

Adults: SS Discussion Class

- Ch. 3 of *Resident Aliens: Life in the Christian Colony* by Stanley Hauerwas and William H. Willimon.

MYF

- **9/29:** Bible Study in the MYF Room, 6-7:30 PM
- **10/5:** Can sorting at Corey Farmer's bin, 10:30 AM

JYF

WACO JYF starts again this year September 25th through Dec. 4th in Wayland Mennonite's Basement for the area 7th and 8th graders. We will meet every Wednesday evening from 6-8pm for a meal, some games, and a bible study. This Fall's theme is "Everyday Theology". Hope you can join us! For more information about JYF, contact Pastor Josh Wenger: joshwenger88@gmail.com or 319-541-9307.



This week please remember in prayer Matt, Jen, Gavin & Corinne Slagel

Pray for those dealing with medical issues: Pauline Wyse, Kathy Roth, Jan Widmer Hadley, Opal Reschly, Hannah & Josiah Creamer, Cindy Harms

CPMC Prayer Request Pray for Suzette Shreffler as she is ordained at White River Cheyenne Mennonite Church in Busby, MT. We give thanks for God's calling on Suzette's life and pray for God's blessing on the ministry that Suzette and White River Cheyenne Mennonite share.

MMN Prayer Request Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Euclides Bauza, a Mennonite church leader in Venezuela, who served as an election observer in the country's disputed presidential election in July. Pray for Bauza's safety, the families mourning the deaths of loved ones, protection for those who have been arrested and that Venezuelan authorities will care for the needs of citizens.

LAST SUNDAY

Offering: Home Missions \$1,490



September 22, 2024



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September 22, 2024

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

Worship Leader: Lisa Graber
Song Leader: Dana Oswald
Music: Abbey Shelman

Gathering

STJ 2 Come, walk with us (v. 1, 2, 4)
Welcome & Announcements
Silent Preparation
Call to Worship & Opening Prayer

Praising

WB 345 God sent his son
Jesus, Be the Center (v. 1, 2, 4)

Hearing the Word

Reader's Theater of John 3:1-17
Video Sermon: Michele Herschberger, "Snake on a Pole"

Responding

Reflection & Music
Sharing & Prayers

Sending

Benediction
WB 546 Guide my feet, v. 1 & 3

*Offering for this week is to Hillcrest/CCCC (9/29 Conference) and will be collected at the back of the sanctuary.

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

NEXT SUNDAY

- Michele Herschberger CPMC Video Sermon Series

SUGAR CREEK NEWS & EVENTS

CROP: This year's WACO CROP Drive 2024 will be taking place from October 6 to November 3 with a goal of \$35,000. CROP provides funds for those who need it most, both around the world and here at home; 25% of proceeds will be used within our own WACO Community. The WACO Ministerial Association oversees distributions, with funds going to the WACO Food Pantry Program and more. Please give generously when contacted by a CROP Canvasser. Thank you!

Fellowship: Here is the link for the cookie time sign-up for September-November:

signupgenius.com/go/4090E45AEAB2DA0FA7-50902927-sugar

Extension: For those wishing to bless the JYF with an evening meal, we have volunteered for the month of October. Please let Lori Miller know if you are able to help with this: 319-759-1068.

Worship: We need some volunteers! Worship committee needs people who would like to lead songs or do various tasks in the balcony with video. Both of these opportunities to serve our church are very valuable for our worship experiences. Please let us know if you are interested.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

- **6:00 PM:** Annual Meeting, Fellowship Hall. Join us for the annual business meeting! Meal & fellowship at 6pm with the meeting to follow. Childcare will be provided.
- **6:00-8:00 PM:** JYF begins, Wayland Mennonite Basement

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2

- **9:00 AM:** Mennonite Women, Fellowship Hall

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3

- **7:00 PM:** Worship Planning, MYF Room

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6

- Communion for World Communion Day

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9

- **6:30 PM:** Elders Meeting

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16

- **11:00 AM:** Parkview Devotions

SEPTEMBER 22, 2024
AREA NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Concert: Bad Angle Events is hosting *Authentic Unlimited* in Celebration Hall on the campus of Hillcrest Academy on Sunday evening, September 29. They offer a powerful and energetic approach to bluegrass/gospel music and are one of the hottest bluegrass groups around. More information and tickets at BadAngleEvents.org.

Cradle of Hope: Monday, October 14th is "Community Impact Night" at Mt. Pleasant Pizza Ranch. Come on out to eat some good food and see our Cradle Team. 10% of the sales & all tips come to us!

CCCC: We have lots of exciting events coming up this fall! Save the date and join us.

- September 29 - We Sing for Sundaes, 4:00 at Sunset Shelter
- October 15 - Lunch and Lecture, 9:30 am at the Retreat Lodge. Jan Eichelberger Hochstetler will be sharing about her new book, *Always More to Learn*. Registration now open on our website: crookedcreekcamp.org/senior-day-registration.html
- November 1-3 - Fall craft retreat at the Retreat Lodge. Registration now open on our website: crookedcreekcamp.org/craft-retreat-registration.html
- November 12 - Annual SIMCA member meeting
- December 3-8 - Online auction fundraiser

Hillcrest: *A Half Century of Sweetness: Hillcrest at the Kalona Fall Festival* - For 50 years, our beloved apple fritters have been a staple at the Kalona Fall Festival - almost from the beginning. Once again, our PTO will be operating their historic apple fritter booth at the Kalona Fall Festival on September 27 & 28. Fifty years is a long time! It's a milestone we're incredibly proud of, and we want to celebrate with you. And while you're at the festival, be sure to check out the Hillcrest Academy musical groups who will be performing on Friday, September 27 at 11:00 AM. Also be sure to stop and say hello to the Hillcrest Academy FFA students who will be helping Jim Yoder '67 grind corn and wheat meal at the grain mill.

