

Adults: SS Discussion Class

- Ch. 4 of *Resident Aliens: Life in the Christian Colony* by Stanley Hauerwas and William H. Willimon.

MYF

- **TODAY:** Bible Study in the MYF Room, 6-7:30 PM
- **10/5:** Can sorting at Corey Farmer's bin, 10:30 AM

JYF

Fall JYF is here! 7th & 8th graders, join us Wednesdays from 6-8pm at the Wayland Mennonite Church Basement for a meal, some games, and Bible study. This Fall's theme is "Everyday Theology". Hope you can join us! For more information about JYF, contact Pastor Josh Wenger: joshwenger88gmail.com or 319-541-9307 or visit the JYF Facebook page.



This week please remember in prayer Corey, Renae, Madelyn & Ryker Farmer

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

Baskets for the Elders' Sharing Fund will be set out next week. The Elders' Sharing Fund is used at the discretion of the Elders to take care of special needs of individuals and families in the congregation and in our community.

CPMC Prayer Request Pray for CPMC ministry staff as they travel throughout the conference, that they would be safe on the road and that they would give and receive blessings wherever they go.

MMN Prayer Request Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Anicka Fast, as she fosters collaborations that cross academic disciplines and national boundaries, and as she teaches global church history and archiving skills throughout Africa. Pray for her as she edits a new Mennonite World Conference Global Anabaptist-Mennonite history series, in addition to teaching and traveling.

LAST SUNDAY

Offering: CCCC \$1,220; Hillcrest \$1,140



September 29, 2024



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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: Matt Slagel

Song Leader: Tamara Zechin

Music: Kylie & Ayla Miller

Gathering

STJ 2 Come, walk with us (please join with instruments)

Welcome & Announcements

Silent Preparation

Call to Worship & Opening Prayer

Praising

Together

Open the Eyes of My Heart

Hearing the Word

Children's Story/Scripture Reading of John 9:1-16

Video Sermon: Michele Herschberger, "Blind Spots"

Responding

Reflection & Music

Sharing & Prayers

Sending

Benediction

WB 546 Guide my feet, v. 1 & 4 (please join with instruments)

*Offering for this week is for Conference (10/6 Home Missions)
and will be collected at the back of the sanctuary.

Thank you to the MYF for serving as ushers today.

NEXT SUNDAY

- Michele Herschberger CPMC Video Sermon Series
- Communion for World Communion Day

SUGAR CREEK NEWS & EVENTS

Bible Reading Challenge: October's reading challenge is the book of Acts. Check your mailboxes!

CROP: The WACO CROP Drive 2024 will be taking place from October 6 to November 3 with a goal of \$35,000. Please give generously when contacted by a CROP Canvasser. Thank you!

Extension: For those wishing to bless the JYF with an evening meal, we have volunteered for the month of October. Please let Lori Miller know if you are able to help with this: 319-759-1068.

For the CCCC Annual Online Auction Fundraiser, they are requesting themed gift baskets from each congregation. Baskets are due by November 8. Let Lori Miller know if you are interested in putting one together.

Fellowship: Please use the signup link for cookie time, or contact Mary Jo Richard: signupgenius.com/go/4090E45AEAB2DA0FA7-50902927-sugar

TODAY

- Anointing: If you would like to be anointed, please go forward after the service.

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
- **11:30 AM:** Lunch Bunch, Fellowship Hall. Bring a friend!
- **7:00 PM:** Church Council, MYF Room

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3

- Weekend with Pastoral Candidate and Potluck following church

SEPTEMBER 29, 2024
AREA NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Concert: Bad Angle Events is hosting *Authentic Unlimited* in Celebration Hall on the campus of Hillcrest Academy this evening. 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.

Cradle of Hope: Monday, October 14th 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.

- TODAY - 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

Crooked Creek Christian Camp is currently hiring for housekeeping assistants! Join the Crooked Creek cleaning crew that helps maintain and clean our buildings. Our facilities wouldn't look the same without these incredible behind the scene workers that wipe, sweep, mop, and more to help give guests the best camp experience. This position is part-time with flexible hours. Visit our website for more information and to apply.

Crowded Closet: Crowded Closet Thrift Shop is hiring for a new position, Volunteer Engagement Assistant (part-time), to support our expanding volunteer community. As Crowded Closet Thrift Shop experiences growth, so does our volunteer team which currently includes around 400 active volunteers. Crowded Closet is adding a Volunteer Engagement Assistant to support the coordination and recruitment of volunteers. Interested applicants should contact Christine Maust Beachy, Volunteer Manager, for more information, crowdedcloset.volunteer@gmail.com or 319-337-5924.

Hillcrest: 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 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. 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.

Harvest Party - On Saturday, October 19 4:30-7:00 PM, the FFA will be hosting a Harvest Party for 4th-8th Graders. We'll provide a light supper and there'll be games and other goodies. We'll be outside, so please dress accordingly. And bring a friend! Sign up at hillcrestravens.org/4th-8thevents by Sunday, October 13.

Fall Concert - The concert will be held on Sunday, October 20 at 3:00 PM in Celebration Hall, under the direction of Mikayla Tackaberry and Aura Strohschein. The performance will feature both vocal and instrumental ensembles.

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 or MHSI, PO Box 576, Kalona, IA 52247

Please join the Iowa Mennonite Historical Society in their fall meeting at Hillcrest Academy on Monday evening, October 14, at 7 pm. The program will center around local World War I conscientious objectors and

the exhibit, Voices of Conscience, from the Kauffman Museum in North Newton, Kansas, about WWI COs will be open for viewing.

Iowa Mennonite Museum and Archives in Kalona is looking to hire a director (part time). Duties include museum administration, office work, communication (including Reflections, our quarterly newsletter), supervision of staff and volunteers, finances, and Fall Festival. Contact Nyle Kauffman (319-936-2430) for details if interested.

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 14th 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:* 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: 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: The board of directors of Iglesia Menonita Hispana (IMH, translated Hispanic Mennonite Church), a constituency group of Mennonite Church USA, appointed Rev. Dr. Juan Montes as executive director during the IMH annual meeting, in Chicago, Illinois. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/juan-montes

Russell De Young established the Pam De Young Net Zero Energy Fund in memory of his wife, to help Mennonite churches install solar panels and move toward net-zero fossil fuel usage. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/remembering-wife-net-zero-grants

Mennonite Men: *Living that Matters in Retirement* – 5:00p Friday – 4:30p Saturday, October 18-19: Come and experience a company of brothers seeking a meaningful life that matters in retirement. This gathering is geared for men contemplating retirement, recently starting retirement, and for men who have been retired for significant periods of time. It will include gatherings with focused conversations, meaningful rituals, and delicious meals together. There will also be time for solitude in the rolling hills, meadows, and woods of The Hermitage in Three Rivers, MI. Details and registration at mennonitemen.org/Pages/Living-that-Matters-in-Retirement.aspx

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

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: Registration is open for Washington Mennonite Church's Dessert Theater on November 15-17! Join us for drama, music and dessert around the theme of "Wild Hope." For more information or to register online visit <https://washmenno.weebly.com/dinner-theater.html> or see the brochures in your church building.