

Adults Sunday School

Summer Salt & Light: Exclusion and Embrace
Session 9, "Thirst-Quenching Water" John 4:4-26

- Discussion Class: Meet in the Fellowship Hall
- College/Young Adults: Meet in the Loft Classroom



Remember in prayer this week: Bob & Doris Nelson and Jaden Ecklund

Pray for those dealing with medical issues: Opal Reschly, Pauline Wyse, JaNan Peterson (Tamara's friend), Cynthia Hallet, Warren Scarff, Larry Graber,

Ryan Robertson, Kent McDougal, Lois Klopfenstein, Rod & Kathy Roth, Dineal Armenta (Roni's sister)

To better provide care for those in the hospital, please contact a Pastor or an Elder if you or a family member are (or will be) hospitalized.



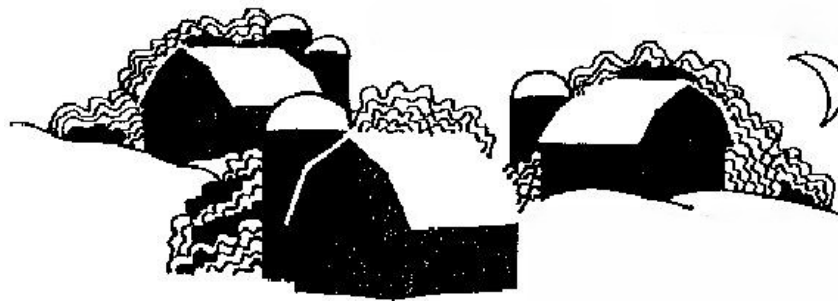
The oil lamp is lit every service as a reminder to pray for peace and for the people of our world who are caught in war and violence.

CPMC Prayer Request We pray for our sister churches in the Quad Cities area cluster: Casa de Oracion Emanuel, Iglesia Cristiana El Balsamo, Iglesia Menonita Centro Cristiano, Iglesia Torre Fuerte, Templo Alabanza and the El Buen Pastor church plant.

MMN Prayer Request Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for the youth of First Mennonite Church in Hutchinson, Kansas, as they begin a week-long Christ at the Border Just Peace Pilgrimage. Pray for the participants as they learn about the realities of migration at the Mexico-United States border and the justice that Jesus is calling them to.

LAST SUNDAY

Offering: General Fund \$2,600; Home Missions \$1,495; Cemetery Fund \$100



August 3, 2025



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August 3, 2025

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

Prelude/Offertory: Recorded Music

Worship Leader: Mike Roth

Song Leader: Dana Oswald

Gathering

Welcome & Announcements

Silent Preparation

Call to Worship & Opening Prayer

Praising

Open the Eyes of my Heart

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Hearing the Word

Scripture Readings: Hosea 11:1-11 (OT p. 653), Luke 12:13-21
(NT p. 57)

Message: Keith Zehr, "The Tipping Point"

Responding

Standing on the Promises

Offering: Missions & My Coins Count (8/10 Conference & MyCC)

Sharing & Prayers

Sending

Benediction

Doxology

Thank you to Sheldon & Lori Miller for serving as ushers today.

NEXT SUNDAY

- Guest Speaker

SUGAR CREEK NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

Fellowship: Please use the signup link or contact Mary Jo Richard to provide cookies for fellowship time this summer:
signupgenius.com/go/4090E45AEAB2DA0FA7-50902927-sugar

MCC School Kits: We will be collecting school supply items for MCC through August 24, when Mennonite Women and the Children's Sunday School class will pack these kits for donation. Please see the complete list on the table in the foyer and bring items to the box under the table by August 24. Thank you!

My Coins Count: We will collect loose change for My Coins Count each week through September. This special MyCC project will help the Mennonite Brethren Churches in D.R. Congo aid displaced families in their communities and help them find ways to feed their families.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 5

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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6

- **9:00 AM:** Mennonite Women, Fellowship Hall
- **11:00 AM:** Parkview Devotions

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17

Church at Crooked Creek Christian Camp. *Please let Katy know if you would like to stay at camp Saturday night.*

- **10:00 AM:** Worship
- **11:00 AM:** Finger-food potluck
- **12:00-2:00 PM:** Pool time

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20

- **11:30 AM:** Lunch Bunch, Fellowship Hall
- **7:00 PM:** Church Council, MYF Room

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24

- MCC School Kit items due
- **9:00 AM:** Parkview Worship

SUNDAY, AUGUST 31

Joint service with Wayland Mennonite, at Sugar Creek. No Sunday School.

