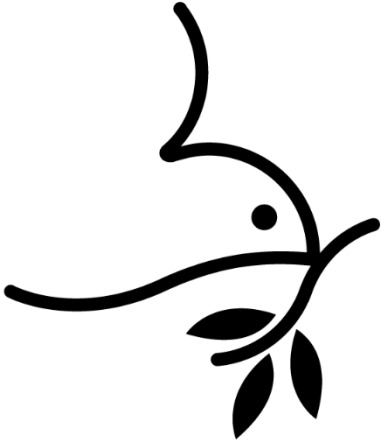




Mennonite Church of Normal

A congregation of
Mennonite Church USA

July 5, 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	<i>This Is God's Wonderous World</i>	VT* 180
	<i>This Is My Song</i>	VT 710

Gathering Prayer

Hearing God's Word

Children's Time	<i>Come On, Children, to the Gospel Feast</i>	VT 511
Scripture	Matthew 5:33-37	
Sermon	<i>No, Yeah</i>	

Responding to God's Word

Response Song	<i>We Are People of God's Peace</i>	VT 797
Sharing Joys and Concerns		
Pastoral Prayer		
Stewardship Affirmation		

Sending in the Spirit's Power

Sending Song	<i>O Day of Peace</i>	VT 787
Benediction		
Final Response	<i>The Lord Lift You Up</i>	VT 832

**Voices Together Hymnal*

Assisting in Worship:

Worship Leader: Shannon Neely

Worship Planner: Kevin Chupp

Accompaniment & Prelude: Lydia Hedberg

Song Leader: Wayne Hochstetler

Children's Time: Shannon Neely

Scripture Reader: Pete Cerneka

Sermon: Kevin Chupp

Pastoral Prayer: Lauren Satchwell

Tech: Adam Augspurger & Ryan Miller

In Memoriam:

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

Announcements from the Midweek:

- **Movie Night at MCN:** Friday, July 10 at 6:30 pm in the MCN Sanctuary. Popcorn will be provided. Learn more in the Midweek.
- **Connection Sunday Picnic at Sugar Grove Nature Center:** On Sunday, July 12, pack a picnic lunch and head out to Sugar Grove Nature Center (4532 N 725 East Rd, McLean, IL 61754) for an afternoon of fun. Sugar Grove has a picnic shelter, a small creek, walking trails, trees to climb, and outdoor toys. Plan to leave immediately following the service and stay as long as you like.
- **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. 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.
- **Midwest Food Bank Volunteering:** Our next volunteer night at Midwest Food Bank (MFB) is Monday, July 27 from 6-8pm. MFB wants us to sign up at least 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.
- **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 7/7	3:00 pm	Pastoral Team (Zoom)
Wednesday 7/8	1:00 pm	Quilting
Thursday 7/9	7:00 am	Next Man Bible Study
	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study
Friday 7/10	6:30 pm	Movie Night at MCN
Sunday 7/12	11:00 am	Connection Sunday: Picnic at Sugar Grove Nature Center

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:**

Lauren Satchwell | lauren@normalmennonite.org