Homecoming Weekend - Join us on campus on October 4-5, 2024 for Homecoming & Alumni Family Weekend. Friday night at 7:00 PM, alumni will take the pitch for the annual alumni soccer match. Also this year, on Saturday we are planning for the Joetown Classic 5K (morning) and the annual Pork Supper (evening). Check out hillcrestravens.org/homecoming for more details. The Joetown Classic is a 5K run/walk around our campus and Joetown. This year's event will be on Saturday, October 5. Register now at hillcrestravens.org/joetownclassic. The annual Pork Supper sponsored by the Hillcrest Academy junior class will be October 5, 2024. The meal will be served from 4:30-7:00 PM in Hillcrest Union (gymnasium). Cost per meal is Adults \$12, Seniors 65+ \$10, Children age 4-12 \$6, age 3 and under free. Tickets can be purchased from a junior Hillcrest student or at the door. The entire meal will also be available for takeout.

Iowa Mennonite Historical Society: For the October 2024 Reflections Issue for the Mennonite Historical Society of Iowa, Mennonite family, church, and community cookbooks will be the topic. I want to hear from you! We're looking for the following information:

1. The recipe, page number, and the cookbook title or source. Example: Notecard of Grandma Erma Yoder's Pumpkin Bread. If you would prefer to attach pictures of all this information instead of rewriting/retyping, just attach them to the email below.
2. A short paragraph of a memorable story or explanation of why you like it.
3. We'd love to include a photo of yourself, family, or friends enjoying it, if you can.

Thank you for your participation. Please send the info to iamennohist@gmail.com or MHSI, PO Box 576, Kalona, IA 52247

Kalona Banquet: The Gospel Echoes Team will be holding a prison ministry banquet on Wednesday, October 2, 2024 at 6:30 PM at the Sunnyside Mennonite Church (501 14th St, Kalona). The evening will include a homestyle dinner, music by the Harvest Team, Gingerich Family and John Schmid, and a prison ministry presentation. Tickets required. Public invited! For complimentary tickets, contact Henry & Fannie Schlabach 319-930-0888 or Dan & Edie Kemp 319-936-0909. A freewill offering will be received for the ministry.

MCC: *MCC immigration-focused learning tour in South Texas, Oct. 6-11:* MCC learning tours present a unique opportunity to engage directly with the work done by MCC and partner organizations. The tour will give participants the chance to meet with law enforcement officials from Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), gain insights into the complexity of immigration enforcement, including deportation and apprehensions, and visiting migrant response shelters. The tour will shed light on the

challenges faced by migrants on their journey and raise awareness about the asylum process, and conditions faced by displaced and uprooted individuals. Find out more and register for the trip by Sept. 20: mcc.org/events/immigration-learning-tour-south-texas-0. Questions, please contact Becky Teiwes, MCC Central States Borderlands Program Coordinator at beckyteiwes@mcc.org.

Join MCC Great Lakes for the Dismukes Project Learning Tour on October 9-13: This learning tour provides a unique experience to learn more about Black history and experiences in the coalfields of Appalachia, while also learning the incredible story of Dr. Henry Dodford Dismukes, an African American physician in the early 1900's. Participants will visit various sites connected with Dr. Dismukes, hear from local speakers, learn about MCC's work to preserve Black history in the area and attend the Dismukes Gala featuring John Ellison. Learn more and register at mcc.org/dismukes-learning-tour. Tickets are also available separately for the Dismukes Gala on October 12 at mcc.org/dismukes-gala. Learn more about Dr. Dismukes and the project, including a video and podcast, at mcc.org/dismukes.

MCUSA: Call for blogs! Members of MC USA who were not raised in a Mennonite tradition or people who grew up in MC USA but feel that they have actively chosen to remain Mennonite as they grew into their faith are invited to submit a 500-900 word "Menno by Choice" blog about why they have actively chosen to be a Mennonite. Learn more here: mennoniteusa.org/form-choice-request

Olson-Powell Chapel & Crematory: We believe grief support is a great need in our community and we are pleased to offer a grief seminar this Fall. The program will be Tuesday, October 8, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in Manning Hall at St. Alphonsus Church (607 S Jackson St, Mt. Pleasant) with speaker Joan Rodgers. Whether you are grieving yourself or you know someone who is, this FREE informative grief program, based on the work of well-known grief author Alan Wolfelt, will be just for you. If you have any questions, please call 319-385-1998. SAVE THE DATE: Holiday Grief Program & Candlelight Memorial Service, November 14, 6:00 p.m., First United Methodist Church, Mount Pleasant

Senior Citizen Health Fair: Join us October 2, 2024 from 9-11:30 AM at the Calvary Baptist Church in Mt. Pleasant. This free event provides opportunities for flu and COVID vaccines, blood pressure checks, and information about services available in our county. Refreshments will be served.

Washington Mennonite: Mark your calendars for Washington Mennonite Church's Dessert Theater on November 15-17! Join us for drama, music, and dessert around the theme of "Wild Hope." Friday and Saturday shows will start at 7:00pm and the Sunday show will start at 2:30pm. Watch your bulletins for more info and reservation forms in the next few weeks.