



SEPTEMBER 1, 2024

10:00 AM: Worship Service at Wayland Mennonite Church

Offering: Home Missions (9/8 Missions)

NEXT SUNDAY

- Pam Gerig Unruh, Galatians 5 & 6

SUGAR CREEK NEWS & EVENTS

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

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.

Fellowship: Here is the link for the cookie time sign-up for September-November:

signupgenius.com/go/4090E45AEAB2DA0FA7-50902927-sugar

Meal Train: Following the birth of Lee Klinton Garrett, join us in showing our love and support for Klinton & Sidney by delivering meal/treats over the next few weeks. Please use the link to sign up, or contact Katy for details: mealtrain.com/trains/edyq1e

Updates: Please submit any changes to contact information or quarterly resources to Katy by Monday, September 23.

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 the worship committee (Tamara, Maria, Dana, Pam or Justin) if you want to volunteer. Thank you!

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.

This week please remember in prayer Wilbur & Deb 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.

CPMC Prayer Request We pray for our sister congregations in North and Central Iowa: Cedar Falls MC, Cedar Falls, IA, Christ Community, Des Moines, IA, and Des Moines MC, Des Moines, IA.

MMN Prayer Request Today is the Day of Prayer for Creation, promoted by Season of Creation, an ecumenical organization of prayer and action. Mennonite Church USA and Mission Network are members of

this global community. Join in lamenting the harm human beings have inflicted on the Earth, and pray that we will discover unity, as we work together as caretakers of God's creation.

LAST SUNDAY

Offering: General Fund \$1,823; Home Missions \$40

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 Hartville, 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.

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

- September 29 - We Sing for Sundaes, 4:00 at Sunset Shelter
- 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

Hillcrest: *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.

MCUSA: MC USA's Climate Justice Ministry has selected two recipients and one honoree for the Generation Z Energy and Spirit Challenge. The award winners are Taftsville Chapel Mennonite Fellowship, Taftsville, Vermont, and The Freeman Project, Freeman, South Dakota. Hillcrest Academy, Kalona, Iowa, has received an honorable mention. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/gen-z-energy-spirit-challenge

Mennonite Church USA presented Tina Schlabach and Abby Endashaw with the 2024 MC USA Bring the Peace award. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/btp-2024-award-winners

Check out the summer issue of *Equipping*, Mennonite Church USA's quarterly resource newsletter for pastors and leaders here: mennoniteusa.org/equipping-july-2024 Subscribe to *Equipping* here: mennoniteusa.org/equipping-subscribe

The MC USA Women in Leadership steering committee gathered in Valley Village, California, on July 16-18, to plan the 2025 Women in Leadership Summit. Open to all women across MC USA, this one-day event will be on Tuesday, July 8, 2025, in Greensboro, North Carolina, immediately preceding the Follow Jesus '25 convention. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/women-in-leadership-plan