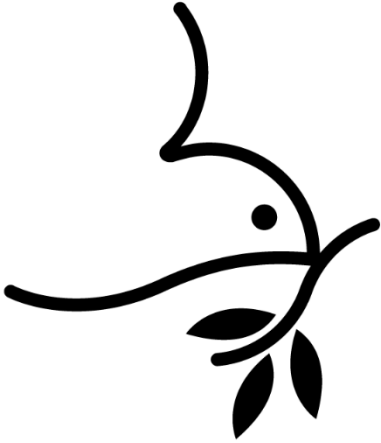




Mennonite Church of Normal

A congregation of
Mennonite Church USA

September 6, 2026

Offering Christ's peace to hearts, homes, community and world

Order of Worship

Gathering in God's Presence

Welcome and Congregational Life

Ministry Moment: Dementia Friendly Workshop

Prelude

Call to Worship

Singing Praise to God

Hymns	<i>Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing</i>	VT* 7
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	<i>O Worship Our God, All Glorious Above</i>	VT 74
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Gathering Prayer

Hearing God's Word

Children's Time	<i>Let the Children Come to Me</i>	VT 512
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Scripture	Romans 8:18-28	
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Sermon	<i>Something We Do</i>	
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Responding to God's Word

Response in Song	<i>What Comfort Can Our Worship Bring</i>	VT 623
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Sharing Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Stewardship Affirmation

Sending in the Spirit's Power

Sending Song	<i>We Dream of a Turning</i>	VT 209
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Benediction

Final Response	<i>Go Now in Peace</i>	VT 835
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**Voices Together Hymnal*

Assisting in Worship:

Worship Planner & Leader: Kevin Chupp

Accompaniment & Prelude: Bill West

Song Leader: Barry Weaver

Children's Time: Lauren Satchwell

Sermon: Kevin Chupp

Pastoral Prayer: Lauren Satchwell

Tech: Caleb Augspurger & Rick Harnish

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:

- **Deadline Extended!** 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! **Child and infant sizes have been added as well.** T-shirts will be available to pick up the evening of Friday, September 25 and the morning of Saturday, September 26. **Please place your order in the Fellowship Area or at the link in the Midweek by Thursday, September 10th.**
- **Cultivating Generous Congregations:** Last February and March, Everence offered a 6-session seminar on Cultivating Generous Congregations. Four of us attended, Adam, Mary, Lotus, and Lauren. **Directly following the service today**, 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? 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 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.
- **Service Projects:** If you have filled out your RSVP form for the 50th Anniversary Celebration, you will have seen some information about the options for service projects on September 26th. Learn more about the projects in the Midweek.
- **CDC Connector:** The newest edition of Central District Conference's monthly Connector publication is now available to read at the link in the Midweek. If you would like a paper copy, they are now available to take from the Library Table.
- **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:

Monday 9/7	All Day	Building & Office Closed
Tuesday 9/8	9:30 am	Community Life Commission
	3:00 pm	Pastoral Team (Zoom)
Wednesday 9/9	9:30 am	Wednesday Morning Book Group
	1:00 pm	Quilting
	7:00 pm	Fellowship Committee (Zoom)
Thursday 9/10	7:00 am	Next Man Bible Study
	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study
	6:30 pm	Administration Commission (Zoom)
Friday 9/13	6:00 pm	Youth Choir

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 – 4th Grades	Room 11
5th – 8th 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