

### Adults Sunday School

*Fall Salt & Light: Their Story, Our Story, and God's Message*  
Session 1, "The Joy that Defies Despair: Sarah Laughs Last,"  
Genesis 18:1-15

### MYF

- **TODAY** – Ushers at Sugar Creek  
6:00 PM, Parent Meeting, SC Fellowship Hall  
6:30 PM, Bible Study, MYF Room
- **9/21** – Bible Study, MYF Room, 6:00-7:30 PM
- **9/28** – Bible Study



**Remember in prayer this week:** Wilbur & Deb Leichy, Kevan, Tamara & Kevan III Zechin.

**Pray for those dealing with medical issues:** Carmen Martinez, 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

**Congratulations to Kendall & Sarah Leichy** on the birth of Elsie Lou, who was born August 30. We wish God's blessing on Elsie and her family and pray that she grows loving, strong, and healthy. The rose on the pulpit is for Elsie.

**CPMC Prayer Request** We pray for Milford Mennonite as they celebrate 100 years! We give thanks for 100 years of God's faithfulness and send blessings for the future that God and Milford Mennonite share.

**MMN Prayer Request** Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for the Bokgoni Sporting Club, in Francistown, Botswana, which offers young people an alternative to life on the streets by providing a healthy environment, training in life-skills and an opportunity to play sports. The women's netball team is planning a community day this month to strength relationships between neighbors.

### LAST SUNDAY

Offering: General Fund \$4,369; Home Missions \$3,550; Cemetery Fund \$100

*where to sit*

AT THE TABLE



September 7, 2025



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## **September 7, 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>

**Prelude/Offertory:** Kathy Yoder  
**Worship Leader:** Morgan Meyer & Abbey Shelman  
**Song Leader:** Kathy Roth  
**Accompanist:** Kathy Yoder

### **Gathering**

*We have come into His house*  
Welcome & Announcements  
Silent Preparation  
Call to Worship & Opening Prayer

### **Praising**

*WB 16 God is here among us*  
*WB 332 Blessed assurance*

### **Hearing the Word**

Scripture Reading: Luke 14:1-14 (p. 59)  
Message: Susan Janzen, "Where to Sit at the Table"

### **Responding**

*WB 504 Have thine own way*  
Offering: Home Missions & MyCC (9/14 Missions)  
Sharing & Prayers

### **Sending**

Benediction  
*May the Lord, Mighty God*

Thank you to the MYF for serving as ushers today.

## **NEXT SUNDAY**

- Erica Tharp

### **SUGAR CREEK NEWS**

**Annual Reports:** Committee reports for the annual meeting packet are due to the church office no later than September 15.

**CaringBridge:** To stay updated on Keith's treatment journey, follow his CaringBridge page. Go to [caringbridge.org/search](https://caringbridge.org/search) and search "Keith Zehr"

**Fellowship Time:** Please see the signup to provide cookies for fellowship time: [signupgenius.com/go/4090E45AEAB2DA0FA7-50902927-sugar](https://signupgenius.com/go/4090E45AEAB2DA0FA7-50902927-sugar)

**Meal Train:** Let's show our love and support for the Leichty family following the birth of Elsie by delivering meals/treats over the next few weeks. Please use the link to sign up, or contact Lori Miller for details: [mealtrain.com/4gdn6m](https://mealtrain.com/4gdn6m)

**Thank you:** The residents of Waymar would like to give a heartfelt thank you to Sugar Creek for their generous donation toward the NuStep exercise machine. Many face great difficulties getting to a gym to access such equipment. The NuStep is known for its safety and ease of use, especially for those with physical challenges. Through blessings of many community donations, we now have the machine and it's helping many! Thank you for caring about the people of Waymar. ~Sheri Van Elsacker

**Updates:** Please submit any changes to contact information or quarterly publication preferences to Katy by September 22.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17**

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

#### **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24**

- **11:00 AM:** Parkview Devotions
- **6:00 PM:** Annual Business Meeting, Fellowship Hall. Meal first, meeting to follow

#### **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28**

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

#### **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1**

- **9:00 AM:** Mennonite Women

**SEPTEMBER 7, 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](https://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](https://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](mailto:rsbrubach@earthlink.net) or Tara Stahl at [tlynae@yahoo.com](mailto:tlynae@yahoo.com).

**CCCC:** There is lots going on at Crooked Creek in the next few months. Check it out!

- Lunch and Lecture, October 14, 9:30-3:00 – Join Erin Ramer & Friends and Joel Beachy as they tell us about their recent pilgrimages: Erin & Friends to the Iona Abbey in Scotland and Joel with his family to Ecuador to learn more about the Ecuador Partnership. A simple lunch is provided. There is no cost to attend, a freewill donation will be taken. Please register on our website, [crookedcreekcamp.org](https://crookedcreekcamp.org), or by calling the office, 319-653-3611, so that we know how many to plan for.
- Craft Retreat, October 31-November 2 – Sign up now for our Fall Craft Retreat! Bring a project (or two, or three) and snacks to share and we'll provide the rest! See more details and register on our website, [crookedcreekcamp.org](https://crookedcreekcamp.org)
- CCCC's Annual Online Auction, November 25-30 – Please consider donating items to benefit CCCC. Contact Amanda ([amanda@crookedcreekcamp.org](mailto:amanda@crookedcreekcamp.org)) for more information. Items are due at camp by November 7.

