

Adults: Discussion Class

- Ch. 5 of *Resident Aliens: Life in the Christian Colony* by Stanley Hauerwas and William H. Willimon.

MYF

- **10/13:** Bible Study in the MYF Room, 6-7:30 PM

JYF

- **Wednesdays:** 6-8PM at the Wayland Mennonite Church Basement for a meal, some games, and Bible study.



This week please remember in prayer Kendall, Sarah, Nora & Ivy Leichty

Pray for those dealing with medical issues: Pauline Wyse, Kathy Roth, Jan Widmer Hadley, Opal Reschly, Hannah & Josiah Creamer, Cindy Harms

To better provide care for those in the hospital, please contact Pam or an elder if you or a family member are (or will be) hospitalized.



The oil lamp is lit every service as a reminder to pray for peace and for the people of our world who are caught in war and violence.

CPMC Prayer Request As Pastor Appreciation Month commences we give thanks for all the faithful shepherds in Central Plains Mennonite Conference! Our conference is blessed with the leadership of so many good pastors!

MMN Prayer Request Yesterday, students at the Mennonite Evangelical Theological Center of Asunción (CEMTA), in Paraguay, concluded a two-day spiritual retreat. Pray for the retreatants as they incorporate what they experienced into their daily lives. C. Paul and Hildi Amstutz, of Mennonite Mission Network, have led these annual retreats for 13 years. Praise God that CEMTA sees the value of these retreats and includes them as part of the students' first year of studies.

LAST SUNDAY

Offering: Conference \$1,845; General Fund \$500; Home Missions \$38; Missions \$30 CCCC \$25



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

Worship Leader: Matt Slagel
Song Leader: Heather & Brian Herschberger
Music: Tamara Zechin

Gathering

STJ 2 Come, walk with us
Welcome & Announcements
Silent Preparation
Call to Worship & Opening Prayer

Praising

STJ 27 God of the Bible

Hearing the Word

Skit of John 6:1-15, 25-40: Tamara & Kevan Zechin
Video Sermon: Michele Herschberger, "Jesus is More than
Enough"

Responding

Communion
Come to the Table of Grace
WB 472 I am the Bread of life
Sharing & Prayers

Sending

Benediction
WB 546 Guide my feet, v. 1 & 5

*Offering for this week is for Home Missions (10/13 Missions) and
will be collected at the back of the sanctuary.

Thank you to Sheldon & Lori Miller for serving as ushers today.

NEXT SUNDAY

- Pam Gerig Unruh

SUGAR CREEK NEWS & EVENTS

Bible Reading Challenge: October's reading challenge is the
book of Acts. Check your mailboxes!

CROP: The WACO CROP Drive 2024 will be taking place from
October 6 to November 3 with a goal of \$35,000. Please give
generously when contacted by a CROP Canvasser. Thank you!

Extension: Sugar Creek has volunteered to provide JYF meals
for this month. Please let Lori Miller know if you are able to
provide a meal for 15-20 on October 16 or October 30. Thanks!

For the CCCC 5th Annual Online Auction Fundraiser in December,
they are requesting themed gift baskets from each congregation.
Baskets are due by November 8. Let Lori Miller know if you are
interested in putting one together.

Fellowship: Please use the signup link for cookie time, or contact
Mary Jo Richard: signupgenius.com/go/4090E45AEAB2DA0FA7-50902927-sugar

Pastor Appreciation: October is Pastor Appreciation Month!
"Dear brothers and sisters, honor those who are your leaders in
the Lord's work. They work hard among you and give you spiritual
guidance." ~1 Thessalonians 5:12 NLT

TODAY

- Communion
- Baskets for the Elders' Sharing Fund are set out today. This is
used at the discretion of the Elders to take care of special needs
in the congregation and in our community.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16

- **11:00 AM:** Parkview Devotions
- **11:30 AM:** Lunch Bunch, Fellowship Hall. Bring a friend!
- **7:00 PM:** Church Council, MYF Room

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3

- Weekend with Pastoral Candidate and Potluck following church

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AREA NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CPMC: Save the Date! CPMC and the Ecuador Partnership will host a 10-day service trip and learning tour to Riobamba and Quito, Ecuador from February 28 - March 9, 2025. We are looking for up to 10 volunteers. The group will assist the Anabaptist Mennonite Christian Church of Ecuador (ICME) churches in Riobamba with building projects for their respective facilities. This falls over the Carnival holiday week, so we look forward to many of their church members participating, too. More details coming soon. If any interest, please complete this form by November 3, to receive all future communications regarding the trip:

forms.gle/5TFyMUR6g2Bo9Jjz6. Questions? Contact Joel Beachy (joel.beachy@eastunionmennonite.org).

