

### Adult SS Classes

- *Salt & Light* meets in the library
- Discussion SS Class: John 21:1-17 this Sunday. We will begin the new book, *Resident Aliens: Life in the Christian Colony* by Stanley Hauerwas and William H. Willimon, on Sept. 8. It is available as a Kindle download if you prefer the digital version.

### MYF

- **Aug. 25:** Kickoff pool party @Mike & Maria's, 5-7pm. Invite your friends! We're excited to add Jay & Rachel Meyer as sponsors this year!
- **Sept. 1:** Old Threshers Turkey Grill, 9am-9pm.
- **Sept. 15:** Parent meeting followed by MYF Bible Study, 6-7:30pm in the Sugar Creek Fellowship Hall.



**This week please remember in prayer** the kids and teachers who have begun a new school year!

**Pray for those dealing with medical issues:** Hannah & Josiah Creamer, Kathy Roth, Cindy Harms

**Congratulations to Klinton & Sidney Garrett** on the birth of their son, Lee Klinton, who was born Wednesday, August 21. We wish God's blessing on Lee and his family and pray that he grows loving, strong, and healthy. The rose on the altar is for Lee.

**CPMC Prayer Request** Pray for the graduates of Instituto Biblico Anabautista (IBA). They are celebrating today at Iglesia Cristiana El Balsamo, Muscatine, IA.

**MMN Prayer Request** Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for the 25 congregations that make up Colombia Mennonite Church (IMCOL). Pray that IMCOL will realize its goals of strengthening its Anabaptist identity and organizational capacity.

### LAST SUNDAY

Offering: Home Missions \$6,689; General Fund \$5,450; Missions \$2,820; Conference \$1,250



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## August 25, 2024

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:** Mark & Linda Boshart

**Song Leader:** Dana Oswald

**Music:** Tamara Zechin

### Gathering

Welcome & Announcements

Silent Worship – Lighting of the Christ Candle

Call to Worship & Opening Prayer

### Praising

*WB 120 Holy, holy, holy!*

*WB 366 God of grace and God of glory*

### Hearing the Word

Children's Story: Dana Oswald – Back to School & Preschool  
Recognition

Scripture Reading: Galatians 3:23 – 4:7 (p. 145)

Message: Pam Gerig Unruh, "Trust the Trainer"

### Responding

*WB 363 Renew your church*

Offering: General Fund & Loose Change (9/1 Home Missions)

Sharing & Prayers

### Sending

Benediction

*Doxology*

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

### NEXT SUNDAY

- **10:00 AM:** Joint service @Wayland Mennonite, Karla Stolfus-Detweiler speaking

## SUGAR CREEK NEWS & EVENTS

**Annual Reports:** Please submit annual reports to Katy no later than Monday, September 16.

**Bulletin:** Next week's bulletin will be printed on Wednesday, 8/28, so please have any announcements to Katy by 9AM. There will be no office hours on Thursday. Thank you!

**Creamer Family:** If you would like to donate to the Creamers, you may earmark offering checks. Contact Katy if you would like their address to send well wishes or donations directly to them.

**MCC School Kits:** Mennonite Women are still collecting MCC school kits through the end of August! Without these items, many kids can't get the education they desperately need. See complete list in the foyer or in mailboxes. Donations are also accepted.

**Worship:** As we begin a new school year, we also begin a new year of planning for church life together. The worship committee invites each person to consider what ways you could share the gifts that God has given you in our worship services. We could use people who are interested in worship arts, video team, music, drama, ushering, leading worship or other ideas that might be on your hearts. Please reach out to Tamara Zechin at 319-217-2456 if you want to volunteer.

### **TODAY**

- Back to School & Preschool Recognition
- Anointing: If you would like to be anointed, please go forward after the service

### **AUGUST 29-SEPTEMBER 2**

- Old Threshers Turkey Grill

### **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4**

- **9:00 AM:** Mennonite Women, Fellowship Hall

### **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8**

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

### **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9**

- Elders Retreat

### **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18**

- **7:00 PM:** Church Council, MYF Room

### **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25**

- **6:00 PM:** Annual Meeting, Fellowship Hall. Join us for the annual business meeting! Meal & fellowship at 6pm with the meeting to follow. Childcare will be provided.

