

Adults Sunday School

Fall Salt & Light: The Soul of a Nation, Unit 1

Session 4: "God's Compassion for Rahab"

Joshua 2:8-14; 6:16-17

MYF

- **TODAY** – Bible Study, 6PM
- **Oct. 10** – Can Sorting at Corey Farmer's shop, 10:30 AM

JYF

Wednesdays from 6-8 PM, Wayland Mennonite Basement

Join us for a meal, Bible study, and games.

This year includes 6th–8th grades for the first time!

To join, help out, or for more info, contact Pastor Josh Wenger
319-541-9307 or joshwenger88@gmail.com.



Remember in prayer this week: Mike Roth, Rafael Barrera, and Benjie Roth

Pray for those dealing with medical issues: Lois Klopfenstein, Roni Stowers, Tiana Schlatter, Victoria

Perez, Erika Leichty Seymore, Keith Zehr, Toni Roth, Deb Roth, Paul VonTersch, Sheldon Miller, Dick Yoder, Arlene Wenger, Roxanne Rogers (Kathy Yoder's sister), Cindy Freyenberger Harms

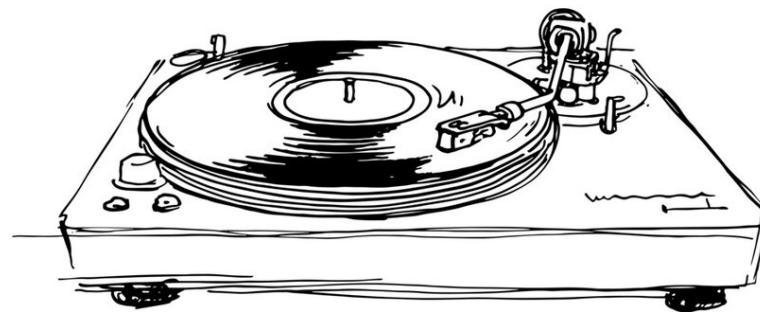
Pray for those at Parkview: Opal Reschly, Anita Swartzendruber and Mary Henderson

CPMC Prayer Request Pray for Zion Mennonite Church in Donnellson, IA. This weekend they celebrate 175 years of faith, service and fellowship in Donnellson! Wow!

MMN Prayer Request A group from Eden Mennonite Church, in Moundridge, Kansas, begins their week-long Civil Rights Just Peace Pilgrimage this week. Pray for participants as they travel through the southern U.S., learning about racism and the Civil Rights Movement from historical sites, museums and first-hand accounts. Pray that this experience will inspire participants to enact change in their own communities.

LAST SUNDAY

Offering: Home Missions \$1,292; General Fund \$1,100; Cemetery Fund \$100



September 27, 2026



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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 Service
Live Stream: <https://tinyurl.com/SCMLiveStream>
facebook.com/sugarcreekmennonitechurch

Prelude/Offertory: Recorded Music
Worship Leader: Jaelyn Hesseltine
Song Leader: Dana Oswald
Accompanist: Kathy Yoder

Gathering

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

Praising

Medley:

WB 14 Come, we that love the Lord (v 1)
WB 106 All hail the power of Jesus' name (v 1-3)
WB 522 My Jesus, I love thee (v 1-2)

Hearing the Word

Children's Story: Lori Miller, CROP
Scripture Reading: Philippians 2:1-13 (p. 152)
Message: Keith Zehr, "Anatomy of a Song"

Responding

WB 107 Blessed Savior, we adore thee
Offering: Hillcrest/CCCC & Coins for CROP (10/4 Conference)
3rd Grade Bibles: Karsyn Black & Sully Shepherd
Sharing & Prayers

Sending

Benediction
WB 421 Bless'd be the tie that binds (v1)

Thank you to Jim & Jane Miller for serving as ushers today.

The nursery is available for children two and under.

NEXT SUNDAY

• Keith/Connie Zehr

SUGAR CREEK NEWS

Annual Meeting: Please be sure to sign up on the north bulletin board if you plan to attend the meal for annual meeting. We will have walking tacos.

Abbey Shelman has volunteered to be in the nursery with kids during the meeting, so bring the whole family!

CROP: THANK YOU to the WACO community for the strong support of last year's WACO CROP Campaign. We raised over \$43,700, with \$11,000 coming back to our community.

The 2026 WACO CROP Campaign will be taking place from October 4 to November 1, with a goal of reaching \$40,000. CROP provides funds for those who need it most, both around the world and here at home. Local CROP Canvassers will be contacting you for a monetary donation and/or donations of crops, such as corn or soybeans. There are also contribution envelopes in a basket in the church foyer or contact your CROP church representative. Once again, 25% of proceeds will be used within the WACO Community. The WACO Ministerial Association oversees distributions, with funds going to the WACO food pantry programs and more. Please give generously when contacted by a CROP Canvasser. Thank you!

Fellowship Time: To provide cookies for fellowship time, please use the link or contact Lori Leichty: bit.ly/4hvBEMt

JYF Meals: Sugar Creek is signed up to provide meals on Wednesday nights in October. October 14 and 28 are open. Please contact Lori Leichty if you are able to help out!

Nursery Assistant: The nursery is available for children two and under during Sunday School and church. Helpers needed!
bit.ly/4j6GyRd

Thank you: Special thanks to Orpha Yoder for providing the beautiful flower arrangements for the sanctuary throughout the summer!

journeys and lock in your dates. Your group's most meaningful trip yet, is waiting!

