

Adults Sunday School

Summer Salt & Light: Acts of the Spirit, Unit 3
Session 11: "Paul Defends Inclusion Before the Priestly Council" Acts 22:30-23:11



Remember in prayer this week: Ethan Perez, Lee Garrett, and Morgan Graber

Pray for those dealing with medical issues: 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



Congratulations to Bridgett Smith and Daunte Oepping, who were married yesterday, August 15. We pray for God's blessing on their marriage and a lifetime of love and joy.

Pray for the College Students: Pray they are safe in their comings and goings, focused in their studies, and surrounded with good friends who encourage their faith. Pray for peace when they feel overwhelmed, and that they remain rooted in their values, so they may be a light to others.

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. We pray also for our church-related schools, Freeman Academy and Hillcrest Academy.

MMN Prayer Request On June 24, Venezuela experienced two devastating earthquakes that resulted in the confirmed death or injury of more than 20,000 people, with tens of thousands more still missing. Pray for everyone affected, as they continue to mourn the lost, search for the missing and rebuild.

LAST SUNDAY

Offering: Home Missions \$4,500; General Fund \$1,280; Missions \$1,160

HOW GOOD AND
PLEASANT IT IS WHEN
GOD'S PEOPLE LIVE
TOGETHER IN UNITY

Psalm 133:1

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

Prelude/Offertory: Mattias Luitjens

Worship Leader: Mike Roth

Song Leaders: Heather & Brian Herschberger

Gathering

Welcome & Announcements
Preparation for Worship
Call to Worship & Opening Prayer

Praising

WB 8 Brethren, we have met to worship
WB 459 I come with joy to meet my Lord (omit v. 3)
WB 514 Lord, I am fondly, earnestly

Hearing the Word

Children's Time: Connie Zehr
Scripture Reading: Psalm 133 (p. 446)
Message: Keith Zehr "The Oxymoron of Christian Unity"

Responding

WB 307 Will you let me be your servant
Offering: Conference (8/23 Home Missions)
Sharing & Prayers

Sending

Benediction
Doxology

Thank you to Garry & Lori Leichty for serving as ushers today.

The nursery is available for children two and under.

NEXT SUNDAY

- Children Lead the Service

SUGAR CREEK NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Bulletin: The August 23 bulletin will be printed on Monday, August 17. Please have any bulletin items to Katy by 9AM.

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

Pastoral Care: Pam will be on vacation through August 18. Please contact an Elder in her absence!

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

TODAY

- **9:00 AM:** Parkview Worship
- Anointing: Please come forward after the service if you like!

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19

- *August Lunch Bunch is cancelled*
- **6:00 PM:** Church Council Meeting, MYF Room

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23

- Children will lead the Worship service!
- Back to School & Preschool Recognition

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

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AREA NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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-up is open for our Summer Work Night on Thursday, August 20 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/cc-summerworknight! P.S. Fa la la--watch for Fall Work Night dates coming soon when we'll process Christmas items!

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.

MCC: Beyond the Headlines: Haiti, Temporary Protected Status, and the Church webinar on Wednesday, August 19 at 1 p.m. CT/ 12 p.m. MT. Please join MCC in listening to Haitian voices and exploring faithful action. In this webinar, we will hear stories from a pastor whose congregation has welcomed Haitian families, an MCC staff member who has been at the forefront of the work in Haiti, and a leader from The Haitian Bridge Alliance, a nonprofit organization that provides humanitarian, legal, and social services to Haitian communities. Register today at mcc.org/events/beyond-headlines-haiti-temporary-protected-status-and-church.

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. The next issue will be published Aug. 13. 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.