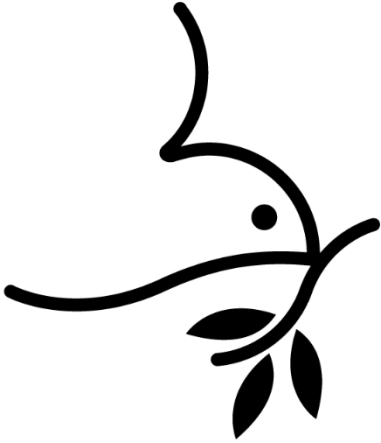




Mennonite Church of Normal

A congregation of
Mennonite Church USA

August 23, 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: MCN 50th Celebration

Prelude

Call to Worship

Singing Praise to God

Hymn

We Come

VT* 225

Gathering Prayer

Hearing God's Word

Children's Time & Blessing of the Backpacks

Let the Children Come to Me

VT 512

God of All Learning

Screen

Scripture

Exodus 2:11-25

Sermon

Twice as Bright

Responding to God's Word

Response in Song

Kyrie eleison, Have Mercy

VT 796

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer in Song

More Than You Know

VT 598

Offering Our Gifts

Sending in the Spirit's Power

Sending Song

Rain Down

VT 703

Benediction

Final Response

God, Be the Love vs. 1 & 5

VT 43

**Voices Together Hymnal*

Assisting in Worship:

Worship Planner & Leader: Cindy Ropp

Accompaniment & Prelude: Bill West

Song Leader: Wayne Hochstetler

Children's Time: Janet Wilson

Scripture Reader: Gerson Cobarrubia

Sermon: Kevin Chupp

Pastoral Prayer: Lauren Satchwell

Tech: Caleb Augspurger

In Memoriam:

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

Ardys Serpette, member of MCN: July 5, 1939 – July 7, 2026

Imogene Miller, mother of Darrel Miller & Connie Yoder: October 14, 1928 – July 23, 2026

Announcements from the Midweek:

- **Christian Education Focus:** Christian Education resumes for PK-12 on Sunday, August 30! Students who are eligible will be joining the next CE grade band. We will also show appreciation for our teachers from last year and distributing Bibles.
- **MCC School Kits:** Learn how you can help with making School Kits for Mennonite Central Committee this August in the Midweek.
- **S'mores and More at Moraine View State Park:** Community Life Commission invites everyone to the Honker's Island Shelter on Sunday, September 13 from 1-5pm (feel free to take a picnic lunch as it is reserved all day) for an afternoon of hiking, fishing, visiting and S'MORES! Let's hang out before the leaves fall! Bring roasting sticks and lawn chairs. CLC will provide fixings for S'mores, water, and cups.
- **Family Fun Night:** Please join us for Family Fun Night on September 25 from 5:30-7:30. For our 50th anniversary celebration, we'll focus on the theme from John 15:5: "I am the Vine; you are the branches!" We'll enjoy songs, a lesson, activities, and PIZZA!
- **Membership:** If you are interested in becoming a member of MCN, we want to hear from you! A membership class will be put together based on the needs and the availability of those interested. Please reach out to Pastor Kevin (kevin@normalmennonite.org).
- **Lost & Found:** Please stop by and check the lost and found. Items will be donated on September 21st if not claimed.

This Week:

Sunday 8/23	8:00 am	Student Mutual Aid Program Breakfast
Tuesday 8/25	3:00 pm	Pastoral Team (Zoom)
Wednesday 8/26	1:00 pm	Quilting
Thursday 8/27	7:00 am	Next Man Bible Study
	9:30 am	Women's 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 Vision:

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