hope:** Mennonite Central Committee provides soap to hospitals, orphanages and refugee camps in countries where soap is expensive or difficult to source. There is a need for soap beyond what is supplied in kits. MCC Great Lakes invites you to take part in a special collection of bath soap and laundry soap throughout April and May. Soap collected at MCN will be delivered to the MCC Drop Off Site at Metamora Mennonite Church. Thank you for limiting your generosity to the items listed. Learn more at the link in the Midweek. If you have any questions, please contact a member of the Outreach Commission.
- **CDC Connector:** The newest edition of Central District Conference's monthly Connector publication is now available to read at the link in the Midweek. In this Earth Day issue of the Connector we hear from two congregations about their experiences with outdoor worship services. There are also articles about the recent discussion on Article 19 at the Mid-Year Gathering, a new book from Mennonite Action, and a yard sign campaign by a congregation in Virginia, along with the latest edition of Doug's Mug. **If you would like a paper copy, they are now available to take from the Library Table.**

This Week:

Sunday 4/26	6:00 pm	Junior Choir
	6:45 pm	Youth Choir
Monday 4/27	7:00 pm	Spiritual Gifts Discernment Team (Zoom)
Tuesday 4/28	3:00 pm	Pastoral Team (Zoom)
	6:00 pm	Midwest Food Bank Volunteering
Wednesday 4/29	9:30 am	Wednesday Morning Book Group
	1:00 pm	Quilting
Thursday 4/30	7:00 am	Next Man Bible Study
Sunday 5/3	6:00 pm	Junior Choir
	6:45 pm	Youth 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
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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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