

Adults Sunday School

Summer Salt & Light: Exclusion and Embrace

Session 10, "More Than Healing Water" John 5:1-15

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

MYF

- **Aug. 10** – SENIOR meeting, SC MYF Room, noon
- **Aug. 24** – MYF Kickoff, Graber's pool, 2-4 PM. Join us for swimming, snacks, and fellowship. Bring your friends and get ready for a brand-new year. We will also be signing up for shifts at Old Threshers (huge fundraiser for us and our churches! We need all your help!)
- **Aug. 30-31** – Old Threshers shift dates



Remember in prayer this week: Mike & Maria Roth

Pray for those dealing with medical issues: Keith Zehr (pancreatic cancer), Phil Kleese (heart attack), Dineal Armenta (Roni's sister), Opal Reschly, Pauline Wyse, JaNan Peterson (Tamara's friend), Cynthia

Hallet, Larry Graber, Ryan Robertson, Kent McDougal, Lois Klopfenstein, Rod & Kathy Roth

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

CPMC Prayer Request We pray for our sister churches in Montana: Lame Deer MC, White River Cheyenne MC, and White Chapel MC.

MMN Prayer Request Seth and Stephany Rudeen hope to begin ministry with Mennonite Mission Network in Guatemala this month. Pray for them as they spend their first months there perfecting their Spanish, before moving on to the Q'eqchi' (Kekchi) Bezaleel Mennonite Educational Center, where they will assist students in learning English and provide tutoring in other core subjects.

LAST SUNDAY

Offering: Missions \$1,691; General Fund \$1,100; Cemetery Fund \$310; Home Missions \$80



August 10, 2025



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August 10, 2025

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

Prelude/Offertory: Elyssa Graber/Recorded Music

Worship Leader: Keith Zehr

Song Leader: Kathy Roth

Accompanist: Kylie Miller

Gathering

One day at a time sweet Jesus
Welcome & Announcements
Silent Preparation
Call to Worship & Opening Prayer

Praising

Be still and know that I am God

Hearing the Word

Children's Story: Connie Zehr
Scripture Readings: Psalm 37:1-9 (OT p. 397), Luke 17:5-10 (NT p. 61)
Message: Matt Slagel, "Everyday Faith"

Responding

WB 338 I know not why God's wondrous
Offering: Conference & My Coins Count (8/17 Home Missions & CCCC)
Sharing & Prayers

Sending

Benediction
Doxology

Thank you to Gary & Maretta Conrad for serving as ushers today.

NEXT SUNDAY

- Church at Camp

SUGAR CREEK NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

Cards: Dineal Armenta would love cards, as she has fallen into passing to our Lord. She's still with us and I know she understands. Her address is 44335 Date Ave, Lancaster, CA 93534 ~Roni Stowers

MCC School Kits: We will be collecting school supply items for MCC through August 24, when Mennonite Women and the Children's Sunday School class will pack these kits for donation. Please see the complete list on the table in the foyer and bring items to the box under the table by August 24. Thank you!

My Coins Count: We will collect loose change for My Coins Count each week through September. This special MyCC project will help the Mennonite Brethren Churches in D.R. Congo aid displaced families in their communities and help them find ways to feed their families.

Turkey Grill: Signups are in the foyer for Old Threshers Turkey Grill shifts. Please sign up to help out! Contact a turkey grill committee member with questions. Thank you!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17

Church at Crooked Creek Christian Camp. No Sunday School.
Please let Katy know by Monday, August 11 if you would like to stay at camp Saturday night.

- **10:00 AM:** Worship
- **11:00 AM:** Finger-food potluck
- **12:00-2:00 PM:** Pool time

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24

- MCC School Kit items due
- **9:00 AM:** Parkview Worship

SUNDAY, AUGUST 31

Joint service with Wayland Mennonite, at Sugar Creek. No Sunday School.

- **9:15 AM:** Fellowship Time – coffee, juice, rolls, cookies
- **10:00 AM:** Worship Service

AUGUST 10, 2025
AREA NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CPMC: Women's Retreat - Ladies, join other Sisters in Christ at the Central Plains Mennonite Women's Retreat at Swan Lake Christian Camp near Viborg, SD on September 20-21, 2025. Guest Speaker for the weekend will be Heidi K. Greenwood Doell, pastor at Pleasant Valley UMC in Wichita, KS, speaking on "Seeking Holiness." Come for worship, singing, relaxation, guest speaker, conversation, and fun, all in the beautiful setting of the Still Waters Retreat Center at Swan Lake Camp. Cost for the weekend is \$100. Retreat begins Saturday at 9:30 a.m. through Sunday lunch. Register in advance at myslcc.com. Look for the event poster on your church bulletin board for information and also on the Central Plains Mennonite Women FaceBook page.

