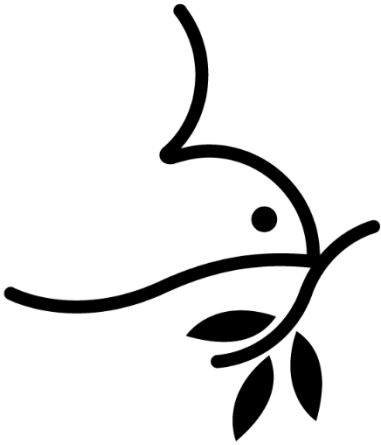




Mennonite Church of Normal

A congregation of
Mennonite Church USA

August 30, 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	<i>Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise</i>	VT* 98
	<i>For the Beauty of the Earth</i>	VT 120

Gathering Prayer

Hearing God's Word

Children's Time	<i>Let the Children Come to Me</i>	VT 512
Scripture	Psalm 119:57-64	
Sermon	<i>Feet</i>	

Responding to God's Word

Response in Song	<i>How Can We Be Silent</i>	VT 790
Sharing Joys and Concerns		
Pastoral Prayer		
Stewardship Affirmation		

Sending in the Spirit's Power

Sending Song	<i>Together</i>	VT 389
Benediction		
Final Response	<i>The Lord Bless You and Keep You</i>	VT 846
	<i>*Voices Together Hymnal</i>	

Assisting in Worship:

Worship Planner & Leader: Janet Wilson

Accompaniment & Prelude: Lydia Hedberg

Song Leader: Cindy Ropp

Children's Time: Holly Zehr

Scripture Reader: Janet Wilson

Sermon: Kevin Chupp

Pastoral Prayer: Kevin Chupp

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

Dorie Goodnature, sister of Carol Josefson: July 28, 1947 – July 12, 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 today, August 30! Students who are eligible will be joining the next CE grade band.
- **MCN 50th T-Shirts:** Get your Commemorative MCN 50th t-shirt! We are planning to order t-shirts to wear for our service projects on September 26th, but you can wear one anytime! **Please place your order at the link in the Midweek by Thursday, September 3rd.**
- **Call for Photos:** As we approach the 50th celebration, we would welcome photos of the last two decades. Do you have photos of campouts? MYF activities? All church gatherings? Special occasions? Any and all would be appreciated. If you could provide a digital file, please email these to church@normalmennonite.org. If you have only hard copies, please drop them off at the church office. Thank you!
- **MCC School Kits:** Learn how you can help with making School Kits for Mennonite Central Committee this August in the Midweek.
- **Cultivating Generous Congregations:** Last February and March, Everence offered a 6-session seminar on Cultivating Generous Congregations. Four of us attended. During the CE hour on September 6, September 13, and October 4, we will have time to share and discuss pieces of that learning experience and what does Generosity mean for MCN?
- **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! Bring roasting sticks and lawn chairs. CLC will provide fixings for S'mores, water, and cups.
- **50th Anniversary Celebration:** We are celebrating the 50th anniversary of MCN September 25th-27th! **Friday 9/25:** Family Fun Night (5pm-7:30pm). **Saturday 9/26:** open house (11am), lunch (12pm), service projects (2pm), hymn sing (6:30pm). **Sunday 9/27:** Worship (9:30), lunch (12pm), memorial tree-planting. Please take a moment to help us prepare by filling out an RSVP form and sharing the flyer at the links in the Midweek.
- **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).

This Week:

Tuesday 9/1	3:00 pm	Pastoral Team (Zoom)
Wednesday 9/2	1:00 pm	Quilting
Thursday 9/3	7:00 am	Next Man Bible Study
	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study
Friday 9/4	Afternoon	Limited Office Functionality

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