

### Adult SS Classes

- Salt & Light: Meets in the SW classroom by the sanctuary
- *The Good & Beautiful Community*: Discussion over Ch. 1

### MYF News

- **Sept. 24** – Bible Study, location TBA, 6-7:30 PM
- **Oct. 7** – Fun night at CCCC – pack your overnight bag!  
You're invited to stay for the church service & lunch Wayland Mennonite is hosting Sunday morning at camp.

### JYF News

- **Sept. 27** – Join us for supper, games and faith-based group discussion. All 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders welcome! Wayland Mennonite Church basement, 6:30-8:30 PM



**This week please remember in prayer** Jeremy & Jodie Loving and Matt, Jen, Gavin & Corinne Slagel

**Pray for those dealing with medical issues:** Randy Roth (surgery recovery), Linda Boshart (back surgery recovery), Niall Dameron (Connie's nephew), Dan Stutzman, Roni Stowers, Orpha Yoder (surgery recovery), Cheryl Payne (Lori Leichty's friend, cancer), Fred Rugg, Jeremy Niemeyer (Wilbur & Debbie's nephew), Micah (Kent's godson), Martha Hernandez (CPMC - Ramiro's wife, chemo), Carol Long

**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** 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** Praise God for Kate Widmer, who is serving with Mennonite Mission Network, and La Prairie (The Prairie) Mennonite congregation in France, as they build relationships with immigrants in their neighborhood. Kate's sewing classes have become popular. Pray that Kate will be able to share God's love as she helps women make clothes for their families.

### LAST SUNDAY

Offering: Missions \$1,477; General Fund \$150



September 17, 2023



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### **September 17, 2023**

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:** Jeremy, Kylie & Ayla Miller

**Song Leader:** Kathy Roth

**Piano/Organ:** Abbey Shelman

### **Gathering**

Welcome & Announcements

Silent Worship – Lighting of the Christ Candle

*WB 5 There is a place of quiet rest*

Call to Worship & Opening Prayer

### **Praising**

*WB 151 Marvelous grace of our loving Lord*

Confession

*Create in me a clean heart*

### **Hearing the Word**

First Reading: Exodus 14:19-31 (OT p. 47)

Second Reading: Romans 14:1-12 (NT p.124)

Gospel Reading: Matthew 18:21-35 (NT p. 15)

Message: Kent McDougal, “‘Un-Forgiven’ – the Parable, not the Movie”

### **Responding**

*WB 336 When peace, like a river*

Offering: Home Missions (9/24 Hillcrest/CCCC & Loose Change)

Prayers of the People

### **Sending**

Benediction

*God be with you*

Thank you to Garry & Lori Leichty for serving as ushers today.

### **NEXT SUNDAY**

- Kent McDougal, Matthew 20:1-16

### **SUGAR CREEK NEWS**

**All-Church Project:** Through the end of the month, Mennonite Women and the church will collect MCC School Kits. Each should contain: 4 spiral notebooks (70 sheets), 8 unsharpened pencils, 12 colored pencils, 4 blue or black pens, 1 large pink eraser, and 1 flat ruler.

**Extension:** Sugar Creek is signed up to take meals for 15-20 JYF and leaders for October 18, and 25. Anyone willing to take food please contact Lori Miller: 319-759-1068. Thank you!

**Fellowship/Hospitality:** Please see the signup link for the fall cookie time schedule, or contact Vi Graber:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090e45aeab2da0fa7-sugar7#/>

On Sunday, September 24, our fellowship time will be in honor of Kent McDougal for his last Sunday with us. Join together for this special time of fellowship and thanks to Kent for serving as interim pastor this last year.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27**

- **11:00 AM:** Parkview Devotions
- **6:00 PM:** Annual Meeting, Fellowship Hall. Join us for a light meal followed by the annual business meeting and sharing by the Pastoral Search Committee.

#### **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30**

- **8:00 AM:** Church Deep-Cleaning. Many hands make light work!

#### **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1**

- **10:00 AM:** We are excited to join Wayland Mennonite for their worship service to hear Guest Speaker Michelle Hershberger from Hesston; no SS or church at Sugar Creek

#### **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8**

- Guest Speaker, Orlando Redekopp

**SEPTEMBER 17, 2023**  
**AREA NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CPMC:** Central Plains Mennonite Conference Outreach and Service and Mennonite Mission Network present: A Civil Rights 'Just Peace' Pilgrimage, November 3-10, 2023. MMN will lead CPMC pilgrims in exploring what God is doing to bring about justice and peace in the world and the ways in which we can participate in such movements. Your pilgrimage might begin in Tennessee or Georgia with visits to places like the National center for Human and Civil Rights. Then travel to Alabama and Mississippi for fellowship and prayer with Mission Network Partners, guided walking tours, and museums. Cost of participation in the pilgrimage is \$800 +airfare per person. We anticipate that there will be scholarships and/or cost assistance available – stay tuned. For a sample itinerary, to learn more, sign up, or donate toward the cost of others going on the trip, see our website: [centralplainsmc.org/cpmc-civil-rights-pilgrimage-2023](http://centralplainsmc.org/cpmc-civil-rights-pilgrimage-2023)

**Cradle of Hope:** Monday, October 16 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 and all tips come to us.

**Crooked Creek Christian Camp:** So many exciting events are coming up this fall at CCCC! Save the date and join us:

- We Sing for Sundaes - September 17 at 5:00 at Sunset Shelter. Join us for hymns and homemade ice cream
- Lunch and Lecture (formerly Senior Day) – October 5 at 9:30 am at the Retreat Lodge. Dean Rhodes will be sharing about "The People I've Met Along the Way". A soup lunch will be served. For more information and to RSVP visit our website: [crookedcreekcamp.org/lunch-and-lecture.html](http://crookedcreekcamp.org/lunch-and-lecture.html)
- Craft Retreat – November 10-12 – Registration coming soon!
- 4th Annual Online Auction – November 28-December 3

