



Mennonite Church of Normal

A congregation of
Mennonite Church USA

June 14, 2026

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

Order of Worship

Gathering in God's Presence

Welcome and Congregational Life

Ministry Moment: Outreach Commission

Prelude

Call to Worship

Singing Praise to God

Hymns of Praise

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

VT* 28

Take My Life, and Let It Be

VT 759

Gathering Prayer

Hearing God's Word

Children's Time

Like a Rock

VT 63

Scripture

Matthew 15:29-39

Sermon

Gut Check

Responding to God's Word

Prayer of Response

Hymn of Response

Bless the Arms That Comfort

VT 527

Stewardship Affirmation

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Sending in the Spirit's Power

Sending Song

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

VT 846

Benediction

Dismissal Song

Ubi caritas (Where True Love)

VT 492

**Voices Together Hymnal*

Assisting in Worship:

Worship Leader & Planner: Marge Weaver

Accompaniment & Prelude: Bill West

Song Leader: Wayne Hochstetler

Children's Time: Joe Culpepper

Scripture Reader: Emmanuel Kasongo

Sermon: Kevin Chupp

Pastoral Prayer: Kevin Chupp

Tech: Rick Harnish & Caleb Augspurger

In Memoriam:

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

Announcements from the Midweek:

- **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. Class participants will be asked to secure their own copy of the book. Discussions will be facilitated by Joe and Bess.
- **Immigrant Protection Plan:** The Outreach Commission is proposing that the Mennonite Church of Normal adopt an Immigrant Protection Plan. This plan has been reviewed by the other MCN commissions and was patterned after one written by Abraham Diaz of the Mennonite Central Committee. The purpose of this plan is to protect immigrants while attending MCN services from Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents. **The Outreach Commission will lead a discussion of the MCN Immigrant Protection Plan during the CE hour in the sanctuary after today's worship service.** Please use the link in the Midweek to see the proposed plan.
- **Leaning Into Summer A Poetry and Pizza Fest:** Please join us for another enjoyable chance to hear poetry and enjoy fellowship and pizza together on July 19 at 11 am. Judith Valente, whom many of you know, will read poems from her latest collection, "How To Be A Contemplative" and talk about writing poetry as a contemplative practice. She will be joined by award-winning Chicago poet Albert DeGenova, editor of the literary magazine *After Hours* who will read some of his delightful poems. Longtime WJBC broadcaster Steve Vogel has agreed to come and read a passage from his new memoir, "Broadcast News" about growing up and working in radio in McLean County. There will also be a few musical selections by flutist Mary Beth Godfrey of Bloomington.
- **Thank you for giving soap full of hope:** Thank you for your generous donations of bath and laundry soap during MCC's "Soap full of hope" collection this spring. Because of you, MCC can meet additional requests for soap from partners like hospitals, orphanages and refugee camps in countries where soap is expensive or difficult to source.

This Week:

Sunday 6/14	11:00 am	Outreach Commission Discussion of Proposed Immigrant Protection Plan
Tuesday 6/16	3:00 pm	Pastoral Team (Zoom)
	7:30 pm	Discipling Commission (Zoom)
Wednesday 6/17	1:00 pm	Quilting
Thursday 6/18	7:00 am	Next Man Bible Study
Friday 6/19	All Day	Church Office/Building Closed for Juneteenth

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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Community Life Commission, Outreach Commission, Spiritual Gifts Discernment Team, & Worship Commission Pastor:

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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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