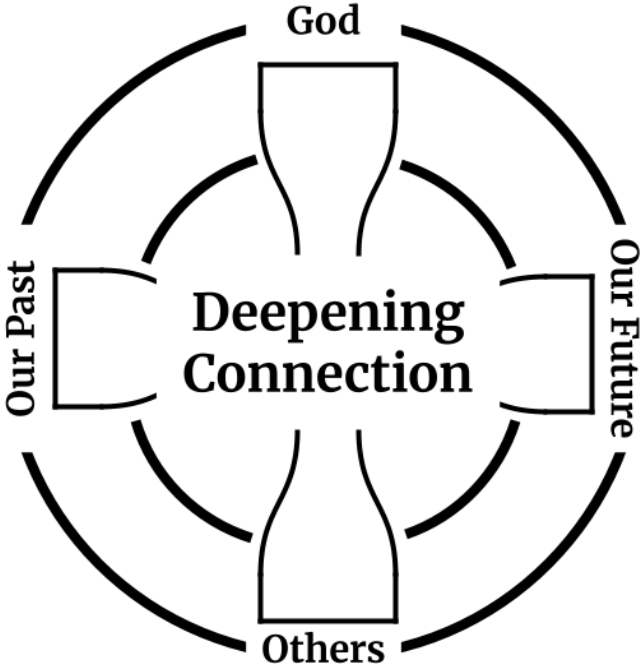


Mennonite Church of Normal

50th Anniversary Celebration



September 27, 2026

Order of Worship

Gathering in God's Presence

Welcome and Congregational Life

Prelude

Call to Worship

Praise & Reflection

Hymn	<i>For the Fruit of All Creation</i>	VT* 124
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Gathering Prayer

Children's Time	<i>Let the Children Come to Me</i>	VT 512
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Our Foundation

Scripture	1 Corinthians 3:9-11
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Reflection	Tom Kauffman
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Hymn	<i>How Firm a Foundation</i>	VT 592
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Our Roots

Scripture	Colossians 2:6-7
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Reflection	Mag Richer Smith
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Hymn	<i>Come, Thou Fount</i>	VT 563
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Our Tree

Scripture	Matthew 13:31-32
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Reflection	Tim Schrag (Video)
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Hymn	<i>Together</i>	VT 389
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Our Hope

Scripture	1 John 4:11-12
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Reflection	Michael Danner
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Prayer	Jane Roeschley
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Sharing in Community

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Stewardship Affirmation

Sending in Celebration

Sending Song	<i>Praise God (Dedication Anthem)</i>	VT 70
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Benediction

Final Response	<i>The Lord Lift You Up</i>	VT 832
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**Voices Together Hymnal*

Assisting in Worship:

Worship Leader: Marge Weaver

Worship Planner: Kevin Chupp

Guest Voices: Tim Schrag, Tom Kauffman, Michael Danner,
Mag Richer Smith, and Jane Roeschley

Accompaniment & Prelude: Bill West

Song Leader: Barry Weaver

Scripture Readers: David Voegtlin, Caroline Roeschley, Phil Brandon,
and Rita Munkakusi

Children's Time: Shelly King

Pastoral Prayer: Lauren Satchwell & Kevin Chupp

Tech: Glenn Wilson

Share Your Story:

We invite you to share your MCN stories in a couple ways:

- Adding a point to the timeline on the North wall in the atrium, noting a significant event in your experience at MCN.
- Sending in your written stories for our commemorative collection. We are accepting new submissions (500 words) for another two weeks (through October 11th). These are being compiled into a printed book and will be available for order around the end of the year. Send your submissions to: kevin@normalmennonite.org.

After Worship:

Lunch: At noon, we will be serving lunch catered by A to Z's Catering. All are welcome to join!

Tree-Planting: Following lunch, we are planning to gather on the South lawn (outside the main entrance) to mark the occasion of this anniversary by planting a tree. We hope you will join us as we share a blessing to close out the weekend of celebration.

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:**

Lauren Satchwell | lauren@normalmennonite.org



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Special Guests:

We want to make special note of those who are joining us for this celebration who have served us over the years in different capacities.

Michael Danner

Michael was a pastor at nearby Metamora Mennonite Church (1997-2015), was our Conference Minister through Illinois Mennonite Conference (2015-2018), and now serves us as Associate Executive Director for Church Vitality, and Denominational Minister for Church Safety for Mennonite Church USA. He and his wife Melissa live in Elkhart, IN.



Tom Kauffman

Tom was a pastor at Mennonite Church of Normal from 1987-1995. He came to us from Indiana, and later served as a regional pastor in Ohio, and conference minister for Ohio Mennonite Conference for 17½ years. Most recently, he served as transitional pastor in congregations in Indiana and New Mexico, including Assembly Mennonite Church in Goshen, IN where he attends with his spouse, Amy Gerber Kauffman.



Doug Luginbill

Doug has served as our Conference Minister (Central District Conference) since 2016 and has served the Mennonite Church in administrative and pastoral positions for 37 years. MCN is a familiar place for him as he has facilitated many Central Illinois pastor peer gatherings here. He lives in Bluffton, OH where he and his wife Paula attend First Mennonite Church.



Mag Richer Smith

Mag was a pastor at Mennonite Church of Normal from 1979-1982—MCN's first female pastor. She has served congregations in Indiana, Iowa, and served in interim roles alongside her husband Bob. Mag & Bob attend Berkey Avenue Mennonite Fellowship in Goshen, IN where they previously served together as interim pastors.



Jane Roeschley

We are deeply grateful that Jane still calls MCN home after retiring from her pastoral role here from 2000-2019. She and her husband Mark continue to share their gifts with our congregation, and Jane continues in ministry through spiritual direction, retreats, and Celtic pilgrimages.



Tim Schrag

Tim was a pastor at Mennonite Church of Normal from 1996-2019. Upon retirement, began serving with Mennonite Disaster Services (MDS). He is joining us via recorded video so he can be on site for an MDS effort in Lahaina, HI. He and his wife Sue Hertzler Schrag (MCN office administrator 2008-2014) live in in Goessel, KS and attend Eden Mennonite Church (Moundridge, KS).