- **9:15 AM:** Fellowship Time – coffee, juice, rolls, cookies
- **10:00 AM:** Worship Service

AUGUST 3, 2025
AREA NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CPMC: *Central Plains Outreach, Service, and Formation Committee is working with Mennonite Mission Network to offer another Just Peace Pilgrimage, November 9-16, 2025.* This one-week opportunity allows participants to better understand the realities of migration at the US-Mexico border as they experience how communities of faith are responding. For more information and to register, visit centralplainsmc.org/border-pilgrimage.html. The registration deadline is October 1. If you have any questions about the tour, you may contact Rhonda Brubacher at rsbrubach@earthlink.net or Tara Stahl at tlynae@yahoo.com.

Crowded Closet: Join the fun of after-hours service at a Summer Work Night! Share love and compassion through purposeful service at Crowded Closet. Sign-ups are open for Summer Work Nights on Thursday, August 7 and 21 from 5-7 p.m. Individuals or groups (age 8 and up) are welcome to join. Sign up at tinyurl.com/CC-summer to reserve your spot!

Hillcrest: *We've Got A Problem To Solve!* – Do you have a passion for math and a knack for inspiring young minds? Maybe you're looking for a rewarding teaching experience? Hillcrest Academy is currently seeking a Math Teacher to join their dedicated high school faculty and would love to meet you or someone you might know. Check out hillcrestravens.org/joinourteam for all the details.

Iowa Mennonite Historical Society: *1st Annual Pickleball Tournament* – We're raising money to support the Historical Village and Iowa Mennonite Society as we preserve the history, culture and stories of our community. Your support helps keep local heritage alive for future generations! Team registration papers are at the historical village welcome center and payment is due by August 20 at 5pm. \$25 per team, 2 games guaranteed. Prizes for bracket winners. Baked goods, snacks, and drinks available. Saturday, August 23, 8am. Mid-Prairie High School 1634 IA-22, Wellman, IA 52356. Questions? 319-656-3232 or kalonatours@gmail.com

MCC: *MCC's School Kit Challenge is back!* – The notebooks and pencils that devoted supporters like you lovingly pack into MCC school kits help kids write their own success stories, and rulers provide hope beyond measure. School kits provide these and other essential supplies that families navigating war, displacement or financial struggles would not be able to buy otherwise. Join the 2025 School Kit Challenge and help MCC provide 25,000 school kits for 25,000 kids this summer. See the table in the foyer for a donation list.

Know Your Rights Virtual Training, August 14 & 15 – Led by MCC Central States Immigration Program Coordinator Abraham Diaz Alonso. This virtual training will help facilitate information to vulnerable immigration populations. Sign up today! <https://mcc.org/events/know-your-rights-training> Reach out to abrahamdiazalonso@mcc.org, 956.904.7092 with questions.

MCC Peace Camp at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp, Sept. 21-27, Divide, CO – How can we live out God's call for justice and reconciliation through nonviolence in a world that is built on the myth of redemptive violence? If you are a young adult (age 18-30) concerned about the state of our world and energized to reimagine society built on God's vision of love and justice for all, come join us for a week of experiential learning rooted in theological reflection, peacebuilding practices, and real-world application. Register by August 31 at mcc.org/events/rocky-mountain-peace-camp. Pass this opportunity on to young adults in your life!

Immigration Learning Tour in South Texas, October 4-9. This immigration-focused learning tour presents a unique opportunity to engage directly with organizations making a positive impact on our neighbors. Find out more and register at mcc.org/learning-tour-texas.

MCUSA: The MC USA Delegate Assembly installed Marty Lehman as the moderator for the new biennium and provided unanimous affirmation for a slate of new Executive Board members and other nominees, including incoming Moderator-elect Todd Lehman (no relation). Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/news/marty-lehman-as-moderator/

A spirit of hope and shared purpose marked the opening of MC USA's biennial Delegate Assembly on July 11, 2025, as more than 350 delegates gathered in Greensboro, North Carolina, to reimagine the denomination's future and approve four key measures to strengthen and equip the church. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/news/delegates-propel-mc-usas-forward/

In response to the escalation of violence involving Israel, Iran and the United States, Lorraine Stutzman Amstutz offered this litany that reminds us of God's call to peace. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/instruments-of-your-peace/

MMN: *Just Peace Pilgrimages*—

- Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples — 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? Date: October 7 - 11, 2025
- Civil Rights Pilgrimage — This special pilgrimage tailored specifically for young adults will be led by MC USA executive director Glen Guyton. Join for a unique multiracial pilgrimage through the southern United States with opportunities for shared learning and deep understanding of the racial divides that our society perpetuates. Date: October 28 - November 2, 2025; register by September 15

To register for these pilgrimages or to inquire about scheduling a group trip, email Stephanie Weaver at StephanieW@MennoniteMission.net.

To learn more about these and six more pilgrimages, visit MennoniteMission.net/JustPeace

Parkview: Parkview Home is seeking some part-time volunteer help doing some light yard work and other yard-based cleanup. We have several areas that need attention to weed control and some sprucing up. If anyone is willing and able, please call and ask for Ron. Thank you!