

### Adults Sunday School

*Summer Salt & Light: Exclusion and Embrace*

Session 8, "From Confusion to Clarity" John 20:1-18; Matthew 5:11-12

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



**Remember in prayer this week:** Don & Kathy Yoder and Michael, Katy, Madden, Karsyn & Kellon Black

**Pray for those dealing with medical issues:** Opal Reschly, Pauline Wyse, JaNan Peterson (Tamara's friend), Cynthia Hallet, Warren Scarff, Larry Graber,

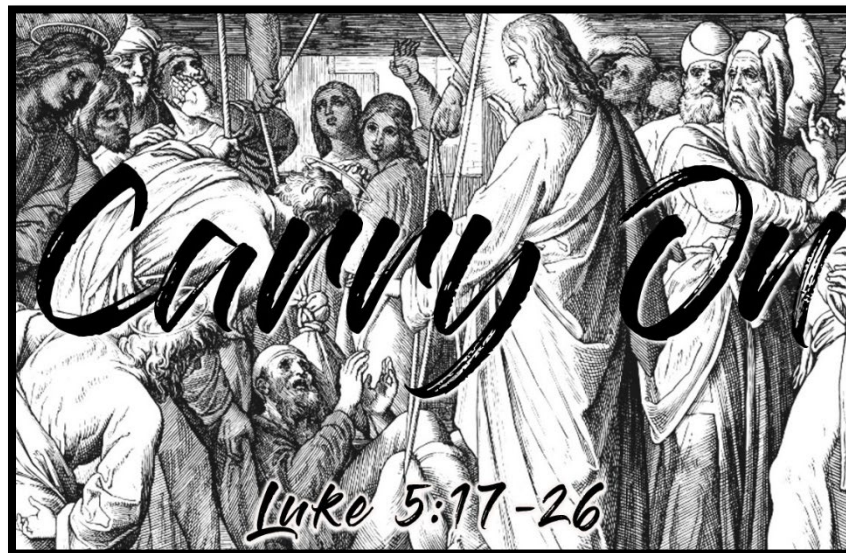
Ryan Robertson, Kent McDougal, Lois Klopfenstein, Rod & Kathy Roth, Dineal Armenta (Roni's sister)

**CPMC Prayer Request** We pray for our sister congregations in Iowa: Cedar Falls, Christ Community, Des Moines, First Mennonite of Iowa City, East Union, West Union, Wellman, Washington, Wayland, Sugar Creek, Pleasant View, and Donnellson.

**MMN Prayer Request** Join Mennonite Mission Network in praising God for the three-way learning partnership that builds up the body of Christ through Meserete Kristos Seminary, with two campuses in Debre Zeit and Nazareth, Ethiopia; Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, in Elkhart, Indiana; and Mission Network. Pray for deepened faith on both the African and North American continents.

### LAST SUNDAY

Offering: Home Missions \$1,634; Missions \$250; Conference \$250



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## **July 27, 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](https://facebook.com/sugarcreekmennonitechurch)

**Prelude/Offertory:** Tamara Zechin  
**Worship Leader:** Mark & Linda Boshart  
**Song Leader:** Dana Oswald  
**Accompanist:** Kathy Yoder

### **Gathering**

Welcome & Announcements  
Silent Preparation  
Call to Worship & Opening Prayer

### **Praising**

*WB 14 Come, we that love the Lord*  
*WB 366 God of grace and God of Glory*

### **Hearing the Word**

Scripture Reading: Luke 5:17-26 (p. 48)  
Message: Pam Gerig Unruh, "Carry On"

### **Responding**

*WB 362 Help us to help each other*  
Offering: Home Missions & Loose Change (8/3 Missions)  
Sharing & Prayers

### **Sending**

Benediction  
*As you go out from here*

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

## **NEXT SUNDAY**

- Keith Zehr

### **SUGAR CREEK NEWS**

**Committee Positions:** For the upcoming church year, there are open positions on fellowship, worship, education and extension committees. Church council asks that you please consider helping fill these open positions. Job descriptions are in the library.

**Fellowship:** Please use the signup link or contact Mary Jo Richard to provide cookies for fellowship time this summer:  
[signupgenius.com/go/4090E45AEAB2DA0FA7-50902927-sugar](https://signupgenius.com/go/4090E45AEAB2DA0FA7-50902927-sugar)

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### **TODAY**

- Anointing: If you wish to be anointed, please come forward after the service.

#### **TUESDAY, JULY 29**

- **7:00 PM:** Worship Planning, MYF Room

#### **TUESDAY, AUGUST 5**

- **6:30 PM:** Elders Meeting

#### **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6**

- **9:00 AM:** Mennonite Women, Fellowship Hall
- **11:00 AM:** Parkview Devotions

#### **SUNDAY, AUGUST 17**

- Church at Crooked Creek Christian Camp. More details to come! Please let Katy know if you would like to stay at camp Saturday night.

