

Adults Sunday School

We will begin the summer Salt & Light focusing on the Beatitudes.

- Discussion Class: Meet in the Fellowship Hall
- College/Young Adults: Meet in the Loft Classroom



Remember in prayer this week: Eldora Boshart

Pray for those dealing with medical issues: Opal Reschly, Pauline Wyse, JaNan Peterson (Tamara's friend), Cynthia Hallet, Warren Scarff, Larry Graber, Ryan Robertson, Kent McDougal, Lois Klopfenstein, Rod & Kathy Roth, Dineal Armenta (Roni's sister)

Pray for Iglesia Menonita Centro Cristiana, the Hispanic church plant in Washington, as they witness, preach, and teach the Word.

CPMC Prayer Request Studying the Bible, prayer, fellowship and accountability are important Christian practices that often happen in Sunday School for all ages. Pray for those who are organizing faith formation programs for the next school year and for those who will lead and teach.

MMN Prayer Request Today, participants begin Mennonite Mission Network's week-long Underground Railroad Racial Justice Pilgrimage, which will take them from Washington, D.C., to Florida. Pray for open minds and hearts, as they retrace the courageous journeys of faith communities and individuals who helped enslaved people find their way to emancipation. Pray also that participants will be inspired to act for justice in their own communities.

LAST SUNDAY

Offering: Home Missions \$3,366; General Fund \$550

FOLLOW JESUS 25

July 13, 2025



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We welcome all to this place
for worship of God and for Christian fellowship.
Let us worship God in spirit and truth,
reaching out to one another in Christ's love.

9:15 AM: Sunday School
10:10 AM: Fellowship Time
10:30 AM: Worship
Live Stream: <https://tinyurl.com/SCMLiveStream>
facebook.com/sugarcreekmennonitechurch

Follow Jesus 25 Sharing

Scripture: Luke 4:14-21

MYF Convention Attendees:

Keiran Luitjens
Joel Meyer
Justine Lynn
Addison Miller
Tristan Luitjens
Niles Reichenbach
Gavin Slagel
Levi Bachman
Nick West
Brenna Graber
Maddie Farmer
Sam Meyer
Bryson Waterhouse
Holden Hughes
Courtney Waterhouse
Drew Graber
Kaden Donaldson

Sponsors:

Rachelle & Nathan Luitjens
Rachel & Jay Meyer

Offering: Missions (7/20 Home Missions)

Thank you to Garry & Lori Leichty for serving as ushers today.

NEXT SUNDAY

- Orlando Redekopp

SUGAR CREEK NEWS

Bread: There will be no bread delivery next week.

Children's Sunday School: August 31 is still open to teach the 2yo-6th graders this summer. Please consider signing up using the link, or contact Tawnya or Katy. If no one signs up, there will be no children's Sunday school that day.

signupgenius.com/go/60B0E4FA8AC29A5FB6-56493628-childrens

Committee Positions: For the upcoming church year, there are open positions on fellowship, worship, education and extension committees. Church council asks that you please consider helping fill these open positions. Job descriptions are in the library.

Contact Update: Opal Reschly has a new phone number now that she is at Parkview: 319-719-0056. Please update your contact books.

Fellowship: Please use the signup link or contact Mary Jo Richard to provide cookies for fellowship time this summer:
signupgenius.com/go/4090E45AEAB2DA0FA7-50902927-sugar

UPCOMING EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, JULY 16

- **11:30 AM:** Lunch Bunch, Fellowship Hall
- **7:00 PM:** Church Council, MYF Room

SUNDAY, JULY 20

- **9:00 AM:** Parkview Worship

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AREA NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Crowded Closet: Crowded Closet Thrift Shop is thrilled to introduce Eva Anderson as our new Volunteer Manager. Eva says, "I'm so excited to be joining the Crowded Closet team! When I saw the position, I lit up—knowing I could be part of an organization whose mission aligns with my faith and values, and in a role that lets me spend time with people. I'm a people person at heart—I love connecting folks and building up our community, especially when I can help people use their God-given gifts to serve others." Learn more about Eva in your bulletin insert. Eva begins her new role Monday, July 14th. Please give her a warm welcome--stop by to say "hi" or drop her a line at crowdedcloset.volunteer@gmail.com. Thank you!

Family Connection of Henry County: Now collecting baby basics! Join the Mt. Pleasant Kiwanis in supporting the Family Connection with a donation drive. Items needed: diapers (greater need sizes 4, 5, 6), baby wipes, diaper cream, laundry detergent (allergen free), dish soap, baby wash, bibs, burp rags, hooded towels, pacifiers, teething rings, rattles & other infant toys, sippy cups, bottles & nipples, home safety items, first aid kits. Donations may be taken to: Mt. Pleasant HyVee, Brad Holtkamp Automotive, Olson Powell Chapel & Crematory, First Interstate Bank Mt. Pleasant, or First Presbyterian Church.