The future's calling... and it's not waiting around! Registration for the 2027-28 terms of Service Adventure and Mennonite Voluntary Service kicks off in October. Whether you're fresh out of high school, just wrapping up college or somewhere in that exciting in-between, there's a spot with your name on it. Ready to leap into the next chapter? Head to MennoniteMission.net/Serve and start exploring.

Upper Deer Creek: A Soul Care Conference with Dr. Rob Reimer will be hosted at Upper Deer Creek Church on November 5-7, 2026. Dr. Reimer's book "*Soul Care*" and his conferences have helped thousands to lose lifelong pain and struggle, to gain a new life of freedom and fullness in Christ. More details and registration are found at renewalinternational.org/upcoming-events. The Early Bird price of \$130 is available until September 1, regular price is \$155. Three lunches are included in both prices. We hope you'll pick up his book to read, and join us at the conference.

UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY

- Anointing: Please come forward after the service if you would like to be anointed.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

- **12:00 PM:** Elders' Retreat at Lisa's

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

- **6:00 PM:** Annual Business Meeting. Light supper with the meeting to follow, Fellowship Hall

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1

- **6:30 PM:** Game Night, Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7

- **2:00 PM:** Membership Meeting, Parkview

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15

- **6:00 PM:** Worship Planning, MYF Room

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

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

SEPTEMBER 27, 2026 **AREA NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

CCCC: As we look to the fall we have lots of exciting events coming up! Watch for more details coming later.

- Lunch and Lecture - Saturday, October 24 (Matt Miller will be sharing about his biking adventures)
- Fall Craft Retreat - November 6-8
- 7th Annual Online Auction Fundraiser - November 24-29 (Contact Heather heather@crookedcreekcamp.org to donate auction items)
- Christmas Crafts, Cocoa, Cookies, and Carols - December 6
- Take and Bake Fundraiser - December 21 and 22

Gospel Echoes Team: The Gospel Echoes Team Prison Ministry be holding the Kalona Banquet on Wednesday, September 30, 6PM, at the Upper Deer Creek Church in Wellman. The evening will include a homestyle dinner, Gospel music and special guest, Chaplain Thomas Fortini. Tickets required; public invited! For complimentary tickets, contact Karla Neuschwander (319-328-8733). A free-will offering will be received for the ministry.

Hillcrest: Homecoming Weekend - Join us on October 16-17, 2026 for a weekend filled with fun, friends, and school spirit with events like the Joetown Classic and the Pork Supper. The annual Joetown Classic 5K run/walk is on Sat morning, Oct 17. We are doing t-shirts this year so make sure you sign up by Sep 30 to get a cool 80s style long-sleeved t-shirt! Also, this year we will be hosting only one 5K race/walk (no kid's race) and the race/walk won't be timed. But don't worry, the overall male and female winners will still receive the JC5K traditional pan of cinnamon rolls. Register now online at hillcrestravens.org/joetownclassic. The Pork Supper will take place from 4:30-7:00 PM on Sat, Oct 17, get your tickets from any junior Hillcrest student or online at hillcrestravens.org/porksupper.

Iowa Mennonite Historical Society: A Bowl of Soup and a John Deere Tractor? November 2, 2026 Larry Miller presents a book talk on "Larry's Ride from Farm to Finance: A Country Boy's Journey" and will be available for signing. 6:00 PM soup supper, donations accepted; no carry-out. Kalona Mennonite Church.

MCC: Sign up to participate in the Conscientious Objection: understanding the legacy and what it means today webinar, Tuesday, October 6 at 7 p.m. CDT/6 p.m. MDT. This webinar will provide space to reflect on what it means to be a Conscientious Objector (CO), remember its history, learn about how to declare CO status, and how to connect with MCC Central States and other churches around the topic of CO. Register at mcc.org/co-today and contact beckymeives@mcc.org for more information.

MCUSA: Waging Peace: A Militarism Summit - 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. mennoniteusa.org/militarism-summit/

Explore a story of conscientious objection - What can we learn from the experiences of Mennonites who have chosen conscientious objection to military service? In his Menno Snapshots blog, "The cost of conscience: My father's peace witness," MC USA Archives Coordinator Devon Miller shares his father's story and reflects on the legacy of conscientious objection. Read the blog here: mennoniteusa.org/cost-of-conscience/

What does it mean to "hold space" for someone? - In her Menno Snapshots blog, spiritual director Jane Hooper Peifer explores what it means to "hold space" for someone living with deep trauma. She reflects on how compassionate presence, listening and trust can help create room for healing. Read "A 'holding space' story" here: mennoniteusa.org/holding-space/

MMN: Ready to put your gifts to work and make new friends? Mennonite Mission Network's SOOP program (Service Opportunities with Our Partners) is calling your name! Choose from 60 locations, flexible terms that fit your life, and opportunities open to adults 25+ and families of every age. Housing and meals are sometimes included — because who doesn't love a little free room and board with their adventure? Roll up your sleeves and checkout MennoniteMission.net/SOOP to learn more.

Let us turn your group's next trip into something unforgettable! Book your Just Peace Pilgrimage for 2027 and step into stories that still shape the world today. Together we'll walk in solidarity, open our eyes to the beauty and struggle of life, and come home changed. Choose your adventure: Civil Rights Pilgrimage, Christ at the Borders (Arizona), Underground Railroad. Perfect for congregations, Sunday school classes, youth groups or any crew ready for more than just another outing. Visit MennoniteMission.net/JustPeace to explore the