Cradle of Hope: Monday, October 14th is "Community Impact Night" at Mt. Pleasant Pizza Ranch. Come on out to eat some good food and see our Cradle Team. 10% of the sales & all tips come to us!

CCCC: We have lots of exciting events coming up this fall! Save the date and join us.

- October 15 - Lunch and Lecture, 9:30 am at the Retreat Lodge. Jan Eichelberger Hochstetler will be sharing about her new book, *Always More to Learn*. Registration now open on our website: crookedcreekcamp.org/senior-day-registration.html
- November 1-3 - Fall craft retreat at the Retreat Lodge. Registration now open on our website: crookedcreekcamp.org/craft-retreat-registration.html
- November 12 - Annual SIMCA member meeting
- December 3-8 - Online auction fundraiser

Crooked Creek Christian Camp is currently hiring for housekeeping assistants! Join the Crooked Creek cleaning crew that helps maintain and clean our buildings. Our facilities wouldn't look the same without these incredible behind the scene workers that wipe, sweep, mop, and more to help give guests the best camp experience. This position is part-time with flexible hours. Visit our website for more information and to apply.

Crowded Closet: Crowded Closet Thrift Shop is hiring for a new position, Volunteer Engagement Assistant (part-time), to support our expanding volunteer community. As Crowded Closet Thrift Shop experiences growth, so does our volunteer team which currently includes around 400 active volunteers. Crowded Closet is adding a Volunteer Engagement Assistant to support the coordination and recruitment of volunteers. Contact Christine Maust Beachy, Volunteer Manager, crowdedcloset.volunteer@gmail.com or 319-337-5924.

Crowded Closet seeks an experienced leader to fill the role of Director. Learn more about this position at crowdedcloset.org/director. Apply by October 25.

Hillcrest: Here is the link for the October issue of *The Bridge*: mailchi.mp/150e5d284a5b/the-bridge-october

Harvest Party - On Saturday, October 19 4:30-7:00 PM, the FFA will be hosting a Harvest Party for 4th-8th Graders. We'll provide a light supper and there'll be games and other goodies. We'll be outside, so please dress accordingly. And bring a friend! Sign up at hillcrestravens.org/4th-8thevents by Sunday, October 13.

Fall Concert - The concert will be held on Sunday, October 20 at 3:00 PM in Celebration Hall, under the direction of Mikayla Tackaberry and Aura Strohschein. The performance will feature both vocal and instrumental ensembles.

Iowa Mennonite Historical Society: Please join the Iowa Mennonite Historical Society in their fall meeting at Hillcrest Academy on Monday evening, October 14, at 7 pm. The program will center around local World War I conscientious objectors and the exhibit, *Voices of Conscience*, from the Kauffman Museum in North Newton, Kansas, about WWI COs will be open for viewing.

Iowa Mennonite Museum and Archives in Kalona is looking to hire a director (part time). Duties include museum administration, office work, communication (including *Reflections*, our quarterly newsletter), supervision of staff and volunteers, finances, and Fall Festival. Contact Nyle Kauffman (319-936-2430) for details if interested.

MCC: *MCC immigration-focused learning tour in South Texas, Oct. 6-11:* The tour will give participants the chance to meet with law enforcement officials from Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), gain insights into the complexity of immigration enforcement, including deportation and apprehensions, and visiting migrant response shelters. The tour will shed light on the challenges faced by migrants on their journey and raise awareness about the asylum process, and conditions faced by displaced and uprooted individuals. Find out more and register for the trip by Sept. 20:

mcc.org/events/immigration-learning-tour-south-texas-0. Questions, please contact Becky Teiwes, MCC Central States Borderlands Program Coordinator at beckyteiwes@mcc.org.

