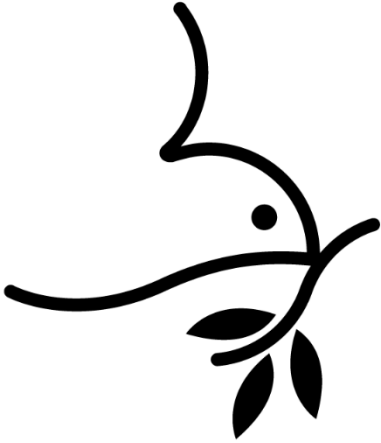




Mennonite Church of Normal

A congregation of
Mennonite Church USA

October 11, 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>Praise to the Living God</i>	VT* 204
	<i>Come, Now Is the Time to Worship</i>	VT 29

Gathering Prayer

Hearing God's Word

Children's Time	<i>O Little Children, Gather, vs. 1</i>	VT 515
Scripture	Exodus 20:1-17	
Sermon	<i>Prologue to the Decalogue</i>	

Responding to God's Word

Response in Word

Response Song	<i>Thy Word Is a Lamp</i>	VT 398
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Honoring God with Our Gifts

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Sending in the Spirit's Power

Sending Song	<i>The Word of God Is Solid Ground</i>	VT 399
Sending Prayer		
Dismissal Song	<i>As You Go Out from Here</i>	VT 841

**Voices Together Hymnal*

Assisting in Worship:

Worship Leader: Lynette Miller

Worship Planner: Joe Culpepper

Accompaniment & Prelude: Bill West

Song Leader: Wayne Hochstetler

Children's Time: Shannon Neely

Scripture Reader: Rita Munkakusi

Sermon: Kevin Chupp

Pastoral Prayer: Kevin Chupp

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:

- **Connections Across 50 Years:** We have extended the deadline for the collection of stories we are compiling (Connections Across 50 Years) to **Tomorrow, October 12th**. Send your submissions to Pastor Kevin.
- **Pastoral Team Annual Review:** The Vision Team is gathering congregational feedback as part of the annual review process for Pastors Kevin Chupp and Lauren Satchwell. Using The Appreciative Way approach, this process is designed to support, encourage, and strengthen our pastoral team. Please take a few moments to complete the review using the link in the Midweek by Sunday, October 18 at 5:00 p.m.
- **Non-perishable Food Donations for Worship:** World Food Day is October 16th this year. To commemorate this World Food Day, you are invited on October 18th to bring non-perishable items that will be dedicated to the Widow's Cruse during the service and then make their way to Mt. Pisgah's weekly food bank.
- **Midwest Food Bank Volunteering:** Our next volunteer night at Midwest Food Bank (MFB) is October 22 from 6-8pm. MFB wants us to sign up two weeks ahead of time to facilitate their project planning, so if you think you will go, **please sign up as early as possible using the link in the Midweek**. If you have any questions, please contact a member of the Outreach Commission.
- **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 from October 4 through 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.
- **Dementia Friendly Communities:** On Sunday, November 1 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.
- **Success of School Kits:** With your generous support we raised the most funds ever. We received donations of \$2,045. We spent enough to do 301 school kits. We had funds of \$285 remaining to send to MCC to help with other School Kit costs. Their goal was over 30,000 and they exceeded it by 10,000 to make 40,000 school kits. Thanks to the women who sewed the bags, the youth & adults who helped assemble the kits & Loren who supplied boxes to pack them in. *Shared by Louise and Deanna.*

- **A Big Thank You:** A big THANK YOU to everyone who helped plan, celebrate, and invite others to our 50th Anniversary weekend! Many hands were involved to make it such a joyous celebration. If you took pictures during the weekend, we'd love to share them and save them for the next 50 years! Please email them to church@normalmennonite.org.

This Week:

Sunday 10/11	7:00 pm	Youth Choir (Grades 5-12)
Monday 10/12	All Day	Office & Building Closed for Indigenous Peoples' Day
	5:00 pm	Outreach Commission
Tuesday 10/13	9:30 am	Community Life Commission (Zoom)
	3:00 pm	Pastoral Team (Zoom)
Wednesday 10/14	9:30 am	Wednesday Morning Book Group
	1:00 pm	Quilting
	7:00 pm	Fellowship Committee (Zoom)
Thursday 10/15	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 – 4th Grades: Room 11 **9th – 12th Grades:** Room 5/7
5th – 8th Grades: Room 8 **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 <i>Pastor Kevin designated office hours: Wednesdays, 8am-12pm (or call to plan a visit)</i>
Pastoral Team Leader and Administration Commission, Discipling Commission, and Vision Team Pastor: Lauren Satchwell lauren@normalmennonite.org