Mennonite Church of Normal

A congregation of
Mennonite Church USA

June 21, 2026

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

Order of Worship

Gathering in God's Presence

Welcome and Congregational Life
Prelude
Call to Worship

Singing Praise to God

Hymns of Praise	*Summoned by the God Who Made Us*	VT* 1
	Lord, I Am Fondly, Earnestly Longing	VT 555

Gathering Prayer

Hearing God's Word

Children's Time	*Like a Rock*	VT 63
Scripture	Romans 12:9-16	
Sermon	*Solidarity Quote-Off*	

Responding to God's Word

Response Song	*Draw the Circle*	VT 802

Sharing Joys and Concerns
Pastoral Prayer
Stewardship Affirmation

Sending in the Spirit's Power

Sending Song	*Could It Be That God Is Singing*	VT 42

Benediction

Final Response	*Peace, Salaam, Shalom*	VT 805

**Voices Together Hymnal*

Assisting in Worship:

Worship Leader: Ben Roeschley
Worship Planner: Kevin Chupp
Accompaniment & Prelude: Elsa Raab
Song Leader: Barry Weaver
Children's Time: Laura Dick
Sermon: Kevin Chupp
Pastoral Prayer: Kevin Chupp
Tech: Adam 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 today, June 21**. Class participants will be asked to secure their own copy of the book. Discussions will be facilitated by Joe and Bess.
- **Camp Friedenswald Survey:** We are excited for MCN to find new ways to relate to Camp Friedenswald! To share with us in our discernment, Community Life Commission asks that you take a few moments to share your thoughts about what we might do there in this next season. You can find a brief survey at the link in the Midweek. Please respond by Wednesday, June 24.
- **Movie Night at MCN:** Save the date for a Movie Night at MCN on Friday, July 10. Watch for more details coming soon.
- **Summer Worship Series:** One very tired claim from religious people is that those committed to social justice tend to neglect spiritual life. However, if we recognize how working for justice is itself formative, we can offer a counter argument. Perhaps those who are committed to "spiritual life," at the expense of justice work are in fact, ironically, neglecting their formation. And just like spiritual practice, justice work ought to be unifying, shared work rather than isolating, private piety. See the full list of topics for the summer in the Midweek.
- **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. Learn more in the Midweek.
- **A Quest for Purpose:** Our July 28th Worship and Adult Christian Education will feature Ruth Keidel Clemens. Ruth grew up in the Democratic Republic of Congo, where her parents had traveled from Flannagan, IL to serve as Mennonite missionaries. She went on to serve with Mennonite Central Committee for 27 years in Congo, Cambodia, and the United States, holding a variety of leadership roles. She and her husband are active members of North Baltimore Mennonite Church, where Ruth plays piano and manages a house for asylum seekers. She will also be at Flannagan Library on Saturday, July 25, giving a talk about her new book, *A Quest for Purpose*. Learn more in the Midweek.

This Week:

Tuesday 6/23	3:00 pm	Pastoral Team (Zoom)
	7:30 pm	Discipling Commission (Zoom)
Wednesday 6/24	1:00 pm	Quilting
Thursday 6/25	7:00 am	Next Man Bible Study
Friday 6/26	2:00 pm	Hands All Around Quilt Guild Sale @ MCN
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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 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: Lauren Satchwell | lauren@normalmennonite.org