

Adults Sunday School

Fall Salt & Light: The Soul of a Nation

Unit 1, Session 2: "Remember God's Actions" Joshua 1:1-11

MYF

- **Sept. 13** – Parent Meeting followed by Bible Study, 6PM
- **Sept. 27** – Bible Study, 6PM

JYF

This fall, JYF will meet Wednesday evenings from 6-8 PM, Sept. 23–Nov. 25 for a meal, Bible study, and games in the Wayland Mennonite Church basement.

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: Ledru Freyenberger, Jim & Jane Miller and Matt & Jen Slagel

Pray for those dealing with medical issues: 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, Lois Klopfenstein

Pray for those at Parkview: Opal Reschly, Anita Swartzendruber 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 Pray for those who will attend the Women's Retreat at Swan Lake Christian Camp next weekend. May it be a weekend of rejuvenation, fellowship and learning.

MMN Prayer Request Praise God that SEMILLA is now offering a diploma in the Bible, leadership and youth ministry for young Mennonites. Pray for students participating in this program, whose classes began last week.

LAST SUNDAY

Offering: will be reported next week

John 14:12 niv

"Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father."

September 13, 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 Leaders: Dana Oswald, Kylie Miller, Anitha Barrera &
Bridgett Oepping

Gathering

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

Praising

Goodness of God
Who You Say I Am
Awesome God

Hearing the Word

Scripture Reading: John 14:8-17 (p. 83)
Message: Hugh Hollowell, "Greater Things"

Responding

Oceans
Offering: Missions (9/20 Home Missions)
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

- Pam Gerig Unruh, Matthew 20:1-16

SUGAR CREEK NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

Annual Business Meeting: Please reach out to Klinton Garrett if you have any agenda items to include for the annual meeting, scheduled for Wednesday, September 30 at 6PM in the Fellowship Hall. A light supper will be served, followed by the meeting.

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

Meal Train: Victoria Perez is currently receiving dialysis. Let's show our love and support to the Perez family for a few weeks with some meals! Please use the signup: <mealtrain.com/42wk15>

Mennonite Women: We will meet on the third Wednesday of the month to coincide with Lunch Bunch. We will continue our mission of tying comforters for MCC beginning at 9AM or whenever it works for you. Come join us!

Nursery Assistant: The nursery is available for children two and under during Sunday School and church. Helpers needed!
<signupgenius.com/go/60B0E4FA8AC29A5FB6-62786804-nursery>

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

- **9:00 AM:** Mennonite Women, Fellowship Hall
- **11:30 AM:** Lunch Bunch, Fellowship Hall
- **1:00 PM:** Worship Planning, MYF Room
- **6:00 PM:** Church Council Meeting, MYF Room

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

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

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

SEPTEMBER 13, 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

Crowded Closet: Want to spread more hope in this world? Join a Work Night at Crowded Closet! Your service empowers communities with hope and builds peace through MCC. Signup is open for Thursday, September 17 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/ccworknight.

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.

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 soon from any junior Hillcrest student or online at hillcrestravens.org/porksupper.

Frank Brenneman Art - For the fall semester, the Hillcrest Art Gallery will be featuring the work of the late Francis Brenneman, "The Pencilist." This exhibit celebrates Francis Brenneman's artwork, creativity, and lifelong dedication to his craft. Read more at hillcrestravens.org/frankbrenneman. The gallery is open to the public during events in Celebration Hall and during the school day (please check in at the main office).

Iowa Mennonite Historical Society: *Swords beaten into plowshares? And a peace dove?* Join us at the Fall Festival in the Kalona Historical Village Saturday, September 26, 11:00 AM-12:00 PM in the entertainment tent. Dr. Tom Meyers will give the history of the Conscientious Objector status as an alternative to military service for the Amish and Mennonites. Dr. Nyle Kauffman will share WWI & WWII stories of are men who served in the CO status.

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: Mennonite Central Committee is evaluating, working with local partners, and responding to recent disasters, please join us in supporting:

- Nepal flooding response: MCC is responding to the impact of deadly flooding in Nepal. Please pray for the people who have been affected by this disaster. MCC is working with local partners to provide food, supplies and trauma support to those in need. We welcome your donations. Donate to MCC's response at mcc.org/nepal-flooding
- Colombia earthquake: MCC is also providing emergency relief in Colombia following the 7.4-magnitude earthquake. Donate to MCC's response at mcc.org/colombia-earthquake

MCUSA: *Marco Güete walks the Camino to support Hispanic Ministries-* On Sept. 6, Marco Güete, director of MC USA's Hispanic Ministries, and his wife, Sandra, will begin an 18-day, 143-mile pilgrimage on the Camino de Santiago from Portugal to Spain. This is Güete's fourth pilgrimage to raise funds for theological education and leadership development for Hispanic Mennonite pastors and leaders. His goal this year is to raise \$25,000.

- Read the news release here: <https://bit.ly/4c9Qrtk>
- Follow MC USA on Facebook for updates on their journey: <https://www.facebook.com/MennonitesUSA>
- To support Hispanic Ministries, give online here: <https://bit.ly/4qAQiVO>

Webinar on journaling and wellness - Join *The Corinthian Plan* on Sept. 10 at 7 p.m. ET for "Journaling: Writing Toward Wellness." Well-being specialists Anne Blackwood and Ruth Johnston will explore journaling as a practice for well-being, psycho-spiritual health and spiritual growth. Register for the free webinar here: <https://bit.ly/4wHS1tX>

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. Learn more and register here: 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 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.

Zion Mennonite Church: You are invited to our anniversary weekend September 26-27, 2026! Join us as we celebrate 175 years of worship, faith, fellowship, and community in Donnellson, Iowa. Historical tours, a presentation, grill out supper, fellowship, worship service, lunch, and hymn sing — all centered around remembering God's faithfulness through 175 years of Zion Mennonite Church. To view the schedule and RSVP, visit zionmennoniteiowa.org/175.html. We look forward to gathering with friends, family, former members, and neighbors for a special weekend together.