



Mennonite Church of Normal

A congregation of
Mennonite Church USA

May 31, 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's Walk Together

VT* 6

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

VT 8

Gathering Prayer

Listen

Children's Time

Like a Rock

VT 63

Scripture

Proverbs 27:17

Sermon

Cosmic Jewelry

Respond

Song of Response

Will You Come and Follow Me

VT 540

Offering Our Gifts

Grant Us, God, the Grace

VT 746

Prayer

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Send

Sending Song

Teach Me Thy Truth

VT 776

Benediction

Dismissal Song

As You Go Out from Here

VT 841

**Voices Together Hymnal*

Assisting in Worship:

Worship Leader & Planner: Melika Hershberger

Prelude & Accompaniment: Bill West

Song Leader: Wayne Hochstetler

Children's Time: Louise Reeser

Scripture Reader: Melika Hershberger

Sermon: Kevin Chupp

Pastoral Prayer: Kevin Chupp

Tech: Glenn Wilson & Ryan Miller

In Memoriam:

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

Esther Brown, member of MCN: October 22, 1939 – May 9, 2026

Announcements from the Midweek:

- **Christian Education Summer Sabbatical:** From May 31-August 30, traditional Christian education during the Sunday school hour will be on sabbatical. This will allow time for our regular Sunday school teachers to rest and also provide time for the congregation to invite new Sunday school teachers for the fall for all levels. In lieu of regular Sunday school classes, there will be occasional scheduled Connection Sundays sponsored by Discipleship and other commissions. If you would like to schedule an event to be held this summer during our normal CE hour, please let Holly know. Watch the midweek for Connection Sundays coming soon!
- **Christian Education:** *Jesus and John Wayne: How White Evangelicals Corrupted a Faith and Fractured a Nation* by Kristin Kobes Du Mez will be the book study beginning June 21. The book has been described as a "sweeping account that reveals how American evangelicals have worked for decades to replace the Jesus of the Gospels with an idol of rugged masculinity and Christian nationalism." Class participants will be asked to secure their own copy of the book. Discussions will be facilitated by Joe and Bess.
- **Save the Date:** We will be worshipping together at Menno Haven Camp (9301 1575 E St, Tiskilwa, IL 61368) on August 16th this year. Please note, this is a different weekend than previous years. More details to come!
- **Intergenerational Stories:** As part of our 50th Anniversary celebration, we would like to gather intergenerational oral history interviews and record them. We hope to record conversations across various ages about what practicing your faith at MCN has meant to you whether you were someone who helped build the church, someone who has newly joined us, whether you are 94 or four. We will be setting up a station with an iPad to record these during fellowship and the traditional Sunday School time through June and July. Learn more in the Midweek.
- **A Note from AC:** In August of 2024 the Administration Commission appointed the Safety, Access, and Accommodation Subcommittee. This subcommittee was chaired by Cindy. Members included Mark, Darvis, Marcia, and David. Last year we received their report. Administration Commission has followed up on their report and accessibility recommendations. We hired DH Pace, a local door company, to implement our accessible doors. They are: accessible doors at the main entrance and north entrance and accessible inside doors for the office and south restrooms. Read the rest of the note in the Midweek.

This Week:

Tuesday 6/2 Afternoon Church Building Closed
3:00 pm Pastoral Team (Zoom)
Wednesday 6/3 1:00 pm Quilting
Thursday 6/4 7:00 am Next Man 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.

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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