

### Adult SS Classes

- *Salt & Light* meets in the library
- Discussion SS Class: Ch. 2 of *Resident Aliens: Life in the Christian Colony* by Stanley Hauerwas and William H. Willimon.

### MYF

- **TODAY:** Parent meeting followed by MYF Bible Study, 6-7:30pm in the Sugar Creek Fellowship Hall.

### JYF

- **9/25:** Fall JYF is here! 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders, join us Wednesdays from 6-8pm at the Wayland Mennonite Church Basement for food, games and Bible study. We will begin with 'Everyday Theology: What You Believe Matters.' Check out the JYF Facebook page for more info and updates!



**This week please remember in prayer** Jim & Jane Miller

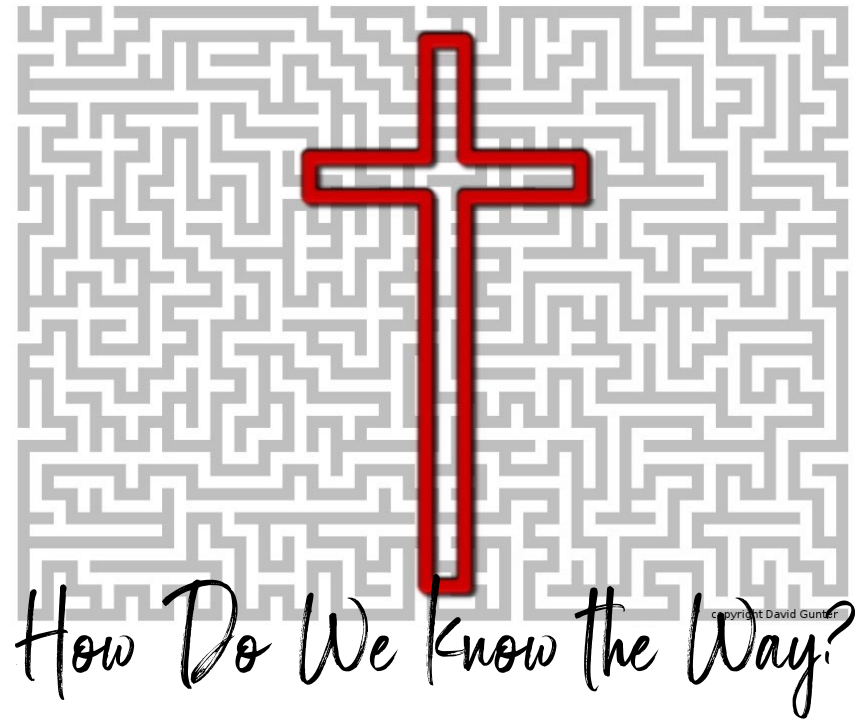
**Pray for those dealing with medical issues:** Pauline Wyse, Kathy Roth, Jan Widmer Hadley, Opal Reschly, Hannah & Josiah Creamer, Cindy Harms

**CPMC Prayer Request** Pray for our sister churches in Eastern Iowa: First Mennonite of Iowa City, East Union, West Union, Wellman, Washington, Wayland, Sugar Creek and Pleasant View Mennonite Churches.

**MMN Prayer Request** Mennonite Mission Network's Service Adventure participants are learning to live in new households, integrating into their hosting congregations and settling into their service assignments. Pray for the participants, as well as Samir Knego, leader of the unit in Anchorage, Alaska, and Christian and Leigha Stoltzfus, who are leading the Colorado Springs unit in Colorado.

### LAST SUNDAY

Offering: Home Missions \$2,950; Missions \$1,226; General Fund \$550



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## **September 15, 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](https://facebook.com/sugarcreekmennonitechurch)

**Worship Leader:** Pam Gerig Unruh

**Song Leader:** Tamara Zechin

**Music:** Tamara Zechin

### **Gathering**

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

### **Praising**

*WB 14 Come, we that love the Lord*  
*Summoned by the God Who Made Us*

### **Hearing the Word**

Scripture Reading: John 14:1-14 (p.83)  
Message: Nathan Luitjens, "How Do We Know the Way?"

