

Adults Sunday School

Summer Salt & Light: Exclusion and Embrace
Session 12, "Rivers of Living Water" John 7:37-46

MYF

- **TODAY** – MYF Kickoff, Graber's pool (2608 320th St.), 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: Josh, Stephanie, Mason, Clayton, Jonah & Lukah Miller

Pray for those dealing with medical issues: Keith Zehr (pancreatic cancer), Opal Reschly, Pauline Wyse, Dineal Armenta (Roni's sister), JaNan Peterson

(Tamara's friend), Cynthia Hallet, Larry Graber, Ryan Robertson, Lois Klopfenstein, Rod & Kathy Roth

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 pray for our sister churches in Nebraska: Beemer, Milford, Bellwood, Omaha Chin, Bethesda, Wood River, and First of Lincoln Mennonite Churches.

MMN Prayer Request Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Austin Roberts, who is completing his doctoral dissertation on youth and the church. Pray that he will have the time he needs to prepare to defend his dissertation, while also overseeing the kitchen and mentoring participants with Youth With A Mission (YWAM) in Northern Ireland.

LAST SUNDAY

Offering: Crooked Creek \$2,431; Home Missions \$154

FOR GOD GAVE US A
SPiRiT
NOT OF **FEAR** BUT OF
POWER AND
LOVE AND
SELF-CONTROL.
2 TIMOTHY 1:7

August 24, 2025



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August 24, 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 Service
Livestream: <https://tinyurl.com/SCMLiveStream>
facebook.com/sugarcreekmennonitechurch

Worship Leaders: Gavin Slagel & Nathan Luitjens
Song Leader: Dana Oswald
Accompanist: Kathy Yoder

Gathering

Welcome & Announcements
Silent Preparation
Call to Worship & Opening Prayer

Praising

WB 528 I stand amazed in the presence
WB 420 Heart with loving heart united

Hearing the Word

Children's Time: Back to School Blessing with Jen Slagel
Scripture Reading: 2 Timothy 1:1-14 (p. 165)
Message: Kate Widmer

Responding

WB 338 I know not why God's wondrous
Offering: Home Missions & MyCC (8/31 General)

Sending

Benediction
Doxology

NEXT SUNDAY

- Michael Swartzendruber. 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

SUGAR CREEK NEWS

Address Change: Pauline Wyse has moved into Parkview, room 403. She welcomes all visitors to come see her!

Bulletin: Next week's bulletin will be printed on Tuesday. Please have all bulletin items to Katy by 10AM. Thank you!

Cards: Barbara Eichelberger will be celebrating her 95th birthday on Friday, August 29th! Barbara moved from Hesston to healthcare at Kidron Bethel in North Newton in January. She is doing great and would love to hear from you! Her address is 3054 Ivy Court, North Newton, KS 67117. ~Lisa Eichelberger Bartel

Fellowship Time: Please see the signup to provide cookies for fellowship time: signupgenius.com/go/4090E45AEAB2DA0FA7-50902927-sugar

UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY

- MCC School Kit items packed during Children's Sunday School
- **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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

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

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

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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.

Hillcrest: School Theme - Hillcrest Academy's theme for the 2025-26 school year is BEAR FRUIT. It's more than a phrase. It's a mindset. A mission. A way of life. Whether you're on the court, in the lab, or in the classroom— we want to be a community known not just for excellence, but for Christlike character—rooted, but growing in Jesus, and producing fruit that will last. Colossians 1:10 speaks directly to our mission: "Walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God." This verse gives us all a roadmap for what it means to live faithfully—both inside and outside the classroom.

New Events Calendar - We've launched a brand new Events Calendar for ALL Hillcrest Academy events. To stay up-to-date, add the new calendar to your personal Google Calendar and delete the old one. You can also find the calendar on the hillcrestravens.org homepage or on Bound.

MCC: 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: On the final night of Mennonite Church USA's national convention, Follow Jesus '25, MC USA and MennoMedia hosted an Anabaptism at 500 party, in celebration of the tradition's 500th anniversary. The event consisted of fellowship, trivia and an attempt to read the entire Bible in under 15 minutes. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/anabaptism-500-reception

Jessica Griggs, a freelance writer and copy editor with the MC USA communications team, shares the experience of collective camaraderie and competition she witnessed at the Anabaptism at 500 celebration on July 11 in Greensboro, North Carolina. Read about her experience here: mennoniteusa.org/camaraderie-competition

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

Play: Bad Angle Events is hosting the play Coop, September 13, 7 p.m. in Celebration Hall at Hillcrest Academy. Mary Swander's new play Coop is historic fiction, an enactment of true stories of Amish, Mennonite, Hutterite and other conscientious objectors during WWI and WWII. The core story is taken from the oral history of a young Amish farmer draftee who boarded a train with other C.O.s—Mennonites, Quakers, Church of the Brethren, and Seventh Day Adventists--during World War II. This group of C.O.s, told they were bound to fight forest fires in Colorado, were interned instead in a chicken coop. There, they remained under guard for the rest of the war. More information at BadAngleEvents.org. This event is FREE; no tickets are required.