# Mennonite Church of Normal

A congregation of
Mennonite Church USA

## October 25, 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
Prelude
Call to Worship

## Singing Praise to God

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| Hymns | *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns* | VT* 101 |
| | *O Worship Our God, All Glorious Above* | VT 74 |

Gathering Prayer

## Hearing God's Word

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| Children's Time | *O Little Children, Gather* | VT 515 |
| Scripture | 2 Samuel 12:1-9 | |
| Sermon | *Nathan for You* | |

## Responding to God's Word

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| Response Song | *Come Now, O God* | VT 143 |

Sharing Joys and Concerns
Pastoral Prayer
Stewardship Affirmation

## Sending in the Spirit's Power

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| Sending Song | *Will You Come and Follow Me* | VT 540 |
| Benediction | | |
| Final Response | *Take, O Take Me as I Am* | VT 748 |

**Voices Together Hymnal*

### Assisting in Worship:

**Worship Leader:** Shannon Unzicker
**Ministry Moment:** Lynn Reha
**Accompaniment & Prelude:** Lydia Hedberg
**Song Leader:** Barry Weaver
**Children's Time:** Shannon Unzicker
**Scripture Reader:** Shannon Unzicker
**Sermon:** Kevin Chupp
**Pastoral Prayer:** Lauren Satchwell
**Tech:** Adam 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:

- **50th Anniversary Displays:** Today is the last day to check out the displays from the 50th Anniversary before they get packed up.
- **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 **until Sunday, 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 2 1/2 weeks. 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.
- **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.
- **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.
- **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.

## This Week:

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| Tuesday 10/27 | 3:00 pm | Pastoral Team (Zoom) |
| Wednesday 10/28 | 9:30 am | Wednesday Morning Book Group |
| | 1:00 pm | Quilting |
| Thursday 10/29 | 7:00 am | Next Man Bible Study |
| | 9:30 am | Women's Bible Study |
| Sunday 11/1 | 11:00 am | Dementia Friendly Communities Presentation |

## 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:

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| 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
*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