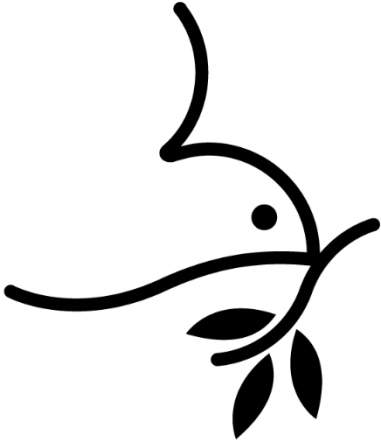




Mennonite Church of Normal

A congregation of
Mennonite Church USA

September 20, 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>Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee</i>	VT* 103
	<i>When Peace like a River</i>	VT 617

Gathering Prayer

Hearing God's Word

Children's Time	<i>Let the Children Come to Me</i>	VT 512
Scripture	Philippians 2:5-11	
Sermon	<i>Dynamism, Generosity, Right, Duty</i>	

Responding to God's Word

Response Song	<i>This Is My Song</i>	VT 710
Offering Our Gifts		
Hymn	<i>Put Peace into Each Other's Hands</i>	VT 485
Sharing Joys and Concerns		
Pastoral Prayer		

Sending in the Spirit's Power

Sending Song	<i>Go Now in Peace, Worship Continues</i>	VT 829
Benediction		
Closing Chorus	<i>Go Now in Peace</i>	VT 835

**Voices Together Hymnal*

Assisting in Worship:

Worship Planner & Leader: Shannon Unzicker

Accompaniment & Prelude: Lydia Hedberg

Song Leader: Glenn Wilson

Children's Time: Shannon Unzicker

Scripture Reader: Janelle Friesen

Sermon: Kevin Chupp

Pastoral Prayer: Lauren Satchwell

Tech: Ryan Miller and Glenn Wilson

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 today**, 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!
- **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.
- **50th Celebration Meal:** We need your help. We have a delicious meal planned for Sunday noon on Sept 27 of our 50th Celebration. Everything is provided except for the dessert. We need you to provide the dessert. We are planning for 200, until we get our final count on registrations. Be sure to get your reservations in. Contact Louise if you are willing to provide a dessert.
- **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!
- **Oak Flat Presentation:** On Sunday, Oct. 4, Meghan will share about her experiences at Oak Flat (AZ) and other work she is doing with the Dismantling Coalition. Come learn history and updates. All are welcome at the Mennonite Residential Community's Community Building at 5pm.
- **A Note from Outreach Commission:** In the event of ICE intervention during a worship service, the prayer room in the North hallway is a designated safe area for those who might be made vulnerable by their presence. Our service will continue, but will likely shift to alternative plans until officers have left.
- **MCC School Kits:** Thank you for taking part in this year's Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) School Kit Challenge! Mennonite Church of Normal packed 300+ kits this year. Thank you for all your help! Throughout the US and Canada, 46,481 kits were packed this year, surpassing MCC's goal of 30,000. Learn more in the Midweek.

This Week:

Tuesday 9/22	3:00 pm	Pastoral Team (Zoom)
Wednesday 9/23	9:30 am	Wednesday Morning Book Group
	1:00 pm	Quilting
Thursday 9/24	7:00 am	Next Man Bible Study
	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study
Friday 9/25	5:00 pm	Family Fun Night
Saturday 9/26	11:00 am	Open House
	12:00 pm	Lunch
	2:00 pm	Service Projects
	6:30 pm	Hymn Sing
Sunday 9/27	9:30 am	Worship
	12:00 pm	Lunch & Memorial Tree Planting

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:

Lauren Satchwell | lauren@normalmennonite.org