

Adults Sunday School

No SS this week!

Sept. 13 - *Fall Salt & Light: The Soul of a Nation*

Unit 1, Session 2: "Remember God's Actions" Joshua 1:1-11

MYF

- **TODAY** – MYF Kickoff, Tim & Lisa Graber's pool, 2-4 PM. We're excited to start another year of MYF and to see each of you after being off for the summer!
- **Sept. 6** – Old Threshers Turkey Grill (open to close). Please remember to sign up – this is a huge fundraiser for our Cincinnati convention trip next summer!



Remember in prayer this week: Brad Roth, Lori Leichty, Elsie Leichty, Josh & Stephanie Miller, Larry & Vi Graber, Ron & Diana Miller, Nancy Eichelberger, and Wilbur & Deb Leichty

Pray for those dealing with medical issues: Tiana Schlatter, Roni Stowers, Victoria Perez, Erika Leichty Seymore, Keith Zehr, Toni Roth, Deb Roth, Paul VonTersch, Sheldon Miller, Dick Yoder, Arlene Wenger, Roxanne Rogers (Kathy Yoder's sister), Cindy Freyenberger Harms, Lois Klopfenstein

CPMC Prayer Request We pray for our sister churches in Montana: Lame Deer MC, White River Cheyenne MC, and White Chapel MC.

MMN Prayer Request Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Pamela Obonde, who has joined the administrative team of Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission (AIMM), as a church and donor relations coordinator. AIMM and Mission Network collaborate closely in ministries on the African continent. Pray for Pamela, who is based in Manitoba, Canada, as she builds bridges across agencies, cultures and nations.

LAST SUNDAY

Offering: General Fund \$5,600; Home Missions \$5,145

Church at Camp



AUGUST 30, 2026

No Sunday School

10:00 AM: Worship

11:00 AM: Potluck Lunch

Singing

Welcome

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

Group Scripture Scavenger Activity

Singing

Offering: General & CCCC (9/6 Home Missions)

Announcements, Sharing & Prayers

Benediction

Singing

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We gather beneath the wide sky, surrounded by the beauty of God's creation.

C: "The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it." (Psalm 24:1)

L: The heavens declare God's glory, and the skies proclaim God's handiwork.

C: We praise you, Creator of heaven and earth. Your majesty fills all creation. (Psalm 19:1)

L: The trees of the forest sing for joy before the Lord.

C: We join creation's song of praise to our Creator. (Psalm 98:8)

L: The mountains and the hills burst into song, and all the trees of the field clap their hands.

C: May our lives also bear witness to your goodness and love. (1 Chronicles 16:33)

L: From the smallest flower to the tallest tree, from the gentle breeze to the mighty storm—

C: Every part of creation reveals your wisdom and your care. (Job 12:7-10)

L: O Lord, how numerous are your works! In wisdom you have made them all.

C: The earth is full of your creatures, and we give you thanks. (Psalm 104:24)

L: As we worship in this place, surrounded by your creation,

C: Open our eyes to your beauty, our ears to your voice, and our hearts to your presence.

L: Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.

C: Praise the Lord! Amen. (Psalm 150:6)

NEXT SUNDAY

• Pam Gerig Unruh: Joint service at Wayland Mennonite, 10 AM. No Fellowship Time or Sunday School.

SUGAR CREEK NEWS

Annual Reports: Please submit committee reports to Katy by August 31!

Bulletin: Next week's bulletin will be printed on Tuesday, 9/1. Please have all items to Katy by 9AM. There will be no additional office hours that week; normal hours will resume after Labor Day.

Drivers Needed! Victoria Perez is receiving dialysis 3 times a week and needs rides. She will need to be picked up at 10:15 AM from home, (111 W Front St, Wayland) and taken to Mt. Pleasant. Alfredo will pick her up afterward. Please use the signup. Thanks! signupgenius.com/go/60B0E4FA8AC29A5FB6-65407209-rides#

Meal Train: Let's show our love and support to the Perez family for a few weeks. Please use the signup: mealtrain.com/42wk15

Mennonite Women: We will meet on the third Wednesday of the month to coincide with Lunch Bunch. We will continue our mission of tying comforters for MCC beginning at 9AM or whenever it works for you. Come join us!

Turkey Grill: If you would like to help with the Old Threshers Turkey Grill, please sign up in the foyer or contact Tim Graber.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 3-7

• Midwest Old Threshers Reunion

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

• **10:00 AM:** Joint Worship Service at Wayland Mennonite. *No Sunday School or Fellowship Time*

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

• **11:00 AM:** Parkview Devotions, Gerald Freyenberger

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

• **6:30 PM:** Game Night, Fellowship Hall. Bring a snack to share!

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

• **9:00 AM:** Mennonite Women, Fellowship Hall
• **11:30 AM:** Lunch Bunch, Fellowship Hall
• **1:00 PM:** Worship Planning, MYF Room
• **6:00 PM:** Church Council Meeting, MYF Room

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AREA NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Crowded Closet: Want to spread more hope in this world? Join a Work Night at Crowded Closet! Your service empowers communities with hope and builds peace through MCC. Sign-ups are open for Thursday, September 3 & 17 from 5-7 p.m. Individuals or groups (age 8 and up) are welcome to join. This is a great activity for your Sunday School class, mentor/mentee or other group! Sign up is easy; reserve your spot at tinyurl.com/ccworknight.

Everence Financial: *Free Medicare workshops* Medicare education with you in mind! We'll cover enrollment details and deadlines, how Social Security impacts Medicare decisions, prescription drug coverage, and plans that supplement Medicare. Bring your questions and we will be happy to answer them. Refreshments and light snack will be provided. In-person workshops held at the Pleasantview Friendship Center (811 3rd St Kalona, IA) Sept. 21 - 5:30 p.m. and Oct. 19 - 5:30 p.m.

