Mennonite Church of Normal

A congregation of
Mennonite Church USA

November 8, 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	*For the Fruit of All Creation*	VT* 124
	Come, Thou Fount	VT 563

Gathering Prayer

Hearing God's Word

Children's Time	*In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful*	VT 118
Scripture	2 Kings 5:1-15a	
Sermon	*The Math of Glory*	

Responding to God's Word

Response in Song	*Healing River of the Spirit*	VT 642

Sharing Joys and Concerns
Pastoral Prayer
Stewardship Affirmation

Sending in the Spirit's Power

Closing Hymn	*For the Healing of the Nations*	VT 705
Benediction		
Final Response	*Move in Our Midst*, vs. 1	VT 827

**Voices Together Hymnal*

Assisting in Worship:

Worship Planner & Leader: Kevin Chupp
Accompaniment & Prelude: Elsa Raab
Song Leader: Wayne Hochstetler
Children's Time: Kevin Chupp
Sermon: Lynette Miller
Pastoral Prayer: Lauren Satchwell

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:

- **JYMF & MYF Lunch:** All students in grades 6-12 are welcome to join us for a J/MYF lunch and time of fellowship from 12:00-1:30 today, November 8th.
- **Youth & Adult Choirs:** Beginning today, November 8, Youth Choir will rehearse at 6 and Adult Choir at 7.
- **Alternative Gift Fair:** The Alternative Gift Fair is soon upon us! Shopping days will be November 15 and 22. MCC gift catalogs are available in the church library to choose a project from.
- **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, 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. 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. We have divided people by last name to bring the following:
  - A-H Sides or Salads
  - I-P Desserts
  - Q-Z Main dish
- **Multifaith Thanksgiving Service:** Join the Bloomington-Normal YMCA for a gathering to celebrate unity, gratitude, and community on Sunday, November 22 at 3 pm. This special event welcomes all faiths to come together in the spirit of giving thanks as we reflect on the many blessings we share. Enjoy an evening of inspirational messages, music, and fellowship, and leave with a full heart and a sense of connection. Everyone is welcome!

This Week:

Sunday 11/8	12:00 pm	JMYF & MYF Luncheon
	6:00 pm	Youth Choir
	7:00 pm	Adult Choir
Monday 11/9	5:00 pm	Outreach Commission
Tuesday 11/10	3:00 pm	Pastoral Team (Zoom)
Wednesday 11/11	9:30 am	Wednesday Morning Book Group
	1:00 pm	Quilting
	7:00 pm	Fellowship Committee (Zoom)
Thursday 11/12	7:00 am	Next Man Bible Study
	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study
	6:30 pm	Administration Commission (Zoom)
Sunday 11/13	12:00 pm	Congregational Meal
	1:00 pm	Spending Plan Hearing
	6:00 pm	Youth Choir
	7:00 pm	Adult 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 **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
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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