

Adult SS Classes

- *Salt & Light* meets in the library
- Discussion SS Class: Ch. 1 of *Resident Aliens: Life in the Christian Colony* by Stanley Hauerwas and William H. Willimon.

MYF

- **Sept. 15:** Parent meeting followed by MYF Bible Study, 6-7:30pm in the Sugar Creek Fellowship Hall.



This week please remember in prayer Kevan, Tamara & Kevan III Zechin

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

Pray for Iglesia Menonita Centro Cristiana, the Hispanic church plant in Washington, as they witness, preach, and teach the Word.

CPMC Prayer Request Pray for those who will attend the Women's Retreat at Swan Lake Christian Camp next weekend. May it be a weekend of rejuvenation, fellowship and learning.

MMN Prayer Request Andi Santoso, Mennonite Mission Network's regional director for Asia and the Middle East, and Joe Sawatzky, Mission Network's mission education specialist, along with David Boshart, president of Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, began two weeks of teaching in Indonesia yesterday. Pray that God's love, truth and light may be revealed through this time of learning together.

LAST SUNDAY

Offering: Home Missions \$750; General Fund \$550



Keep Running

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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>

Worship Leader: Josh Miller

Song Leader: Nathan Luitjens

Music: Kathy Yoder

Gathering

Welcome & Announcements

Silent Worship – Lighting of the Christ Candle

Call to Worship & Opening Prayer

Praising

Hymns of Praise

Hearing the Word

Scripture Reading: Galatians 5:7-10, 16-24 & 6:2, 15 (p. 146)

Message: Pam Gerig Unruh, "Keep Running"

Responding

Responding Hymn

Offering: Missions (9/15 Home Missions)

Sharing & Prayers

Sending

Benediction

Doxology

NEXT SUNDAY

- Nathan Luitjens

SUGAR CREEK NEWS

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>

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!

EVENTS

TODAY

- **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.

Thank you to Gary & Maretta Conrad for serving as ushers today.

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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 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: *HILLCREST at the FALL FESTIVAL* - Can you believe it?! 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.

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. Questions, please contact Becky Teiwes, MCC Central States Borderlands Program Coordinator at 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. Tickets are also available separately for the Dismukes Gala on October 12 at mcc.org/dismukes-gala. Learn more about Dr. Dismukes and the project, including a video and podcast, at mcc.org/dismukes.

MCUSA: Virginia Mennonite Conference reaffirmed its relationship with Mennonite Church USA at its 2024 Summer Delegate Assembly. Read the full story by June Miller here: mennoniteusa.org/virginia-to-remain

On September 16, 2024, at 7 p.m. ET/4 p.m. PT, join presenter Ross Erb, associate director of the Collins Center, and host Nancy Kauffmann, interim denominational minister of Church Safety, for an informational webinar on the vital importance of recognizing possible signs of grooming that lead to abuse. Grooming often goes undetected until abuse has caused significant harm and damage. With years of experience in dealing with this issue, Ross will help us better understand what grooming is, how to identify it, and how to prevent it. Register here: mennoniteusa.org/safe-church-sept-registration

Doug Luginbill reflects on a Mennonite Mission Network Civil Rights learning tour that he took with Central District Conference earlier this year. During this tour, he learned the broader meaning of “potlikker,” a word he and his siblings used during their youth. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/potlikker

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.