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**AREA NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Bethel Church:** You're welcome to join a night of worship and great music on Saturday, September 14th at 6:00pm at Bethel Church with the Calvarymen. The Calvarymen are a Southern Gospel Music group from Hartsville, Missouri. If you can't catch them that evening, they will be at Lower Deer Creek Mennonite Church in Kalona on Sunday the 15th at 10:00am. We hope to see you there!

**Concert:** Bad Angle Events is hosting *Authentic Unlimited* in Celebration Hall on the campus of Hillcrest Academy on Sunday evening, September 29. They offer a powerful and energetic approach to bluegrass/gospel music and are one of the hottest bluegrass groups around. More information and tickets at [BadAngleEvents.org](http://BadAngleEvents.org).

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

- September 29 - We Sing for Sundaes, 4:00pm at Sunset Shelter
- October 15 - Lunch and Lecture, 9:30am at the Retreat Lodge. Jan Eichelberger Hochstetler will be sharing about her new book, *Always More to Learn*. Registration coming soon.
- November 1-3 - Fall craft retreat at the Retreat Lodge. Registration coming soon.
- November 12 - Annual SIMCA member meeting
- December 3-8 - Online auction fundraiser

**Crowded Closet:** *You are invited to Crowded Closet Thrift Shop's Discovery Day, Thursday, August 29, 10-11:30am.* Guests will tour shop operations, learn about the history and mission of Crowded Closet, and meet volunteers. Attendees receive a Crowded Closet t-shirt and will be entered in a drawing for a gift card. Anyone who refers a friend to Discovery Day can also be entered in the drawing! RSVP by emailing Christine Maust Beachy, Volunteer Manager, [crowdedcloset.volunteer@gmail.com](mailto:crowdedcloset.volunteer@gmail.com) or call 319-337-5924.

*Looking for a meaningful career?* Join a team motivated by compassion, community, service, and sustainability. Crowded Closet is hiring for a Processing Assistant (FT) and Processing Assistant (PT). Lead a team of staff and volunteers toward donation processing goals. Apply at [crowdedcloset.org/employment](http://crowdedcloset.org/employment) today! Know someone who'd be a great fit? Please encourage them to apply.

**Hillcrest: School Theme** - Hillcrest's theme for the coming year is GRACE. God's grace is so big that it covers every part of our lives and even every part of creation. The Bible talks about grace both as forgiveness and as the power that God works in us as we live out our faith in Jesus. As Paul puts it in our theme verse: "The Lord said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.' Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me" (2 Corinthians 12:9). Our hope is that each student, teacher, staff member, and community member who comes through Hillcrest this year encounters the transforming grace of Jesus. We invite you to join us on this journey through prayer and fellowship in the coming year.

**School Prayer Group** - "A solemn request or expression of thanks addressed to God." As a Hillcrest community, prayer is an important aspect of living, learning, and serving. On the first Monday of the month during the 2024-25 school year, there will be a prayer gathering on campus to pray for and support Hillcrest Academy. Everyone is invited to spend an hour each month to cover the students, faculty/staff, and activities in prayer. Because of Labor Day, the next meeting will be Mon, Sept 9 at 9:00 AM. If you or anyone in your family is interested in these gatherings, RSVP to Lorene at [rbender@netins.net](mailto:rbender@netins.net).

**MCC: URGENT OPENING:** Would you or someone you know consider serving a two-year term as an MCC mobile canner operator? Do you want to gain new skills while traveling across the country? To learn more, contact Joe Miller at [joemiller@mcc.org](mailto:joemiller@mcc.org) or call 717-808-2417.

**MCUSA:** Call for blogs! Members of MC USA who were not raised in a Mennonite tradition or people who grew up in MC USA but feel that they have actively chosen to remain Mennonite as they grew into their faith are invited to submit a 500-900 word "Menno by Choice" blog about why they have actively chosen to be a Mennonite. Learn more here: [mennoniteusa.org/form-choice-request](http://mennoniteusa.org/form-choice-request)

Steve Griffin, the pastor of Bellwood Mennonite Church, Milford, Nebraska, chronicles his journey from leaving the Pentecostal church to Calvinism and to finally finding his home in Anabaptism. Read more here: [mennoniteusa.org/pentecostalism-to-anabaptism](http://mennoniteusa.org/pentecostalism-to-anabaptism)