**Crowded Closet:** Crowded Closet Association churches from the Wayland area are invited to a holiday work night together on Thursday, September 28, 5-7pm at Crowded Closet Thrift Shop. Twenty volunteers are needed! Support our busiest time of this record setting year at the Closet! Volunteers will stock holiday inventory, build Christmas trees, process donations, and help where needed most in shop operations! For more information, see the Crowded Closet Association Rep at your church or contact Christine Maust Beachy, Volunteer Coordinator, [crowdedcloset.volunteer@gmail.com](mailto:crowdedcloset.volunteer@gmail.com) or 319-337-5924.

**Fairview Mennonite Church:** Saturday, October 1 at 6:30 PM the Gospel Echoes Team will be holding their prison ministry concert at Fairview Mennonite Church in Kalona, IA. The evening will include gospel music and a prison ministry presentation. For more information, contact Conrad Hertzler: 319-512-6186.

**Hillcrest:** ICE CREAM SOCIAL - Following the varsity volleyball game on Thursday, September 28 versus Highland, 5th-8th graders and families are invited to an ice cream social hosted by the National Honor Society. Please RSVP at [hillcrestravens.org/5-8 events](http://hillcrestravens.org/5-8 events) by September 25. Also on Thursday, September 28 during the Ravens volleyball games, the 2023 1A State Golf Championship banner will be presented to the team.

**HOMECOMING WEEKEND** - Join us on campus on October 13-14, 2023 for Homecoming & Alumni Family Weekend. This year, we are planning for the Joetown Classic 5K (Saturday morning) and the annual Pork Supper (Saturday evening). After the Joetown Classic everyone will have the opportunity to view the solar eclipse with special glasses provided by Everence. And after the Pork Supper, join alumni and friends on the pitch for the Alumni Soccer Match with kickoff around 7:30 PM. Check out [hillcrestravens.org/homecoming](http://hillcrestravens.org/homecoming) for more details.

- **JOETOWN CLASSIC 5K** - Part of Homecoming is a 5K run/walk called the Joetown Classic. This year's event will be on Saturday, October 14. Make sure you sign-up by September 23 to get a cool, eclipse-themed t-shirt. Register now at [hillcrestravens.org/joetownclassic](http://hillcrestravens.org/joetownclassic).
- **PORK SUPPER** - The annual Pork Supper sponsored by the Hillcrest Academy junior class will be October 14, 2023. 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.

**HILLCREST AT THE KALONA FALL FESTIVAL** - Our apple fritters have been a staple of the festival almost from the very beginning. Once again, our PTO will be operating their historic apple fritter booth at the Kalona Fall Festival on September 29 & 30. And while you're at the festival, be sure to check out the Hillcrest Academy musical groups who will be performing on Friday, September 29 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.

**MCC:** The MCC School Kit Challenge is going strong, thank you for helping us meet our goal of gathering 10,000 school kits in the month of August! Did you know that school kits now include 4 new blue or black ballpoint pens? The MCC material resources center in North Newton is very low on pens and notebooks. Please keep these needs in mind as you see these items for sale this month. Buy online and ship it to MCC or bring items to MCC in North Newton (121 E. 30th St, North Newton, KS 67117). Questions are always welcome, please contact [katemast@mcc.org](mailto:katemast@mcc.org) or 316.283.2720. A full list of MCC kit contents and other challenge resources can be found at [mcc.org/school-kit-challenge](http://mcc.org/school-kit-challenge).

**MCUSA:** In a time of transition, ordained and board-certified chaplain, Ruth Johnston, found herself seeking God's guidance for a new calling. Through the recommendations of her spiritual director, Ruth learned to lean on her passions to discover where God was leading her next. Read more here: [mennoniteusa.org/gods-guidance-spiritual-direction](http://mennoniteusa.org/gods-guidance-spiritual-direction)

Kevin Chupp, pastor at Mennonite Church of Normal (Illinois) in Central District Conference and a graduate of Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, uses his experience with clerical garb to explain why the church's openness in theology and dress drew him to the Mennonite tradition. Read his experience here: [mennoniteusa.org/openness-pulpit](http://mennoniteusa.org/openness-pulpit)

**Mom Café:** We would like to invite all moms to join us for a monthly gathering during which we eat delicious treats, discuss the ups and downs of motherhood with other moms, learn valuable ideas for our families and share from our hearts with one another. Starting on September 12, we will meet on the second Tuesday evening of every month from 6-7:30pm at Saint Alphonsus Catholic Church in Mount Pleasant. At this time, we do not provide childcare. Even if you can't join our in-person gatherings, feel free to connect to our Facebook page (Mom Cafe) where we often post local events that are fun for the entire family. If you have any questions, please reach out to Tamara Zechin at 319-217-2456 or Amy Bly at 507-696-0838. Hope to see you soon!

**Parkview:** Parkview Home in Wayland is seeking a Director at Large (on the Board). Those with a genuine interest in the success of Parkview Home attend monthly Board Meetings representing Wayland, Iowa. Must be a resident of Wayland and/or close to the surrounding area. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Ron Semler at [parkviewwayland@gmail.com](mailto:parkviewwayland@gmail.com) or 319-256-3525.