#### **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20**

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

#### **SUNDAY, AUGUST 24**

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

#### **SUNDAY, AUGUST 31**

Joint service with Wayland Mennonite, at Sugar Creek. No Sunday School.

- **9:15 AM:** Fellowship Time
- **10:00 AM:** Worship Service

**JULY 27, 2025**  
**AREA NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CPMC: Head of School Opening at Freeman Academy** – Freeman Academy (Freeman, SD) is seeking an interim Head of School to begin in fall 2025. This individual will provide educational and spiritual leadership for a K-12 Mennonite school, which has a strong fine arts tradition and rich history of serving the church and community. To learn more about Freeman Academy, please visit [freemanacademy.org](http://freemanacademy.org). To apply or for more information, email [SearchCommittee@freemanacademy.org](mailto:SearchCommittee@freemanacademy.org).

**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](http://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).

**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-ups are open for Summer Work Nights on Thursday, August 7 and 21 from 5-7 p.m. Individuals or groups (age 8 and up) are welcome to join. Sign up at [tinyurl.com/CC-summer](http://tinyurl.com/CC-summer) to reserve your spot!

**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: We've Got A Problem To Solve!** – Do you have a passion for math and a knack for inspiring young minds? Maybe you're looking for a rewarding teaching experience? Hillcrest Academy is currently seeking a Math Teacher to join their dedicated high school faculty and would love to meet you or someone you might know. Check out [hillcrestravens.org/joinourteam](http://hillcrestravens.org/joinourteam) for all the details.

**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.

**Iowa Mennonite Action:** Iowa Mennonite Action invites you to join with them, Escucha Mi Voz, and the Iowa City Catholic Worker and get involved in supporting our neighbors who ICE has targeted. A protest is planned for July 29<sup>th</sup> at 12 pm at the Cedar Rapids Federal Building (111 7<sup>th</sup> Ave SE, Cedar Rapids, IA). This is a call to bring Pedro Pascual home and release Noel Lopez. They are our Iowa neighbors, not criminals. Join together for a canned food delivery and a request to bring our neighbors home. For more information, go to Escucha Mi Voz ([facebook.com/escuchamivozia/](https://facebook.com/escuchamivozia/))

**MCC: MCC's School Kit Challenge is back!** – The notebooks and pencils that devoted supporters like you lovingly pack into MCC school kits help kids write their own success stories, and rulers provide hope beyond measure. School kits provide these and other essential supplies that families navigating war, displacement or financial struggles would not be able to buy otherwise. Join the 2025 School Kit Challenge and help MCC provide 25,000 school kits for 25,000 kids this summer. See the table in the foyer for a donation list.

**Know Your Rights Virtual Training, August 14 & 15** – Led by MCC Central States Immigration Program Coordinator Abraham Diaz Alonso. This virtual training will help facilitate information to vulnerable immigration populations. Sign up today! <https://mcc.org/events/know-your-rights-training> Reach out to [abrahamdiazalonso@mcc.org](mailto:abrahamdiazalonso@mcc.org), 956.904.7092 with questions.

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

**MCUSA:** Last year, MC USA awarded Justice Fund grants to nine congregations involved in dismantling racism, addressing police brutality, reimagining policing and combating poverty. Read their inspiring stories and learn more about how your congregation can apply for the grant. Applicants planning to use the funds for immigration or climate justice will receive priority in 2025. Read more here: [mennoniteusa.org/justice-fund-2025](https://mennoniteusa.org/justice-fund-2025)

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](https://bonfire.com/store/mc-usa-gear)

Watch the Church Vitality webinar, discussing changes to MC USA abuse prevention and accountability policies here: [mennoniteusa.org/webinar/prevention-accountability](https://mennoniteusa.org/webinar/prevention-accountability)

After her uncle died, Linda Lehman Thomas, a spiritual director for the Mennonite Spiritual Directors Network, sought out a spiritual director to heal childhood trauma, but it affected her life even more deeply than she expected. Read more about her experience in her Menno Snapshots blog here: [mennoniteusa.org/meeting-spiritual-director](https://mennoniteusa.org/meeting-spiritual-director)

Beryl Jantzi, Everence director of stewardship education, shares three tips on how people can enhance their act of giving deeper. Read his Menno Snapshots blog here: [mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/spiritual-worship-includes-finance](https://mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/spiritual-worship-includes-finance)

**MMN: Just Peace Pilgrimages –**

- **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.
- **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

To register for these pilgrimages or to inquire about scheduling a group trip, 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)

**Parkview:** Parkview Home is seeking some part-time volunteer help doing some light yard work and other yard-based cleanup. We have several areas that need attention to weed control and some sprucing up. If anyone is willing and able, please call and ask for Ron. Thank you!