

Adults Sunday School

Summer Salt & Light: Acts of the Spirit, Unit 3

Session 10: "Paul Makes the Case for Inclusion of Gentiles
Without Circumcision" Acts 15:4-21



Remember in prayer this week: Mike & Maria Roth, Kiley Leichty, Deedra Graber, Nora Leichty, Ivy Leichty, and Alfredo & Victoria Perez

Pray for those dealing with medical issues: Keith Zehr, Toni Roth, Deb Roth, Roni Stowers, Paul VonTersch, Sheldon Miller, Erika Leichty Seymore, Dick Yoder, Arlene Wenger, Roxanne Rogers (Kathy Yoder's sister), Cindy Freyenberger Harms, Lois Klopfenstein

Pray for Parkview residents: Anita Swartzendruber, Opal Reschly and Mary Henderson

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 Daniel Boshart who is being licensed and installed at Wood River Mennonite Church in Wood River, NE. Pray for the ministry that Daniel and Wood River Mennonite share.

Please pray for Pastor Pornchai (Xeng) Thosaengsiri and the St. Paul Hmong Mennonite Church. Pastor Xeng's mother suffered a stroke a few weeks ago and this past Saturday she passed away. The funeral is taking place this week in Thailand. Pastor Xeng asks that we keep his family both here in the US and in Thailand in our prayers, that God may grant them the strength and peace to navigate this difficult time.

MMN Prayer Request The Service Adventure unit in Colorado Springs, Colorado, begins today, with new unit leaders Elliot and Jane Radzanowski. Pray for the new leaders and this year's participants as they settle into their year of service away from friends and family.

Pray for the South Sudan Mennonite Church as they attempt to provide for vulnerable people. Pray for humanitarian assistance and safe gathering places.

LAST SUNDAY

Offering: Home Missions \$1,402

Lament: A SPIRITUAL TOOL PSALM 13

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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 tone another in Christ's love.

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

Prelude/Offertory: Ayla Miller
Worship Leader: Elyssa Graber
Song Leader: Dana Oswald
Accompanist: Kim Yutzy

Gathering

Welcome & Announcements
Preparation for Worship
Call to Worship & Opening Prayer

Praising

10,000 Reasons
WB 327 Great is Thy Faithfulness
Goodness of God

Hearing the Word

Scripture Reading: Psalm 13 (p. 384)
Message: Diane Zaerr-Brenneman "Lament: A Spiritual Tool"

Responding

MH 551 I will sing the wondrous story
Offering: Missions (8/16 Conference)
Sharing & Prayers

Sending

Benediction
Doxology

Thank you to Josh & Stephanie Miller for serving as ushers today.

The nursery is available for children two and under.

NEXT SUNDAY

- Keith or Connie Zehr

SUGAR CREEK NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

Annual Reports: Please submit committee reports to Katy by August 31!

Bread: There will be no bread delivery the week of August 10.

Bulletin: The August 23 bulletin will be printed on Monday, August 17. Please have any bulletin items to Katy by 9AM.

Fellowship: To provide cookies for fellowship time, use the link or contact Lori Miller:
signupgenius.com/go/4090E45AEAB2DA0FA7-50902927-sugar#

Nursery: The nursery is available for children two and under during Sunday School and church. Please sign up if you are able:
<signupgenius.com/go/60B0E4FA8AC29A5FB6-62786804-nursery>

Pastoral Care: Pam will be on vacation through August 18. Please contact an Elder in her absence!

Turkey Grill: Old Threshers is quickly approaching, and the Turkey Grill needs your help! Please sign up in the foyer or contact Tim Graber.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19

- *August Lunch Bunch is cancelled*
- **6:00 PM:** Church Council Meeting, MYF Room

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23

- Children will lead the Worship service!
- Back to School & Preschool Recognition

AUGUST 29-30

Church at Camp – *let Katy know if you plan to stay Saturday PM.*

- **10:00 AM:** Worship service. Bring a lawn chair!
- **11:00 AM:** Finger-foods potluck; table service & water provided. The water slide will be open following lunch (no pool this year).

SEPTEMBER 3-7

- Midwest Old Threshers Reunion – Turkey Grill signup in foyer!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

- **10:00 AM:** Joint Worship Service at Wayland Mennonite

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AREA NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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-up is open for our Summer Work Night on Thursday, August 20 from 5-7 p.m. Individuals or groups (age 8 and up) are welcome to join. This is a great activity for your Sunday School class, mentor/mentee or other group! Sign up is easy; reserve your spot at tinyurl.com/cc-summerworknight! P.S. Fa la la--watch for Fall Work Night dates coming soon when we'll process Christmas items!

