Mennonite Church of Normal

A congregation of
Mennonite Church USA

November 1, 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	*God of Our Strength*	VT* 47
	We Sing to You, O God	VT 80

Gathering Prayer

Hearing God's Word

Children's Time	*In the Lord I'll Be ever Thankful*	VT 118
Scripture	1 Kings 3:4-9, 16-28	
Sermon	*Approachable Wisdom*	

Responding to God's Word

Response in Song	*Be Thou My Vision*	VT 549

All Saints' Day–Memorial Sunday
Sharing Joys and Concerns
Pastoral Prayer
Stewardship Affirmation

Sending in the Spirit's Power

Closing Hymn	*God, Be the Love*, vs. 1-2	VT 43
Benediction		
Final Response	*God Be the Love*, vs. 5	VT 43

**Voices Together Hymnal*

Assisting in Worship:

Worship Leader: Amy Reiman
Worship Planner: Holly Zehr
Accompaniment & Prelude: Bill West
Song Leader: Cindy Ropp
Children's Time: Joe Culpepper
Scripture Reader: Chad Gundy
Sermon: Kevin Chupp
Pastoral Prayer: Kevin Chupp
Tech: Adam Augspurger and Caleb 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
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
Marilyn Reische, mother of Mary Engel: May 9, 1948 – September 15, 2026

Announcements from the Midweek:

- **Dementia Friendly Communities:** Today from 11-12:30 Kathryn Johnson, Community Liaison, East Central Illinois Area Agency on Aging will share a presentation on how we might be more dementia friendly. Following her presentation the CCC invites you to a light meal and a brief discussion in the Fellowship Area to talk about your experience in supporting folks affected by dementia and make plans to assist MCN in becoming more dementia friendly.
- **Last Chance! Fall Sausage Sale:** The Illinois Mennonite Relief Sale is having a fall sausage sale! One pound bulk and one pound link packages of fresh sausage is for sale for $6.50 per pound. Pre-orders will be taken **until today, November 1** via a sign-up sheet in the atrium. We will have the sausage ready for pick up on Sunday, November 22. Payment will be due at the time of pick up if not paid when pre-ordered.
- **Alternative Gift Fair:** The Alternative Gift Fair is soon upon us! Shopping days will be November 15 and 22. In order to highlight the fair we would like to have 6-7 display booths showcasing individual projects on display beginning November 8 - in 1 week. MCC gift catalogs are available in the church library to choose a project from. If you are willing to make a booth please let Mark know which project you will highlight.
- **Spending Plan 2027:** Please take some time to review the 2027 Spending Plan before the hearing on November 15th. The intention of sending it out early before the hearing is to give people time to ask any questions you might have before the day of the hearing. This year, there is both a standard version and a narrative version of the 2027 Spending Plan. Please note that only the Narrative Spending Plan will be presented on November 15, so please be sure to ask any questions about individual line items in the standard version ahead of time. Members of the Administration Commission will be available after worship today and next Sunday, November 8. You are also welcome to reach out to Mary by email.
- **Congregational Meal:** The Fellowship Committee is planning a potluck for the November 15 meeting. We have divided people by last name to bring the following: A-H Sides or Salads. I-P Desserts. Q-Z Main dish. Please bring enough to feed 8 people, and as always, if you don't like your assigned dish, feel free to trade with someone else. We choose to do potlucks so people will not have to sign up. Thank you for your participation.

This Week:

Sunday 11/1	11:00 am	Dementia Friendly Communities Presentation
	6:00 pm	Youth Choir
Tuesday 11/3	3:00 pm	Pastoral Team (Zoom)
Wednesday 11/4	9:30 am	Wednesday Morning Book Group
	1:00 pm	Quilting
Thursday 11/5	7:00 am	Next Man Bible Study
	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study
Sunday 11/8	12:00 pm	JMYF & MYF Luncheon
	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
9th – 12th Grades	Room 5/7
Adults	Room 9/12

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
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Pastoral Team Leader and Administration Commission, Discipling Commission, and Vision Team Pastor:
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