Join MCC Great Lakes for the Dismukes Project Learning Tour on October 9-13: Learn more about Black history and experiences in the coalfields of Appalachia, while also learning the incredible story of Dr. Henry Dodford Dismukes, an African American physician in the early 1900's. Participants will visit various sites connected with Dr. Dismukes, hear from local speakers, learn about MCC's work to preserve Black history in the area and attend the Dismukes Gala featuring John Ellison. Learn more and register at mcc.org/dismukes-learning-tour. Tickets are also available separately for the Dismukes Gala on October 12 at mcc.org/dismukes-gala. Learn more about Dr. Dismukes and the project, including a video and podcast, at mcc.org/dismukes.

MCC seeks a full-time HR Recruiter and Central States HR Generalist. As HR Recruiter, this position supports general recruitment and selection processes for openings across the organization. As a regional HR Generalist, this individual is the front-line HR contact for all local employees, assisting with a range of HR tasks, and redirecting to specialist colleagues as appropriate. This position can be based in Kansas, Texas, Colorado, Montana, or Minnesota with a preference for North Newton, Kansas office. Apply online by October 23: mccglobal.my.site.com/MCCJobs/s/vacancy-details?vacancyId=a2SIV0000008rgf2AA

Responding to the crisis in Lebanon and Gaza: Up to a million people in Lebanon have been displaced in the last few days due to increasing military attacks. And the grave humanitarian crisis in Gaza continues. You can donate and provide relief today. MCC continues to respond to the needs of displaced people in Lebanon and Gaza. MCC is providing relief to recently displaced people in Lebanon with food, hygiene, bedding and psychosocial support. Please pray for an end to the violence and for a just peace in Israel and Palestine. Donate online at mcc.org/palestine-israel

MCUSA: Mennonite Church USA's Peace and Justice ministry has launched the latest Learn, Pray, Join initiative this week, with a focus on conflict transformation. mennoniteusa.org/news/lpj-conflict-transformation/

The Mennonite Church USA Executive Board focused on healthy processes for denominational decision-making and reimagining organizational change at its meeting on August 22-25, 2024, in Greensboro, North Carolina, the site of the upcoming Follow Jesus '25 convention. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/executive-board-reimagination

Mennonite Church USA has named the worship planning committee for the Follow Jesus '25 biennial convention, which will take place at the Koury Convention Center in Greensboro, North Carolina, July 8-12, 2025. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/follow-jesus-25-worship

Deb Byler, spiritual director for the Spiritual Directors Network and member at Hively Avenue Mennonite Church and Piedra Viva Mennonite Church, shares how having a spiritual director at various points in her life has led her to share the gift and provide direction to others, across cultures, on their spiritual journeys. Read more about her story here: mennoniteusa.org/cross-cultural-blessing

Mira Grieser and Kimberly Schmidt, members of Hyattsville (Maryland) Mennonite Church, have been working to transform Hyattsville Mennonite Church's back swamp into a native species habitat. Mira shares about their progress thus far: mennoniteusa.org/transforming-back-swamp

Mennonite Men: *Living that Matters in Retirement* – 5:00p Friday – 4:30p Saturday, October 18-19: Come and experience a company of brothers seeking a meaningful life that matters in retirement. This gathering is geared for men contemplating retirement, recently starting retirement, and for men who have been retired for significant periods of time. It will include gatherings with focused conversations, meaningful rituals, and delicious meals together. There will also be time for solitude in the rolling hills, meadows, and woods of The Hermitage in Three Rivers, MI. Details and registration at mennonitemen.org/Pages/Living-that-Matters-in-Retirement.aspx

Olson-Powell Chapel & Crematory: We believe grief support is a great need in our community and we are pleased to offer a grief seminar this Fall. The program will be Tuesday, October 8, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in Manning Hall at St. Alphonsus Church (607 S Jackson St, Mt. Pleasant) with speaker Joan Rodgers. If you have any questions, please call 319-385-1998. SAVE THE DATE: Holiday Grief Program & Candlelight Memorial Service, November 14, 6:00 p.m., First United Methodist Church, Mt. Pleasant.

Washington Mennonite: Registration is open for Washington Mennonite Church's Dessert Theater on November 15-17! Join us for drama, music and dessert around the theme of "Wild Hope." For more information or to register online visit <https://washmenno.weebly.com/dinner-theater.html> or see the brochures in your church building.