

### **Adults Sunday School**

Salt & Light session 12, "No Spiritual Gifts without Love!"

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



**Remember in prayer this week:** Bret, Ronda, Natalie & Nick West and Rod & Kathy Roth

**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 our Pastors and the Elders** as they seek to lead our congregation in the way and mission of our Lord!

**CPMC Prayer Request** We give thanks for Mennonite camps near Central Plains congregations. We pray for the ministries of Swan Lake Christian Camp, Camp Mennoscah and Crooked Creek Christian Camp. We pray for the spiritual formation that happens for children and youth during a week at camp.

**MMN Prayer Request** Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for the Rev. Bercie Mundedi, director of the Kalonda Bible Institute, who is beginning a two year study program that will allow her to complete her university degree. Pray for Rev. Mundedi's health and family during this time. Pray also for the Bible Institute as it continues to train Mennonite pastors in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

### **LAST SUNDAY**

Offering: Home Missions \$835; General Fund \$550; Cemetery \$200



June 22, 2025



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## **June 22, 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:** Mattias Luitjens  
**Worship Leader:** Justin Freyenberger & Logan Graber  
**Song Leader:** Dana Oswald  
**Accompanist:** Kathy Yoder

### **Gathering**

*The Joy of the Lord is My Strength*  
Welcome & Announcements  
Elder Affirmation Ballot  
Silent Preparation  
Call to Worship & Opening Prayer

### **Praising**

*MH 577 When we walk with the Lord*  
*MH 73 Be still, my soul*

### **Hearing the Word**

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:5-17 (p.128)  
Message: Nathan Luitjens, "Cultivating God's Covenant  
Community"

### **Responding**

*WB 614 In the bulb there is a flower*  
Offering: Home Missions (6/29 Home Missions & Loose Change)  
Sharing & Prayers

### **Sending**

Benediction  
*Doxology*

Thank you to Mark & Linda Boshart for serving as ushers today.

## **NEXT SUNDAY**

- Peter Wiggington

### **SUGAR CREEK NEWS**

**Fellowship:** There are several open dates for summer cookie time. Please contact Mary Jo Richard or use the signup link:  
<signupgenius.com/go/4090E45AEAB2DA0FA7-50902927-sugar>

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### **TODAY**

- Elder Affirmation Ballot

#### **WEDNESDAY, JULY 2**

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

#### **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

**JUNE 22, 2025**  
**AREA NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Cradle of Hope:** If you forgot to return your baby bottle last week, Tamara can take any donations and deliver to Cradle of Hope on Monday. Thank you!

**CCCC:** If you are able to help in the Crooked Creek camp kitchen, please use the signup, or contact Heather Bender (319-653-3611): <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C45A9A729A3FDC8-56369971-2025#/>

**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: Farewell Open House** – Join us in celebrating all that Dwight and Mo Gingerich have meant to the community at a farewell open house on Sunday, June 22 from 4:00-6:00 PM at Hillcrest Academy, in the Wilbur & Helen Yoder Atrium. Come and go at your leisure to enjoy some ice cream and send Dwight and Mo warmly on to their next chapter. There will be a chance to write a favorite memory or words of farewell at the event. For those who can't attend, consider emailing a memory or message to [agoertz@hillcrestravens.org](mailto:agoertz@hillcrestravens.org) before the event to be included. We hope to see many of you there!

**Hillcrest Academy Golf Benefit** – You're invited to the annual Hillcrest Academy Golf Benefit at Kalona Golf Course on Saturday, July 19. This isn't just a day of friendly competition and beautiful swings, it's a great way to invest directly in the lives of our students. Register your team today and be a part of something truly meaningful. We can't wait to see you there. For more details, to register, or to be a sponsor go to [hillcrestravens.org/golfbenefit](http://hillcrestravens.org/golfbenefit) and contact Jeremy Ours at [jours@hillcrestravens.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:rbeachymiller@hillcrestravens.org) for more information.

**MCC: 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](http://mcc.org/learning-tour-texas).

**MCUSA:** 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/](http://bonfire.com/store/mc-usa-gear/)

Stay up to date on all things Follow Jesus '25, MC USA's national convention, by subscribing to the weekly convention newsletter! Subscribe here: [mennoniteusa.org/fj25-newsletter](http://mennoniteusa.org/fj25-newsletter)

The Church Planting Grant nurtures MC USA-affiliated missional peace churches. New church plants — churches that are less than three years old — can apply for the \$5,000 grant each year from May 1 to July 31. Learn more and apply here: [mennoniteusa.org/thrive-grant](http://mennoniteusa.org/thrive-grant)

As part of the ongoing Learn, Pray, Join: Undoing Patriarchy series, Linda Gehman Peachey, a member of Blossom Hill Mennonite Church, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, looks at how women, as well as other marginalized peoples and the broader society, are oppressed by the existence of patriarchy. Read more here: [mennoniteusa.org/painful-legacy](http://mennoniteusa.org/painful-legacy)

**MMN: Just Peace Pilgrimages –**

- South Africa Racial Justice Pilgrimage: This pilgrimage will explore the enduring scars of settler colonialism and apartheid focusing on the raw realities of race and land dispossession and their grip on South African society — past and present. *Date: September 16-28, 2025*; the optional safari extends the trip by three days.
- Underground Railroad Racial Justice Pilgrimage: Step into the courage of faith communities that defied oppression to guide enslaved people to liberation. This chapter of the Racial Justice pilgrimage series explores the literal and spiritual journeys of emancipation. Join us to honor the past and inspire action for justice. *Date: July 13-20, 2025*

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

*Calling all bold change-makers!* – Want to learn to transform weapons into symbols of hope? Service Adventure is seeking passionate participants for the 2025-2026 term (August to July). One placement, RAWtools in Colorado Springs, brings the idea of turning swords into plowshares to our current context by turning guns into garden tools, art and jewelry. As a participant, you'll dive into hands-on blacksmithing and woodworking, designing and creating garden tools, art, and jewelry from destroyed guns. Experience valued but not required. Visit [MennoniteMission.net/ServiceAdventure](https://MennoniteMission.net/ServiceAdventure) to learn more and to register.

*Regional Director for Latin America* – Answer the call to guide Mission Network's ministries across Latin America. This full-time position based in Elkhart, IN, or Newton, KS offices; remotely; or hybrid, will challenge you to forge partnerships, shape innovative mission strategies, and uplift international service workers. For more information and to apply, visit [MennoniteMission.net/Employment](https://MennoniteMission.net/Employment).