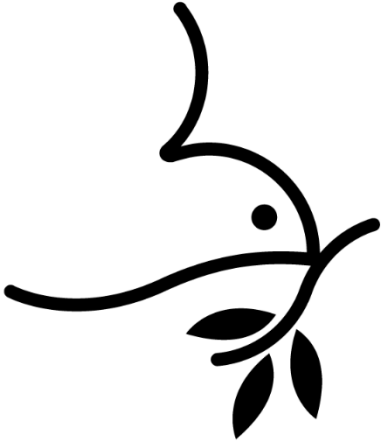




Mennonite Church of Normal

A congregation of
Mennonite Church USA

October 4, 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>Holy, Holy, Holy!</i>	VT* 76
	<i>The Love of God</i>	VT 162

Gathering Prayer

Hearing God's Word

Children's Time	<i>Let the Children Come to Me</i>	VT 512
Scripture	Exodus 14:5-7, 10-14	
Sermon	<i>Whither Water?</i>	

Responding to God's Word

Response Song	<i>When Israel Was in Egypt's Land</i>	VT 193
Sharing Joys and Concerns		
Pastoral Prayer		
Stewardship Affirmation		
Communion		

Sending in the Spirit's Power

Sending Song	<i>Christ Has No Body Here but Ours</i>	VT 568
Benediction		
Final Response	<i>I have Decided to Follow Jesus, v. 1</i>	VT 443

**Voices Together Hymnal*

Assisting in Worship:

Worship Leader: Melika Hershberger

Worship Planner: Kevin Chupp

Accompaniment & Prelude: Bill West

Song Leader: Glenn Wilson

Children's Time: Holly Zehr

Scripture Reader: Melika Hershberger

Sermon: Kevin Chupp

Pastoral Prayer: Kevin Chupp

Communion: Kevin Chupp

Tech: 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

Marilyn Reische, mother of Mary Engel: May 9, 1948 – September 15, 2026

Announcements from the Midweek:

- **Oak Flat Presentation:** Today, Oct. 4, Meghan will share about her experiences at Oak Flat (AZ) and other work she is doing with the Dismantling Coalition. Come learn history and updates. All are welcome at the Mennonite Residential Community's Community Building at 5pm.
- **The Story of the Mennonite College of Nursing:** Join the Illinois Mennonite Heritage Center for "Pioneers in Healthcare Keepers of the Flame: The Story of the Mennonite College of Nursing" on Saturday, October 10 at 10 am. Lunch will be served and donations are appreciated. RSVP to Lori at (309) 303-6950.
- **Connections Across 50 Years:** We have extended the deadline for the collection of stories we are compiling (Connections Across 50 Years) to **October 12th**, which is quickly approaching. We would still love to have more personal or historical stories, and you can find more information including some samples at the link in the Midweek or see the unedited preview of the book near the timeline in the atrium. Send your submissions to Pastor Kevin.
- **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.
- **50th Displays:** There is still time to view the displays from the 50th weekend! Photo albums, old photo directories, pastors, oral history write ups, and communications over the years are in the first pastor office. The quilt display, timeline, and book draft are in the atrium, the oral history videos are in the conference room. The room by the kitchen has the building project, MRC development, SMAP, MDS, Normal '89, photos of children and youth, path to merger, and parish nurse.
- **Non-perishable Food Donations for Worship:** World Food Day is on October 16th this year. In our worship service October 18th, we will be using resources provided by Mennonite Central Committee to find inspiration in stories of resilience and innovation, and spiritual nourishment in worship. 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 brought to the Mt. Pisgah food bank.

This Week:

Tuesday 10/6	3:00 pm	Pastoral Team (Zoom)
Wednesday 10/7	9:30 am	Wednesday Morning Book Group
	1:00 pm	Quilting
Thursday 10/8	7:00 am	Next Man Bible Study
	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study
	6:30 pm	Administration Commission (Zoom)

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

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:

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