Hillcrest: *School Year Theme* - This year, our theme UPSIDE DOWN KINGDOM, calls us to the heart of true greatness. In Mark 10:42-45, Jesus turns the world's idea of leadership upside down, saying greatness isn't found in power or position, but in humble service to others. As a school community, we're committing to lead by putting others first, serving with open hands, and following the example of Jesus who came not to be served, but to serve. We invite you to join us on this journey through prayer and fellowship in the coming year. Wish you could see what chapel is all about? Come join us! All our chapels are open to the public. Join us at 9:42 AM in Celebration Hall any Monday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday. Tuesdays are when we meet in our small groups.

SAVE THE DATE - Save the date for Homecoming Weekend on October 16-17, 2026. Join us for a weekend filled with fun, friends, and school spirit. Stay tuned for more details on the Joetown Classic 5K and the Pork Supper. This year, the classes scheduled to have a reunion are the classes with graduation years ending in 6 and 1. If alumni have questions about Homecoming or their reunion, please contact the Office of Advancement (jours@hillcrestravens.org) or check out hillcrestravens.org/homecoming.

MCUSA: Join Mennonite Church USA on Nov. 6-7 in Leola, Pennsylvania, for "Waging Peace: A Militarism Summit," a two-day gathering to explore faithful responses to war, political polarization, nationalism and violence through an Anabaptist lens. High school youth attend free when accompanied by a youth pastor or sponsor. Read the news release here: mennoniteusa.org/news/mc-usa-hosts-militarism-summit/ Learn more and register here: mennoniteusa.org/militarism-summit/

MC USA's Iris de León-Hartshorn shares three faith-based practices for leading change — letting go, embracing experimentation and modeling the way of Jesus — to help church leaders navigate transformation with hope and grace. Read her Menno Snapshots blog here: mennoniteusa.org/change-leadership/

Subscribe to *Equipping*, Mennonite Church USA's free quarterly digital resource digest. Each issue shares timely resources, practical tools, learning opportunities, grants and upcoming events from across the denomination to help pastors, leaders and churches thrive. Sign up today at: <https://bit.ly/3Tajczp>

The Global Anabaptist Mennonite Encyclopedia Online (GAMEO) recently celebrated its 30th anniversary as an open-access repository focused on Mennonite and Anabaptist communities, history and theology. Devon Miller, MC USA archives coordinator, was also welcomed to the board. Read more and learn how you can contribute updates to GAMEO here: mennoniteusa.org/news/gameo-marks-30-years/

MMN: *Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples Just Peace Pilgrimage* LOCATION CHANGE: Journey to the Homeland of the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation in central Washington. You and your community are invited to engage with contemporary Indigenous realities, explore the histories of Indigenous Peoples, and examine the complexities of Indigenous-settler relations. What might it mean for your community to stand in solidarity with Indigenous Peoples and actively contribute to the work of truth-telling and repair? Hosted by the Coalition to Dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery and led by Coalition Executive Director Sarah Augustine. Dates: September 22-26. Contact: Stephanie Weaver, StephanieW@MennoniteMission.net Learn more and register: MennoniteMission.net/JustPeace

Looking for a meaningful way to use your gifts while building new friendships? Want a truly different kind of family vacation? Mennonite Mission Network's SOOP program is for you! Service Opportunities with Our Partners (SOOP) offers flexible service terms at 60 locations for individuals ages 25+ and families of all ages. Housing and meals are sometimes provided. Discover the joy of working together, growing in faith, and

creating lasting memories! Visit MennoniteMission.net/SOOP to learn more.

Service Adventure and Mennonite Voluntary Service It's never too early to start thinking about the future. Registration for the 2027-28 service terms for Service Adventure and Mennonite Voluntary Service begins in October! Youth and young adults who are leaving high school, leaving college, or anywhere in between can find their place in one of these two programs. Visit MennoniteMission.net/Serve to learn more.

Prayer Vine Subscribe to Mennonite Mission Network's Prayer Vine, a monthly newsletter containing daily prayer requests for our workers, participants, and partners. Thank you for your prayers! Visit MennoniteMission.net/Prayer to subscribe and see all our prayer materials.

Mennonite Mission Network is hiring! MMN is seeking a strategic executive leader with a strong finance and accounting background and CPA credentials to serve as its next Senior Executive of Finance and Operations. Through sound financial stewardship, this senior executive will lead their department in ensuring that our domestic and international ministries have the resources, systems, and operational support they need to thrive. You can find this and our other job openings on our website at MennoniteMission.net/Employment.

Upper Deer Creek: A Soul Care Conference with Dr. Rob Reimer will be hosted at Upper Deer Creek Church on November 5-7, 2026. Dr. Reimer's book "*Soul Care*" and his conferences have helped thousands to lose lifelong pain and struggle, to gain a new life of freedom and fullness in Christ. More details and registration are found at renewalinternational.org/upcoming-events. The Early Bird price of \$130 is available until September 1, regular price is \$155. Three lunches are included in both prices. We hope you'll pick up his book to read, and join us at the conference.

Zion Mennonite Church: You are invited to our anniversary weekend September 26-27, 2026! Join us as we celebrate 175 years of worship, faith, fellowship, and community in Donnellson, Iowa. Historical tours, a presentation, grill out supper, fellowship, worship service, lunch, and hymn sing — all centered around remembering God's faithfulness through 175 years of Zion Mennonite Church. To view the schedule and RSVP, visit zionmennoniteiowa.org/175.html. We look forward to gathering with friends, family, former members, and neighbors for a special weekend together.