

Adults Sunday School

Summer Salt & Light: Acts of the Spirit, Unit 3
Session 12: "A Journey Fraught with Dangers and Opportunities" Acts 28:1-10



Remember in prayer this week the students, parents, teachers and staff as they begin a new school year. May this year be filled with growth, learning, & kindness for all.

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

Pray for Parkview residents: Anita Swartzendruber, Opal Reschly and Mary Henderson

CPMC Prayer Request We pray for students, teachers and staff who are preparing to begin school. May God bless their learning and may they both receive and reflect the love of God in their school settings.

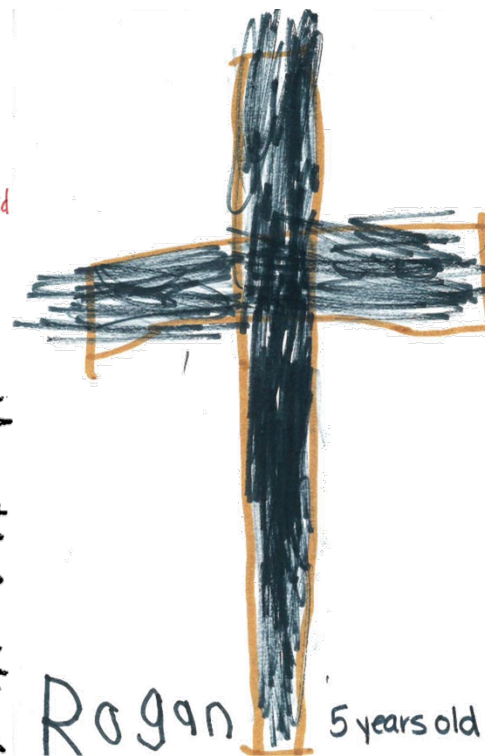
MMN Prayer Request Christy Harrison, Peter Sensenig, and their three children are relocating from Montbéliard Calais, France, to Beirut, Lebanon, this month. This will be their second move to a new continent in under two years. Pray for them as they transition into their new home and say goodbye to the friends they made in France.

LAST SUNDAY

Offering: Conference \$1,470; General Fund \$1,200; Home Missions \$40



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Children's Service
August 23, 2026

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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 tone another in Christ's love.

9:15 AM: Sunday School

10:10 AM: Fellowship Time

10:30 AM: Worship Service

Live Stream: <https://tinyurl.com/SCMLiveStream>
facebook.com/sugarcreekmennonitechurch

Prelude/Offertory: Ayla Miller

Worship Leaders: Eivan Yoder & Logan Graber

Accompanist: Kylie Miller

This week, the little & young people of our church family will lead us in worship, inviting us to learn from the parables of Jesus and from songs of joyful praise. Come, as Jesus suggested, like a little child, to grow and be formed in Christ!

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Welcome

Call to Worship & Opening Prayer
Rise & Shine

Come & See

"Grown-Ups" Time

"Lost Sheep" Luke 15:3-6
Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelujah, Praise Ye the Lord!

"Build on the Rock" Matthew 7:24-27
Don't Build Your House on the Sandy Land

"Good Samaritan" Luke 10:25-37
Peace Like a River

Offering: Home Missions & LC (8/30 General & CCCC)

Preschool Dedication: Nora & Ivy Leichty
Back to School Blessing

Announcements, Sharing & Congregational Prayer

Benediction
This Little Light of Mine

Thank you to Mark & Linda Boshart for serving as ushers today.

The nursery is available for children two and under.

NEXT SUNDAY

• Church at Camp: 10 AM worship service & finger-food potluck at CCCC. *No Sunday School.*

SUGAR CREEK NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Fellowship: To provide cookies for fellowship time, use the link or contact Lori Miller:

signupgenius.com/go/4090E45AEAB2DA0FA7-50902927-sugar#

Nursery: The nursery is available for children two and under during Sunday School and church. Please sign up if you are able:
signupgenius.com/go/60B0E4FA8AC29A5FB6-62786804-nursery

Turkey Grill: Old Threshers Turkey Grill needs your help! Please sign up in the foyer or contact Tim Graber.

TODAY

- Children's Service
- Preschool Recognition & Back to School Blessing
- Children's Service Participants: Thanks for your participation in the worship service today! After church, bring your family to Tim & Lisa's for lunch and swimming to celebrate a new school year.

AUGUST 29-30

Church at Camp – *let Katy know if you plan to stay Saturday PM.*

- **10:00 AM:** Worship service. Bring a lawn chair!
- **11:00 AM:** Finger-foods potluck; table service & water provided. The water slide will be open following lunch (no pool this year).

SEPTEMBER 3-7

- Midwest Old Threshers Reunion – Turkey Grill signup in foyer!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

- **10:00 AM:** Joint Worship Service at Wayland Mennonite. *No Sunday School.*

Cover Image (clockwise)

Sully, 8 years old – "It is Jesus, birth to death."

Cole, 5 years old – "I drew baby Jesus being born, with a donkey, sheep and stars."

Rogan, 5 years old – "I drew a cross for Jesus."

Mia, 7 years old – "It is baby Jesus in the manger in the barn and the Star of Bethlehem."

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AREA NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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: *Pray For Us* - Pray for the entire Hillcrest Academy school community as we begin classes on August 24, that we will come together with joy, grace, and unity. And pray especially for the 46 new students, that they will feel confident and a sense of togetherness, love, and support.

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 and check our website for updates. 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.