Hillcrest: *Hillcrest Academy Golf Benefit* - The annual event at the Kalona Golf Course is just around the corner, promising a day of friendly competition, camaraderie, and (once again) the chance to win a brand-new car courtesy of our generous Hole-in-One Sponsor, Helmuth Ford. Sink a hole-in-one on #8, and you'll drive away in a brand-new F-150! Join us for the annual event on Saturday, July 19 at the Kalona Golf Club. For more details, to register, or to be a sponsor go to hillcrestravens.org/golfbenefit. Contact Jeremy Ours at jours@hillcrestravens.org with questions.

Ledru Needs Your Help! - (1) Painting: Could be done during the day, evenings or weekends (2) Mowing: Would be done when the person who regularly mows is unavailable and could be day, evening or weekends (3) Extra set of hands: Some projects that he works around campus that would be easier and faster if someone to lend a hand, this would be done during his normal working hours from 7:15 AM - 3:45 PM (4) People with knowledge in the trades (electrical, plumbing, HVAC, vehicle maintenance) that he could call for projects or questions. If any of this sounds like you, please contact Ledru Miller, Hillcrest Facilities Manager at ledrumiller@hillcrestravens.org.

Host Family Opportunity - Hillcrest Academy is seeking a host family to welcome an international student for the 2025–26 school year. This is a wonderful opportunity to share your home, learn about another culture, and make a lasting impact on a student's life. The family will work with WorldLink and can choose a student from a few profiles. The student will be here for one year and will receive a small allowance to help cover some of the costs. Please consider this meaningful opportunity. Email Rebecca Beachy Miller at rbeachymiller@hillcrestravens.org for more information.

MCC: *Transport of MCC school kits and hygiene kits from Kansas to South Texas needed!* MCC is looking for anyone traveling between North Newton and Dallas or (even better) all the way to South Texas between now and mid-August. We have kits in Kansas that need to get to Texas, and we'd love to utilize vehicles that are already going that direction to save resources. If you might be able to help MCC out, please contact Brocia Mueller at brociamueller@mcc.org or call Brocia at 316.836.5054.

MCC Peace Camp at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp, Sept. 21-27, Divide, CO – How can we live out God's call for justice and reconciliation through nonviolence in a world that is built on the myth of redemptive violence? If you are a young adult (age 18-30) concerned about the state of our world and energized to reimagine society built on God's vision of love and justice for all, come join us for a week of experiential learning rooted in theological reflection, peacebuilding practices, and real-world application. Register by August 31 at mcc.org/events/rocky-mountain-peace-camp. Pass this opportunity on to young adults in your life!

Immigration Learning Tour in South Texas, October 4-9. This immigration-focused learning tour presents a unique opportunity to engage directly with organizations making a positive impact on our neighbors. Find out more and register at mcc.org/learning-tour-texas.

MCUSA: MC USA Moderator Jon Carlson provides an update on the Mosaic Mennonite Conference process in his letter to all MC USA members. Read it here: mennoniteusa.org/news/jon-carlson-re-mosaic

MC USA is seeking a Denominational Minister/Director of Education to oversee education-related ministries within MC USA, including developing new educational ministries, expanding existing ministries, building/strengthening relationships with educational partners. To request an application form, contact

HR@MennoniteUSA.org or call 574-523-3027. View the job description here: mennoniteusa.org/employment/minister-education

MC USA is seeking an archivist coordinator for the Elkhart office. The coordinator oversees the accessioning, arrangement, description and preservation of permanent records for MC USA in textual, photographic, audiovisual, micrographic and multimedia formats. View the job description here: mennoniteusa.org/employment/archivist To request an application form, contact HR@MennoniteUSA.org or call 574-523-3027.

Anita J. Castle never dreamed of being a pastor. In fact, she had rarely even heard of a woman being a pastor before. But after one fateful conference, she knew she was being called. Read more about her calling in her MC USA blog here: mennoniteusa.org/my-calling-pastor

Lorraine Stutzman Amstutz, MC USA's denominational minister for Peace and Justice, cries out to God for those who are harmed by changes in U.S. immigration policy and enforcement, as well as those who seek justice through peaceful demonstration, and those with the power to effect change. Read her prayer here: mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/prayer-for-those-experiencing-crisis/

MMN: Just Peace Pilgrimages –

- **Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples:** Engage with contemporary Indigenous realities, explore the histories of Indigenous Peoples, and examine the complexities of Indigenous-settler relations. What might it mean for your community to stand in solidarity with Indigenous Peoples and actively contribute to the work of truth telling and repair? Date: October 7-11, 2025; register by August 1.
- **Civil Rights Pilgrimage:** Led by MC USA Executive Director Glen Guyton, this young-adult focused, multiracial pilgrimage through the southern United States fosters shared learning and deep understanding of the racial divides that our society perpetuates. Date: October 28-November 2, 2025; register by September 15.

To register for these pilgrimages or to inquire about scheduling a group trip, email Stephanie Weaver at StephanieW@MennoniteMission.net. To learn more about these and six more pilgrimages, visit MennoniteMission.net/JustPeace

Find your place in Service Adventure! – Openings remain for the 2025-26 service term. Mission Network's program for ages 17-20 offers young adults a chance live in community with people your age and a unit leader, serve with a local nonprofit, and grow in faith formation and leadership. To learn more and to apply, visit MennoniteMission.net/ServiceAdventure.