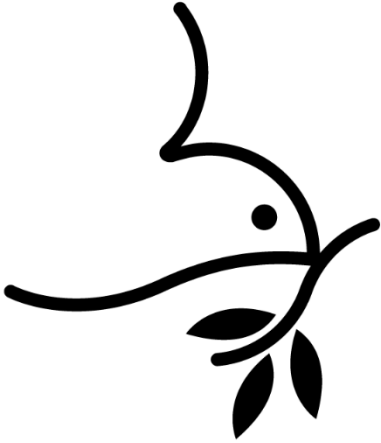




Mennonite Church of Normal

A congregation of
Mennonite Church USA

October 18, 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>Sing to the God of Harvest</i>	VT* 122
	<i>For the Fruit of All Creation</i>	VT 124

Gathering Prayer

Hearing God's Word

Children's Time	<i>O Little Children, Gather, vs. 1</i>	VT 515
Scripture	Joshua 24:1-15	
Sermon	<i>Shared Abundance</i>	

Responding to God's Word

Response Song	<i>Jesus, Be the Center</i>	VT 584
Offering and Affirmation		
Sharing Joys and Concerns		
Pastoral Prayer		

Sending in the Spirit's Power

Sending Song	<i>I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table</i>	VT 801
Benediction		
Closing Chorus	<i>I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table, vs. 1</i>	VT 801

**Voices Together Hymnal*

Assisting in Worship:

Worship Leader: Shannon Neely

Worship Planner: Lauren Satchwell

Accompaniment & Prelude: Bill West

Song Leader: Cindy Ropp

Children's Time: Laura Dick

Scripture Reader: Amy Reiman

Sermon: Lauren Satchwell

Pastoral Prayer: Lauren Satchwell

Tech: 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:

- **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 **today, October 18 at 5:00 p.m.**
- **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. 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.
- **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.
- **Save the Date:** The annual Spending Plan Hearing will be on Sunday, November 15 at 1 pm following a congregational meal. More details to come.
- **Feed J/MYF Kids:** Our youth group has regularly scheduled luncheons from now until April and we need courageous cooks to feed them. Would you consider planning, donating, and preparing a meal for 12-15 for one of the following Sundays: November 8, December 13, January 10, February 14, March 14 or April 11? If so, please fill out the form in the Midweek.
- **Outreach Commission Updates:** The Outreach Commission met on Monday, and among other things, committed to offering financial support to some of our organizations in need. Read more in the Midweek.
- **Pictures from the 50th 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.
- **CDC Connector:** Paper copies of Central District Conference's Connector are now available to take from the library table.

- **Oral History Interviews:** If you did not have a chance to see the Oral History interviews at the 50th Anniversary weekend, you can view them at the link in the Midweek. Thank you to those who participated in this process and to Verit for assisting with editing the videos.

This Week:

Sunday 10/18	7:00 pm	Youth Choir (Grades 5-12)
Tuesday 10/20	3:00 pm	Pastoral Team (Zoom)
Wednesday 10/21	9:30 am	Wednesday Morning Book Group
	1:00 pm	Quilting
	7:00 pm	Fellowship Committee (Zoom)
Thursday 10/22	7:00 am	Next Man Bible Study
	9:30 am	Women’s Bible Study
	6:00 pm	Midwest Food Bank Volunteering

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	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