



Mennonite Church of Normal

A congregation of
Mennonite Church USA

June 28, 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

When in Our Music God Is Glorified
There's Within My Heart a Melody

VT* 83
Screen

Gathering Prayer

Hearing God's Word

Children's Time

Like a Rock

VT 63

Scripture

Acts 4:23-32

Reflection

Singing in the Face of Oppression

Hymn Sing

Worshippers' Choice

Responding to God's Word

Response in Word

VT 802

Honoring God with Our Gifts

Response in Song *Praise God (Doxology)*

VT 71

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Sending in the Spirit's Power

Sending Song

My Life Flows On

VT 605

Sending Prayer

Dismissal Song *Praise the Lord, Sing Hallelujah, vs. 1*

VT 95

**Voices Together Hymnal*

Assisting in Worship:

Worship Leader & Planner: Joe Culpepper

Accompaniment & Prelude: Bill West

Song Leader: Cindy Ropp

Children's Time: Holly Zehr

Scripture Reader: Marianne Israel

Reflection: Joe Culpepper

Pastoral Prayer: Lauren Satchwell

Tech: Ryan Miller

In Memoriam:

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

Announcements from the Midweek:

- **Hymn Singing Sunday:** Today is Hymn Singing Sunday. Most of the sermon time will be Worshippers Choice for you to suggest a hymn in *Voices Together* for us to sing. Please select two verses so we can get to as many of your choices as possible. You might want to decide ahead of time what you want to suggest. Come ready to experience a joy-filled worship in song!
- **Movie Night at MCN:** Save the date for a Movie Night at MCN on Friday, July 10. Watch for more details coming soon.
- **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.
- **Project SACRED:** Outreach Commission has heard the call to respond to the troubling history of Mennonite participation with Indian residential schools for indigenous children. These were places that actively alienated children from their native language, culture and many died in such schools due to illnesses. You can read more about this at the links in the Midweek. It feels complex to seek repair in such situations, but Project SACRED (Mennonite Church USA) is working toward tangible acts of solidarity with indigenous people such as the repatriation of children who were buried at these schools. Outreach Commission has committed to give \$500 toward this project, and we invite you all to join us by contributing through MCN (memo note: Project SACRED) or by sending funds directly to Koinonia Indian Mennonite Church, with Project SACRED in the subject line, at 10348 N 2270 Road, Clinton, OK 73601.

This Week:

Tuesday 6/30	3:00 pm	Pastoral Team (Zoom)
Wednesday 7/1	1:00 pm	Quilting
Thursday 7/2	7:00 am	Next Man Bible Study
	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study
Friday 7/3	All Day	Church Building and Office Closed for the Fourth of July

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:

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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