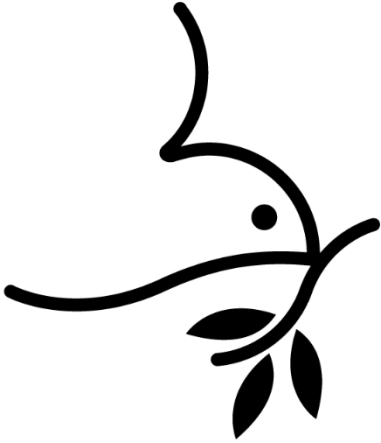




Mennonite Church of Normal

A congregation of
Mennonite Church USA

August 9, 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>I Love to Tell the Story</i>	VT* 761
	<i>In My Life, Lord, Be Glorified</i>	VT 754

Gathering Prayer

Hearing God's Word

Children's Time	<i>Come On, Children, to the Gospel Feast</i>	VT 511
Scripture	Matthew 22:15-22	
Sermon	<i>Divestment</i>	

Responding to God's Word

Song of Response	<i>Who Will Speak a Word of Warning</i>	VT 758
Sharing Joys and Concerns		
Pastoral Prayer		
Offertory		
Stewardship Affirmation		

Sending in the Spirit's Power

Sending Song	<i>We Plow the Fields and Scatter</i>	VT 747
Benediction		
Final Response	<i>Take, O Take Me as I Am</i>	VT 748

**Voices Together Hymnal*

Assisting in Worship:

Worship Planner & Leader: Holly Zehr

Accompaniment & Prelude: Bill West

Song Leader: Cindy Ropp

Children's Time: Kevin Chupp

Scripture Reader: Emmanuel Kasongo

Sermon: Kevin Chupp

Pastoral Prayer: Kevin Chupp

Tech: Wyatt Fisher & Adam 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:

- **Westminster Village Vespers:** Residents of Westminster Village, Pastor Kevin will be leading Vespers today (August 9th) at 3pm and would love to see you there!
- **Menno Haven Sunday:** Sunday, August 16 at 10:00 am join us for worship at Menno Haven Camp and Retreat Center in Tiskilwa, IL followed by lunch and afternoon activities. Learn more in the Midweek.
- **SMAP Breakfast:** Come one come all! The Student Mutual Aid Program Committee would like to invite you to a breakfast on August 23rd, 8:00 AM at the church. This will be a great time to learn more about this program, celebrate its legacy, hear stories from past and current students, and fellowship together! This program continues to succeed due to the support of this congregation for over 50 years. If you have questions you can reach out to Darvis, Annette, or Katie. Please RSVP to Darvis. If you cannot make it but would like to learn more or make a pledge, please contact Darvis.
- **MCC School Kits:** Learn how you can help with making School Kits for Mennonite Central Committee this August in the Midweek.
- **Lost & Found:** Please stop by and check the lost and found. Items will be donated on September 21st if not claimed.
- **VT Question:** Thank you all for the vibrant discussion on Sunday, August 2nd. We heard many positive comments about the process and received a lot of good ideas. We know that this conversation does not get us to a place where we are "done." We are asking you to reflect on Sunday's discussion about who we have been. What aspects do you feel we are called to let go, and what aspects do you feel we are called to carry forward? Vision Team welcomes responses to these questions & further comments.

This Week:

Monday 8/10	5:00 pm	Outreach Commission
Tuesday 8/11	3:00 pm	Pastoral Team (Zoom)
Wednesday 8/12	1:00 pm	Quilting
Thursday 8/13	All Day	Church Office & Building Closed
	7:00 am	Next Man Bible Study
	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study
	6:45 pm	Administration Commission (Zoom)
Friday 8/14	All Day	Church Office & Building Closed
Sunday 8/16	10:00 am	Worship at Menno Haven Camp & Retreat 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.

Building Open Hours: Monday – Friday: 9am-11am & 1:30pm-3pm

Office Administrator: Lydia Hedberg | church@normalmennonite.org |
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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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