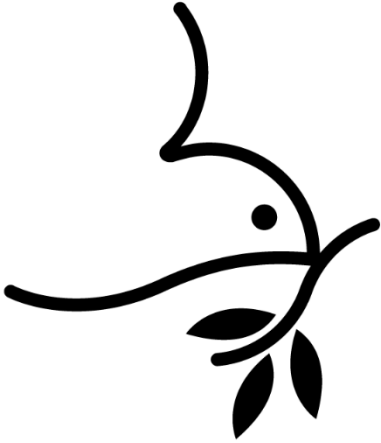




Mennonite Church of Normal

A congregation of
Mennonite Church USA

September 13, 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>God Is Here Among Us</i>	VT* 62
	<i>Great Is Thy Faithfulness</i>	VT 419

Gathering Prayer

Hearing God's Word

Children's Time	<i>Let the Children Come to Me</i>	VT 512
Scripture	Genesis 9:8-17	
Sermon	<i>All Flesh</i>	

Responding to God's Word

Response in Song	<i>Lead On, O Cloud of Presence</i>	VT 194
Offering Our Gifts		
Hymn of Offering	<i>We Plow the Fields and Scatter</i>	VT 747
Sharing Joys and Concerns		
Pastoral Prayer		

Sending in the Spirit's Power

Sending Song	<i>God Be the Love, vs. 1, 4, 5</i>	VT 43
Benediction		
Final Response	<i>As You Go Out from Here</i>	VT 841

**Voices Together Hymnal*

Assisting in Worship:

Worship Planner & Leader: Melika Hershberger

Accompaniment & Prelude: Lydia Hedberg

Song Leader: Barry Weaver

Children's Time: Louise Reeser

Sermon: Kevin Chupp

Pastoral Prayer: Kevin Chupp

Tech: Ryan Miller

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:

- **Cultivating Generous Congregations:** Last February and March, Everence offered a 6-session seminar on Cultivating Generous Congregations. **Directly following the service again today** and September 20, we will have time to share and discuss pieces of that learning experience and what does Generosity mean for MCN? We want to hear from you!
- **S'mores and More at Moraine View State Park:** Community Life Commission invites everyone to the Honker's Island Shelter **today**, 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.
- **Food for FFN:** Discipling Commission is seeking donations of food supplies for the Fruit Pizza Dessert station for our Family Fun Night on September 25th. Donations should be dropped off by 3pm that day and placed on the kitchen counter or in the refrigerator as needed. Please use the link in the Midweek to sign up to bring needed supplies. Many thanks!
- **Dementia Friendly Community Workshop Postponed:** The Dementia Friendly Community Workshop which was announced for September 20 has been postponed. We will let you know as soon as it is rescheduled. Thanks for your interest.
- **Protect Sacred Land & Water:** Read a message from the Coalition to Dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery about how you can help the fight to protect the sacred at Oak Flat in the Midweek.
- **Youth Mentorship Program:** Families with children in grades 6-12 are welcome to seek a spiritual mentor for their child as part of MCN's Youth Mentorship program. Please contact Holly if you have questions or would like to participate in this program.

This Week:

Sunday 9/13	1:00 pm	S'mores and More at Moraine View State Park
Monday 9/14	5:00 pm	Outreach Commission
Tuesday 9/15	3:00 pm	Pastoral Team (Zoom)
Wednesday 9/16	9:30 am	Wednesday Morning Book Group
	1:00 pm	Quilting
Thursday 9/17	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 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:

Pre-K – 4 th Grades	Room 11
5 th – 8 th Grades	Room 8
9 th – 12 th Grades	Room 5/7
Adults	Sanctuary

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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