

Adults Sunday School

Fall Salt & Light: Their Story, Our Story, and God's Message
Session 2, "Hagar's Legacy: Seeing the Invisible Loving the Forgotten," Genesis 21:8-21

MYF

- 9/21 – Bible Study, MYF Room, 6:00-7:30 PM
- 9/28 – Bible Study, TBD



Remember in prayer this week: Jim & Jane Miller and Matt, Jen, Gavin & Corinne Slagel

Pray for those dealing with medical issues: Carmen Martinez (Maria's sister), Keith Zehr (pancreatic cancer), Opal Reschly, Pauline Wyse, Dineal Armenta (Roni's sister), JaNan Peterson (Tamara's friend), Cynthia Hallet, Larry Graber, Ryan Robertson, Lois Klopfenstein, Rod & Kathy Roth

Pray for Iglesia Menonita Centro Cristiana, the Hispanic church plant in Washington, as they witness, preach, and teach the Word.

Thank you for all of the birthday cards and wonderful letters. I enjoyed hearing from you. ~Barbara Eichelberger

CPMC Prayer Request Pray for those who will attend the Women's Retreat at Swan Lake Christian Camp next weekend. May it be a weekend of rejuvenation, fellowship and learning.

MMN Prayer Request Kate Widmer, who serves with Mennonite Mission Network, is in the middle of her two-month North American Ministry. Pray for her as she shares with supporting congregations and individuals about her work alongside members of a French Mennonite congregation that reaches out to women and children in low-income neighborhoods. May she also find rest and renewal during this time in the United States.

LAST SUNDAY

Offering: Home Missions \$3,406; General Fund \$550



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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
Livestream: <https://tinyurl.com/SCMLiveStream>
<facebook.com/sugarcreekmennonitechurch>

Prelude/Offertory: Recorded Music
Worship Leader: Lowell Unruh
Song Leader: Dana Oswald
Accompanist: Kathy Yoder

Gathering

WB 71 Joyful, joyful, we adore thee
Welcome & Announcements
Silent Preparation
Call to Worship & Opening Prayer

Praising

Love the Lord
Shout to the Lord

Hearing the Word

Message: Erica Tharp, "I Had No Idea"

Responding

I Surrender All
Offering: Missions & MyCC (9/21 Home Missions & MyCC)
Sharing & Prayers

Sending

Benediction
Doxology

NEXT SUNDAY

- Pam Gerig Unruh

SUGAR CREEK NEWS

Annual Reports: Committee reports for the annual meeting packet are due to the church office no later than September 15.

CaringBridge: To stay updated on Keith's treatment journey, follow his CaringBridge page. Go to caringbridge.org/search and search "Keith Zehr"

Extension: Please see the list of requested home furnishings on the north bulletin board if you have items to contribute.

Fellowship Time: Please see the signup to provide cookies for fellowship time, or contact Lori Miller:
signupgenius.com/go/4090E45AEAB2DA0FA7-50902927-sugar

Meal Train: Let's show our love and support for the Leichty family following the birth of Elsie by delivering meals/treats over the next few weeks. Please use the link to sign up, or contact Lori Miller for details: mealtrain.com/4gdn6m

Updates: Please submit any changes to contact information or quarterly publication preferences to Katy by September 22.

UPCOMING EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

- **10:00 AM:** Freezer Meal Prep, FH Kitchen
- **11:30 AM:** Lunch Bunch, Fellowship Hall
- **7:00 PM:** Church Council, MYF Room

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

- **11:00 AM:** Parkview Devotions
- **6:00 PM:** Annual Business Meeting, Fellowship Hall. Meal first, meeting to follow

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

- **9:00 AM:** Parkview Worship

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1

- **9:00 AM:** Mennonite Women

Thank you to Josh & Stephanie Miller for serving as ushers today.

SEPTEMBER 14, 2025
AREA NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CPMC: Women's Retreat - Ladies, join other Sisters in Christ at the Central Plains Mennonite Women's Retreat at Swan Lake Christian Camp near Viborg, SD on September 20-21, 2025. Guest Speaker for the weekend will be Heidi K. Greenwood Doell, pastor at Pleasant Valley UMC in Wichita, KS, speaking on "Seeking Holiness." Come for worship, singing, relaxation, guest speaker, conversation, and fun, all in the beautiful setting of the Still Waters Retreat Center at Swan Lake Camp. Cost for the weekend is \$100. Retreat begins Saturday at 9:30 a.m. through Sunday lunch. Register in advance at myslcc.com. Look for the event poster on your church bulletin board for information and also on the Central Plains Mennonite Women FaceBook page.

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.

CCCC: There is lots going on at Crooked Creek in the next few months. Check it out!

- Lunch and Lecture, October 14, 9:30-3:00 – Join Erin Ramer & Friends and Joel Beachy as they tell us about their recent pilgrimages: Erin & Friends to the Iona Abbey in Scotland and Joel with his family to Ecuador to learn more about the Ecuador Partnership. A simple lunch is provided. There is no cost to attend, a freewill donation will be taken. Please register on our website, crookedcreekcamp.org, or by calling the office, 319-653-3611, so that we know how many to plan for.
- Craft Retreat, October 31-November 2 – Sign up now for our Fall Craft Retreat! Bring a project (or two, or three) and snacks to share and we'll provide the rest! See more details and register on our website, crookedcreekcamp.org
- CCCC's Annual Online Auction, November 25-30 – Please consider donating items to benefit CCCC. Contact Amanda (amanda@crookedcreekcamp.org) for more information. Items are due at camp by November 7.

