

Adults Sunday School

Salt & Light: Exclusion and Embrace – From Grief to Joy

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



Remember in prayer this week: Dick & Orpha Yoder and Gerald & Mary Jo Freyenberger

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)

Pray for the leaders and youth involved in JYF and MYF. Pray for God to bless the leaders with wisdom, understanding, and love for the youth they lead. Pray for God to bless the children and youth with willing hearts and the chance to be examples to others.

CPMC Prayer Request Pray for Jim Shellenberger who is being installed as the pastor of Bethel Mennonite Church in Mountain Lake, MN. Pray for God's blessing on the ministry that Jim and Bethel share.

MMN Prayer Request Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Laura Schlabach, who, for the past two years, has served on the interim executive director team for JCS International, in addition to being the organization's finance and IT director. Pray for wisdom, energy and patience for Laura, as she carries a double workload for this consortium of mission agencies in Mongolia. Pray for the executive director search committee as they work through the recruiting process.

LAST SUNDAY

Offering: Missions \$1,310; General Fund \$550



*“Martha, Martha,
you are worried and upset
about many things, but only
one thing is needed.”*

Luke 10:41

July 20, 2025



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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

Prelude/Offertory: Kathy Yoder
Worship Leader: Matt Slagel
Song Leader: Kathy Roth
Accompanist: Kathy Yoder

Gathering

STJ 9 Come, now is the time to worship
Welcome & Announcements
Silent Preparation
Call to Worship & Opening Prayer

Praising

WB 76 Praise, I will praise you, Lord

Hearing the Word

Scripture Reading: Luke 10:38-42 (p. 55)
Message: Orlando Redekopp, "Sugarcreek Sisters"

Responding

STJ 13 My soul is filled with joy
Offering: Home Missions (7/27 Home Missions & Loose Change)
Sharing & Prayers

Sending

Benediction
STJ 73 The Lord lift you up

Thank you to Josh & Stephanie Miller for serving as ushers today.

NEXT SUNDAY

- Pam Gerig Unruh

SUGAR CREEK NEWS

Children's Sunday School: August 31 is still open to teach the 2yo-6th graders this summer. Please consider signing up using the link, or contact Tawnya or Katy. If no one signs up, there will be no children's Sunday school that day.
signupgenius.com/go/60B0E4FA8AC29A5FB6-56493628-childrens

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

To the MYF: You all did a wonderful job in sharing your experiences you received at convention. I hope you each continue on your journey in "Following Jesus". You certainly showed your commitment, time, and willingness in accepting this challenge.
~Melba Widmer

UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY

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

TUESDAY, JULY 29

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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17

- Church at Crooked Creek Christian Camp

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

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AREA NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CPMC: 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.

Crowded Closet: Crowded Closet Thrift Shop is thrilled to introduce Eva Anderson as our new Volunteer Manager. Eva says, "I'm so excited to be joining the Crowded Closet team! When I saw the position, I lit up—knowing I could be part of an organization whose mission aligns with my faith and values, and in a role that lets me spend time with people. I'm a people person at heart—I love connecting folks and building up our community, especially when I can help people use their God-given gifts to serve others." Learn more about Eva in your bulletin insert. Eva begins her new role Monday, July 14th. Please give her a warm welcome--stop by to say "hi" or drop her a line at crowdedcloset.volunteer@gmail.com. Thank you!

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 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 for more information.

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: Ervin R. Stutzman, 72, who served as MC USA's first moderator and second executive director, died on June 3, 2025. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/news/ervin-r-stutzman-dies

The Church Planting Grant nurtures MC USA-affiliated missional peace churches. New church plants — churches that are less than three years old — can apply for the \$5,000 grant each year from May 1 to July 31. Learn more and apply here: mennoniteusa.org/thrive-grant

As part of MC USA's Learn, Pray, Join: Undoing Patriarchy blog series, Daniela Lázaro-Manalo reflects on the myth of moon goddess, Coyolxauhqui, and how this myth relates to her own story and the invitation to divine love that she sees through it. Read her thoughts here: mennoniteusa.org/lessons-from-moon

Stanley W. Green, executive conference minister of Pacific Southwest Mennonite Conference, in consultation with the Pacific Southwest Mennonite Conference Board, addresses the immigration raids and protests in Los Angeles and around the country. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/los-angeles-letter

When Rebeka Moeljono moved from a small midwestern town to the big city, she experienced a deep shift in how she approached her spiritual life, as well as her spiritual direction. Read more about her experience in her Menno Snapshots blog here: mennoniteusa.org/finding-god-city

MMN: *Just Peace Pilgrimages* –

- **Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples:** 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; register by August 1.
- **Civil Rights Pilgrimage:** Led by MC USA Executive Director Glen Guyton, this young-adult focused, multiracial pilgrimage through the southern United States fosters 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

Find your place in Service Adventure! – Openings remain for the 2025-26 service term. Mission Network's program for ages 17-20 offers young adults a chance live in community with people your age and a unit leader, serve with a local nonprofit, and grow in faith formation and leadership. To learn more and to apply, visit MennoniteMission.net/ServiceAdventure.