Central Plains Outreach, Service, and Formation Committee is working with Mennonite Mission Network to offer another Just Peace Pilgrimage, November 9-16, 2025. This one-week opportunity allows participants to better understand the realities of migration at the US-Mexico border as they experience how communities of faith are responding. For more information and to register, visit centralplainsmc.org/border-pilgrimage.html. The registration deadline is October 1. If you have any questions about the tour, you may contact Rhonda Brubacher at rsbrubach@earthlink.net or Tara Stahl at tlynae@yahoo.com.

Crowded Closet: Join the fun of after-hours service at a Summer Work Night! Share love and compassion through purposeful service at Crowded Closet. Sign-ups are open for our last Summer Work Night happening Thursday, August 21 from 5-7 p.m. Individuals or groups (age 8 and up) are welcome to join. Sign up at tinyurl.com/CC-summer to reserve your spot!

Hillcrest: We've Got A Problem To Solve - Do you have a passion for math and a knack for inspiring young minds? Maybe you're looking for a rewarding teaching experience? Hillcrest Academy is currently seeking a Math Teacher to join their dedicated high school faculty and would love to meet you or someone you might know. Check out hillcrestravens.org/joinourteam for all the details.

Games & Activities, Please! - This year each homeroom at Hillcrest Academy will have 1 day a week when students are playing games together as part of building relationships, social skills, mental health, problem solving, etc. Do you have games or activities you could donate? Or perhaps you'd like to purchase something new. Our PTO is coordinating this effort, so please help by signing up <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0548AAA829A6FBC70-57818510-games> to indicate what you'd like to provide. Some specific suggestions are listed, but feel free to provide other games/activities. Please deliver your games to HA by Tuesday, August 19.

UPDATE / Host Family Found - Hillcrest Academy found a host family for our Chinese student for the upcoming school year. Thank you so much for your support and prayers! If you are interested in hosting in the future, please contact Rebecca Beachy Miller at rbeachymiller@hillcrestravens.org.

Iowa Mennonite Historical Society: 1st Annual Pickleball Tournament – We're raising money to support the Historical Village and Iowa Mennonite Society as we preserve the history, culture and stories of our community. Your support helps keep local heritage alive for future generations! Team registration papers are at the historical village welcome center and payment is due by August 20 at 5pm. \$25 per team, 2 games guaranteed. Prizes for bracket winners. Baked goods, snacks, and drinks available. Saturday, August 23, 8am. Mid-Prairie High School 1634 IA-22, Wellman, IA 52356. Questions? 319-656-3232 or kalonatours@gmail.com

MCC: MCC's School Kit Challenge is back! – The notebooks and pencils that devoted supporters like you lovingly pack into MCC school kits help kids write their own success stories, and rulers provide hope beyond measure. School kits provide these and other essential supplies that families navigating war, displacement or financial struggles would not be able to buy otherwise. Join the 2025 School Kit Challenge and help MCC provide 25,000 school kits for 25,000 kids this summer. See the table in the foyer for a donation list.

Know Your Rights Virtual Training, August 14 & 15 – Led by MCC Central States Immigration Program Coordinator Abraham Diaz Alonso. This virtual training will help facilitate information to vulnerable immigration populations. Sign up today! <https://mcc.org/events/know-your-rights-training> Reach out to abrahamdiazalonso@mcc.org, 956.904.7092 with questions.

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: Last year, MC USA awarded Justice Fund grants to nine congregations involved in dismantling racism, addressing police brutality, reimagining policing and combating poverty. Read their inspiring stories and learn more about how your congregation can apply for the grant. Applicants planning to use the funds for immigration or climate justice will receive priority in 2025. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/justice-fund-2025

The big dove is here! MC USA has launched an online storefront featuring hats, sweatshirts, mugs and more. Check out the selection of merch that displays Follow Jesus, the MC USA dove and a retro line of gear from past conventions. Every sale helps support MC USA ministries! bonfire.com/store/mc-usa-gear/

Catch up on all the happenings at Follow Jesus '25, MC USA's national convention, July 8-12! Read Grits & Bits, the daily convention newsletter here: mennoniteusa.org/gritsandbits

MMN: Just Peace Pilgrimages—

- Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples — You and your community are invited to 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
- Civil Rights Pilgrimage — This special pilgrimage tailored specifically for young adults will be led by MC USA executive director Glen Guyton. Join for a unique multiracial pilgrimage through the southern United States with opportunities for 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

Parkview: Parkview Home is seeking some part-time volunteer help doing some light yard work and other yard-based cleanup. We have several areas that need attention to weed control and some sprucing up. If anyone is willing and able, please call and ask for Ron. Thank you!