**Crowded Closet: Volunteers** – Join us for our annual *Appreciation Meal*! We are so grateful for your part in the Crowded Closet community, sharing love and compassion with our neighbors locally and globally through Mennonite Central Committee. Mark your calendar for a come-and-go meal Friday, October 3 from 4-7 p.m. at Park Lodge at Terry Trueblood Recreation Area, 579 McCollister Blvd, Iowa City. Please RSVP by Thursday, Sept. 25th—sign-up at the shop, visit [tinyurl.com/cc-appreciation-meal](https://tinyurl.com/cc-appreciation-meal), or call Eva at 319-337-5924 x12.

**Henry County Public Health: Senior Health Fair** – Take charge of your health! Join us for a senior citizen health fair, Wednesday, September 24 from 9:30-11:30AM, Calvary Baptist Church (803 E Maple Leaf Dr, Mt. Pleasant – use NE entrance). Opportunities for flu & COVID vaccines, health screenings for hearing, blood pressure, depression & anxiety, fall risk. Free event, includes refreshments! For more info call 319-385-0779 or visit our new website: [healthyhenrycounty.org](https://healthyhenrycounty.org).

**Hillcrest: SAVE THE DATE** – Hillcrest Academy's Homecoming & Alumni Family Weekend is set for October 10–11. Join us for a weekend full of tradition and connection. It's the perfect time to reunite with old friends and make new ones as we celebrate the Hillcrest community together.

- Alumni Soccer Game – The annual game will begin with a ceremony honoring longtime soccer coach, Marcus Miller around 6:30 PM.
- Joetown Classic – On the morning of Sat, Oct 11, register at [hillcrestravens.org/joetownclassic](https://hillcrestravens.org/joetownclassic). Again this year, participants will get a colorful commemorative glass. 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.
- Pork Supper – Serving from 4:30-7:00 PM on the Sat, Oct 11, get your tickets from any junior student (soon) or online at [hillcrestravens.org/porksupper](https://hillcrestravens.org/porksupper).

**Old Yearbooks** – We are missing (2) 2003 Reveries. If you have one or two extras from that year and would like to give them to the school to complete our archived set, contact Jeremy Ours at [jours@hillcrestravens.org](mailto:jours@hillcrestravens.org).

**Iowa Mennonite Historical Society:** During the Kalona Fall Festival, Dr. Tom Meyers will give a special presentation on *The Origins of the Anabaptist Movement in 1525*. What led the group, that we know as the Anabaptists, to break with other Protestant Reformers? What were the major points of contention between

these groups and who were the people who helped shape a new vision of what the Church should be? Why was the refusal to baptize infants such a threat to the established churches? These and other questions will be answered at presentations given at the Kalona Historical Village, Visitor's Center, in The Amish Room during the Kalona Fall Festival. The presentation times are Friday, September 26, 1PM & 6PM and Saturday, September 27, at 1PM. Sponsored by Iowa Mennonite Museum and Archives.

**Iowa Mennonite Relief Sale:** All are welcome to attend the annual Iowa Mennonite Relief Sale Board Meeting on Sunday, September 21, at 4:00pm at Kalona Mennonite Church.

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

**MCUSA:** MC USA's 2025 convention in Greensboro, North Carolina, July 8–12, set records for attendance and racial diversity. Of the 1,640 registrants — the highest turnout in three conventions — a record 17.2 percent (282 attendees) identified as Black, Indigenous or people of color. More importantly, BIPOC voices filled prominent leadership roles at the national convention. Read more here: [mennoniteusa.org/intentionality-drives-belonging](https://mennoniteusa.org/intentionality-drives-belonging)

**MMN:** *Mennonite Voluntary Service* – Live out your faith through service! Mennonite Voluntary Service (MVS) is now accepting applications for the 2026-27 term. This one-year volunteer experience is open to individuals age 20+, with the option to extend placements for an additional one to two years. Serve with organizations addressing critical community needs, such as health, education, immigration and more. You won't do it alone, though! By living with peers in a unit house and growing with a local faith community, MVSers join in the global movement to work for peace and a more just world. Ready to jump in? Go to [MennoniteMission.net/MVS](https://MennoniteMission.net/MVS) to learn more and apply.

*Service Adventure* – Can a gap year change your life? Only if you're up for adventure! Service Adventure applications are now open for the 2026-27 term. Service Adventure is a 10-month volunteer experience for young adults ages 17-20. Live in community with peers and unit leaders, serve with local nonprofit agencies, and grow in your faith with a supporting church congregation! Learn more and apply at [MennoniteMission.net/ServiceAdventure](https://MennoniteMission.net/ServiceAdventure).

*International workers need support* – Mennonite Mission Network invites prayer and financial support for Joseph and Rachel Givens, who serve with the Maria Skobtsova Housing Association in Calais, France. This ministry provides vital shelter and support to migrating people seeking refuge as they journey toward England. To sustain this critical work, additional funding is urgently needed. You can make a difference! Visit [MennoniteMission.net/Workers/Givens](https://MennoniteMission.net/Workers/Givens) to donate. For questions or to learn more about the Givens' work with immigration, contact Elizabeth Eby at [ElizabethE@MMNWorld.net](mailto:ElizabethE@MMNWorld.net).

**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](https://BadAngleEvents.org). This event is FREE; no tickets are required.