### **Responding**

Reflection & Music  
Sharing & Prayers

### **Sending**

Benediction  
*WB 546 Guide my feet, v. 1 & 2*

\*Offering for this week is to Home Missions (9/22 Hillcrest/CCCC)  
and will be collected at the back of the sanctuary.

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

## **NEXT SUNDAY**

- Michele Herschberger CPMC Video Sermon Series

### **SUGAR CREEK NEWS & EVENTS**

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

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

[signupgenius.com/go/4090E45AEAB2DA0FA7-50902927-sugar](https://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](https://mealtrain.com/trains/edyq1e)

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

**Worship:** We need some volunteers! Worship committee needs people who would like to lead songs or do various tasks in the balcony with video. Both of these opportunities to serve our church are very valuable for our worship experiences. Please let us know if you are interested.

### **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.
- **6:00-8:00 PM:** JYF begins, Wayland Mennonite Basement

### **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2**

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

### **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3**

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

### **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9**

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

### **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13**

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

### **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16**

- **11:00 AM:** Parkview Devotions

**SEPTEMBER 15, 2024**  
**AREA NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**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).

**Cradle of Hope:** Monday, October 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

- 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](http://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](http://crookedcreekcamp.org/craft-retreat-registration.html)
- November 12 - Annual SIMCA member meeting
- December 3-8 - Online auction fundraiser

**Hillcrest:** *A Half Century of Sweetness: Hillcrest at the Kalona Fall Festival* - For 50 years, our beloved apple fritters have been a staple at the Kalona Fall Festival - almost from the beginning. Once again, our PTO will be operating their historic apple fritter booth at the Kalona Fall Festival on September 27 & 28. Fifty years is a long time! It's a milestone we're incredibly proud of, and we want to celebrate with you. And while you're at the festival, be sure to check out the Hillcrest Academy musical groups who will be performing on Friday, September 27 at 11:00 AM. Also be sure to stop and say hello to the Hillcrest Academy FFA students who will be helping Jim Yoder '67 grind corn and wheat meal at the grain mill.

**Homecoming Weekend** - Join us on campus on October 4-5, 2024 for Homecoming & Alumni Family Weekend. Friday night at 7:00 PM, alumni will take the pitch for the annual alumni soccer match. Also this year, on Saturday we are planning for the Joetown Classic 5K (morning) and the annual Pork Supper (evening). Check out [hillcrestravens.org/homecoming](http://hillcrestravens.org/homecoming) for more details. The Joetown Classic is a 5K run/walk around our campus and Joetown. This year's event will be on Saturday, October 5. Register now at [hillcrestravens.org/joetownclassic](http://hillcrestravens.org/joetownclassic). The annual Pork Supper sponsored by the Hillcrest Academy junior class will be October 5, 2024. The meal will be served from 4:30-7:00 PM in Hillcrest Union (gymnasium). Cost per meal is Adults \$12, Seniors 65+ \$10, Children age 4-12 \$6, age 3 and under free. Tickets can be purchased from a junior Hillcrest student or at the door. The entire meal will also be available for takeout.

**Iowa Mennonite Historical Society:** For the October 2024 Reflections Issue for the Mennonite Historical Society of Iowa, Mennonite family, church, and community cookbooks will be the topic. I want to hear from you! We're looking for the following information:

1. The recipe, page number, and the cookbook title or source. Example: Notecard of Grandma Erma Yoder's Pumpkin Bread. If you would prefer to attach pictures of all this information instead of rewriting/retyping, just attach them to the email below.
2. A short paragraph of a memorable story or explanation of why you like it.
3. We'd love to include a photo of yourself, family, or friends enjoying it, if you can.