Everence Financial: *Free Medicare workshops* Medicare education with you in mind! We'll cover enrollment details and deadlines, how Social Security impacts Medicare decisions, prescription drug coverage, and plans that supplement Medicare. Bring your questions and we will be happy to answer them. Refreshments and light snack will be provided. In-person workshops held at the Pleasantview Friendship Center (811 3rd St Kalona, IA) Sept. 21 - 5:30 p.m. and Oct. 19 - 5:30 p.m.

MCC: Beyond the Headlines: Haiti, Temporary Protected Status, and the Church webinar on Wednesday, August 19 at 1 p.m. CT/ 12 p.m. MT. Please join MCC in listening to Haitian voices and exploring faithful action. In this webinar, we will hear stories from a pastor whose congregation has welcomed Haitian families, an MCC staff member who has been at the forefront of the work in Haiti, and a leader from The Haitian Bridge Alliance, a nonprofit organization that provides humanitarian, legal, and social services to Haitian communities. Register today at mcc.org/events/beyond-headlines-haiti-temporary-protected-status-and-church.

MCUSA: Join Mennonite Church USA on Nov. 6-7 in Leola, Pennsylvania, for "Waging Peace: A Militarism Summit," a two-day gathering to explore faithful responses to war, political polarization, nationalism and violence through an Anabaptist lens. High school youth attend free when accompanied by a youth pastor or sponsor. Read the news release here: mennoniteusa.org/news/mc-usa-hosts-militarism-summit/ Learn more and register here: mennoniteusa.org/militarism-summit/

MC USA's Iris de León-Hartshorn shares three faith-based practices for leading change — letting go, embracing experimentation and modeling the way of Jesus — to help church leaders navigate transformation with hope and grace. Read her Menno Snapshots blog here: mennoniteusa.org/change-leadership/

Subscribe to *Equipping*, Mennonite Church USA's free quarterly digital resource digest. Each issue shares timely resources, practical tools, learning opportunities, grants and upcoming events from across the denomination to help pastors, leaders and churches thrive. The next issue will be published Aug. 13. Sign up today at: <https://bit.ly/3Tajczp>

The Global Anabaptist Mennonite Encyclopedia Online (GAMEO) recently celebrated its 30th anniversary as an open-access repository focused on Mennonite and Anabaptist communities, history and theology. Devon Miller, MC USA archives coordinator, was also welcomed to the board. Read more and learn how you can contribute updates to GAMEO here: mennoniteusa.org/news/gameo-marks-30-years/

MMN: *Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples Just Peace Pilgrimage* LOCATION CHANGE: Journey to the Homeland of the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation in central Washington. 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? Hosted by the Coalition to Dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery and led by Coalition Executive Director Sarah Augustine. Dates: September 22-26. Contact: Stephanie Weaver, StephanieW@MennoniteMission.net Learn more and register: MennoniteMission.net/JustPeace

Looking for a meaningful way to use your gifts while building new friendships? Want a truly different kind of family vacation? Mennonite Mission Network's SOOP program is for you! Service Opportunities with Our Partners (SOOP) offers flexible service terms at 60 locations for individuals ages 25+ and families of all ages. Housing and meals are sometimes provided. Discover the joy of working together, growing in faith, and creating lasting memories! Visit MennoniteMission.net/SOOP to learn more.

Service Adventure and Mennonite Voluntary Service It's never too early to start thinking about the future. Registration for the 2027-28 service terms for Service Adventure and Mennonite Voluntary Service begins in October! Youth and young adults who are leaving high school, leaving college, or anywhere in between can find their place in one of these two programs. Visit MennoniteMission.net/Serve to learn more.

Prayer Vine Subscribe to Mennonite Mission Network's Prayer Vine, a monthly newsletter containing daily prayer requests for our workers, participants, and partners. Thank you for your prayers!

Visit MennoniteMission.net/Prayer to subscribe and see all our prayer materials.

Mennonite Mission Network is hiring! MMN is seeking a strategic executive leader with a strong finance and accounting background and CPA credentials to serve as its next Senior Executive of Finance and Operations. Through sound financial stewardship, this senior executive will lead their department in ensuring that our domestic and international ministries have the resources, systems, and operational support they need to thrive. You can find this and our other job openings on our website at MennoniteMission.net/Employment.

Word Alive: W.A.C.O. Ministry received a call from someone asking for help with transporting an elderly lady from Parkview to her home and back 2-3 times a week. Please contact Sue Freyenberger if this is something you can assist with.