Crowded Closet: Volunteers – Join us for our annual *Appreciation Meal*! We are so grateful for your part in the Crowded Closet community, sharing love and compassion with our neighbors locally and globally through Mennonite Central Committee. Mark your calendar for a come-and-go meal Friday, October 3 from 4-7 p.m. at Park Lodge at Terry Trueblood Recreation Area, 579 McCollister Blvd, Iowa City. Please RSVP by Thursday, Sept. 25th—sign-up at the shop, visit tinyurl.com/cc-appreciation-meal, or call Eva at 319-337-5924 x12.

Henry County Public Health: Senior Health Fair – Take charge of your health! Join us for a senior citizen health fair, Wednesday, September 24 from 9:30-11:30AM, Calvary Baptist Church (803 E Maple Leaf Dr, Mt. Pleasant – use NE entrance). Opportunities for flu & COVID vaccines, health screenings for hearing, blood pressure, depression & anxiety, fall risk. Free event, includes refreshments! For more info call 319-385-0779 or visit our new website: healthyhenrycounty.org.

Hillcrest: Apple Fritters – For over 50 years, our beloved apple fritters have been a staple at the Kalona Fall Festival. Once again, our PTO will be operating their historic apple fritter booth on September 26 & 27. And while you're at the festival, be sure to check out the Hillcrest Academy musical groups who will be performing on Friday, September 27 at 12:00 PM. Also be sure to stop and say hello to the Hillcrest Academy FFA students who will be helping Jim Yoder '67 grind corn and wheat meal at the grain mill.

SAVE THE DATE – Hillcrest Academy's Homecoming & Alumni Family Weekend is set for October 10–11. Join us for a weekend full of tradition and connection. It's the perfect time to reunite with old friends and make new ones as we celebrate the Hillcrest community together.

- Alumni Soccer Game – The annual game will begin with a ceremony honoring longtime soccer coach, Marcus Miller around 6:30 PM.
- Joetown Classic – On the morning of Sat, Oct 11, register at hillcrestravens.org/joetownclassic. Again this year, participants will get a colorful commemorative glass. Also, this year we will be hosting only one 5K race/walk (no kid's race) and the race/walk won't be timed. But don't worry, the overall male and female winners will still receive the JC5K traditional pan of cinnamon rolls.
- Pork Supper – Serving from 4:30-7:00 PM on the Sat, Oct 11, get your tickets from any junior student (soon) or online at hillcrestravens.org/porksupper.

Old Yearbooks – We need (3) 2003 Reveries. If you have any extras from that year and would like to give them to the school to complete our archived set, contact Jeremy Ours at jours@hillcrestravens.org.

Iowa Mennonite Historical Society: During the Kalona Fall Festival, Dr. Tom Meyers will give a special presentation on *The Origins of the Anabaptist Movement in 1525*. What led the group, that we know as the Anabaptists, to break with other Protestant Reformers? What were the major points of contention between these groups and who were the people who helped shape a new vision of what the Church should be? Why was the refusal to baptize infants such a threat to the established churches? These and other questions will be answered at presentations given at the Kalona Historical Village, Visitor's Center, in The Amish Room during the Kalona Fall Festival. The presentation times are Friday, September 26, 1PM & 6PM and Saturday, September 27, at 1PM. Sponsored by Iowa Mennonite Museum and Archives.

Iowa Mennonite Relief Sale: All are welcome to attend the annual Iowa Mennonite Relief Sale Board Meeting on Sunday, September 21, at 4:00pm at Kalona Mennonite Church.

MCC: *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: Nekeisha Alayna Alexis, speaker/consultant for Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, shares her hope and provides an opportunity for others to share that hope amid a world that seems to be full of despair. Read more in her Menno Snapshot's blog here: mennoniteusa.org/opportunity-from-panic

MMN: *Mennonite Voluntary Service* – Live out your faith through service! Mennonite Voluntary Service (MVS) is now accepting applications for the 2026-27 term. This one-year volunteer experience is open to individuals age 20+, with the option to extend placements for an additional one to two years. Serve with organizations addressing critical community needs, such as health, education, immigration and more. You won't do it alone, though! By living with peers in a unit house and growing with a local faith community, MVSers join in the global movement to work for peace and a more just world. Ready to jump in? Go to MennoniteMission.net/MVS to learn more and apply.

Service Adventure – Can a gap year change your life? Only if you're up for adventure! Service Adventure applications are now open for the 2026-27 term. Service Adventure is a 10-month volunteer experience for young adults ages 17-20. Live in community with peers and unit leaders, serve with local nonprofit agencies, and grow in your faith with a supporting church congregation! Learn more and apply at MennoniteMission.net/ServiceAdventure.

International workers need support – Mennonite Mission Network invites prayer and financial support for Joseph and Rachel Givens, who serve with the Maria Skobtsova Housing Association in Calais, France. This ministry provides vital shelter and support to migrating people seeking refuge as they journey toward England. To sustain this critical work, additional funding is urgently needed. You can make a difference! Visit MennoniteMission.net/Workers/Givens to donate. For questions or to learn more about the Givens' work with immigration, contact Elizabeth Eby at ElizabethE@MMNWorld.net.