Thank you for your participation. Please send the info to [iamennohist@gmail.com](mailto:iamennohist@gmail.com) or MHSI, PO Box 576, Kalona, IA 52247

**Kalona Banquet:** The Gospel Echoes Team will be holding a prison ministry banquet on Wednesday, October 2, 2024 at 6:30 PM at the Sunnyside Mennonite Church (501 14<sup>th</sup> St, Kalona). The evening will include a homestyle dinner, music by the Harvest Team, Gingerich Family and John Schmid, and a prison ministry presentation. Tickets required. Public invited! For complimentary tickets, contact Henry & Fannie Schlabach 319-930-0888 or Dan & Edie Kemp 319-936-0909. A freewill offering will be received for the ministry.

**MCC:** *MCC immigration-focused learning tour in South Texas, Oct. 6-11:* MCC learning tours present a unique opportunity to engage directly with the work done by MCC and partner organizations. 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](https://mcc.org/events/immigration-learning-tour-south-texas-0). Questions, please contact Becky Teiwes, MCC Central States Borderlands Program Coordinator at [beckyteiwes@mcc.org](mailto:beckyteiwes@mcc.org).

*Join MCC Great Lakes for the Dismukes Project Learning Tour on October 9-13:* This learning tour provides a unique experience to 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](https://mcc.org/dismukes-learning-tour). Tickets are also available separately for the Dismukes Gala on October 12 at [mcc.org/dismukes-gala](https://mcc.org/dismukes-gala). Learn more about Dr. Dismukes and the project, including a video and podcast, at [mcc.org/dismukes](https://mcc.org/dismukes).

**MCUSA:** Save the date! MC USA is pleased to announce that the 2025 biennial national gathering and leading faith formation event, Follow Jesus '25, will take place July 8-12, 2025, at the Koury Convention Center in Greensboro, North Carolina. Learn more here: [mennoniteusa.org/convention](https://mennoniteusa.org/convention)

Spiritual director Reuben Chupp shares a poem about finding silence as a means to prepare for meetings with his spiritual directees. Read more here: [mennoniteusa.org/i-need-silence](https://mennoniteusa.org/i-need-silence)

Jon Carlson, moderator for Mennonite Church USA, shares his story of how he came to call the Mennonite church home the family-like belonging that has felt since joining this church. Read his story here: [mennoniteusa.org/finding-home-mennonite-church](https://mennoniteusa.org/finding-home-mennonite-church)

**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. Whether you are grieving yourself or you know someone who is, this FREE informative grief program, based on the work of well-known grief author Alan Wolfelt, will be just for you. 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, Mount Pleasant

**Parkview Home:** All are invited to attend an informational Medicare meeting at Parkview on Saturday, September 21, 2024 from 1-2 PM, in the Community Event Center (lower level). Deb Roth and Senator Mark Lofgren will be on hand to meet you and answer any questions and offer legislative insights. With so many Medicare plans out there, the rules and options are confusing and at times, hard to navigate. This FREE educational session will enable folks to make a better decision concerning Medicare plans and Medicare in general.

**Reunion Potluck:** Were you a part of the Southeast Iowa Young Adults who met during the 1970's-1990's? We hope you can join us for a Reunion Potluck on Saturday, September 21, at Bethel Church rural Wayland, beginning at 5:30pm to reminisce, and eating at 6:30pm. Table service and drinks will be provided. Please RSVP by texting Marsha Gingerich Diener at 816-738-0948.

**Senior Citizen Health Fair:** Join us October 2, 2024 from 9-11:30 AM at the Calvary Baptist Church in Mt. Pleasant. This free event provides opportunities for flu and COVID vaccines, blood pressure checks, and information about services available in our county. Refreshments will be served.

**Washington Mennonite:** Mark your calendars for Washington Mennonite Church's Dessert Theater on November 15-17! Join us for drama, music, and dessert around the theme of "Wild Hope." Friday and Saturday shows will start at 7:00pm and the Sunday show will start at 2:30pm. Watch your bulletins for more info and reservation forms in the next few weeks.