

Adults Sunday School

Summer Salt & Light: Acts of the Spirit, Unit 2

Session 8: "An Escape Too Good to Be True?" Acts 12:6-17



Remember in prayer this week: Don & Kathy Yoder, Eldora Boshart, Vickie Achen, Becky Yoder, Michael & Katy Black, Russ Yoder

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

CPMC Prayer Request We pray for our sister churches in Kansas: Pleasant Valley MC in Harper and Whitestone MC in Hesston.

MMN Prayer Request Pray for Toni and Matthew Krabill, who are serving in Accra, Ghana, as they launch an initiative to bridge the relationship between French-speaking and English-speaking theological institutions in West Africa.

LAST SUNDAY

Offering: General Fund \$2,050; Home Missions \$1,900; Missions \$1,706; Conference \$200; CCCC \$50; Parkview \$50; VBS \$50

follow
JESUS
together

July 26, 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: Elyssa Graber
Worship Leader: Michael Black
Song Leader: Dana Oswald
Accompanist: Kathy Yoder

Gathering

Welcome & Announcements
Preparation for Worship
Opening Prayer

Praising

STJ 78 We will walk with God
WB 573 What a friend we have in Jesus
WB 544 When we walk with the Lord

Hearing the Word

Scripture Readings: Acts 2:42-47, John 13:34-35, Ephesians
4:1-6, 1 Peter 2:9-12
Message: Pam Gerig Unruh, "Follow Jesus - Together"

Responding

I Choose the Jesus Way
Offering: Home Missions, Loose Change (8/2 Home Missions)
Sharing & Prayers

Sending

Benediction
They will know we are Christians by our love

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

The nursery is available for children two and under.

NEXT SUNDAY

- Keith or Connie Zehr Video Sermon

SUGAR CREEK NEWS

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

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

Nursery: Please sign up if you are able to assist with the nursery!:
<signupgenius.com/go/60B0E4FA8AC29A5FB6-62786804-nursery>

Sunday School: If anyone is interested in teaching Children's Sunday school this fall, please let Abbey know: 319-750-4330.

Visitation Team: We are planning to form a team of volunteers to assist the Pastors with visiting church members. If interested, please let Pam or an Elder know!

UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY

- Anointing: If you wish to be anointed, please come forward following the service

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19

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

AUGUST 29-30

- Church at Camp – more details soon!

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

- **9:00 AM:** Mennonite Women, Fellowship Hall.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

- **6:30 PM:** Game Night, Fellowship Hall. Bring a snack to share! We are hoping to continue this on the first Thursday of each month.

JULY 26, 2026
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-ups are open for Summer Work Nights on Thursday, August 6 & 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!

Everence Financial: *Free Medicare workshops* Medicare education with you in mind! We'll cover the following:

- Enrollment details and deadlines.
- How Social Security impacts Medicare decisions.
- Prescription drug coverage.
- Plans that supplement Medicare

Bring your questions and we will be happy to answer them. Refreshments and light snack will be provided. Dates of the in-person workshops held at the Pleasantview Friendship Center (811 3rd St Kalona, IA):

- Sept. 21 - 5:30 p.m.
- Oct. 19 - 5:30 p.m.

MCC: *MCC webinar Welcoming the Stranger: Stories of Faith, Immigration, and Hope – Tuesday, July 28 1pm CT/12pm MT (for 1 hour and 15 minutes)* In this webinar, we will share stories from 3 churches and leaders like you who are putting faith into action — welcoming and supporting immigrants, facing challenges in their communities, and building congregations that respond with compassion and courage. Speaking from a variety of perspectives across Anabaptist traditions, we'll talk about themes like faith in action, ministry with immigrant communities, lessons learned, and practical ways churches can respond to the reality's immigrant families are facing today. Pastors, church leaders, and congregants looking for inspiration and practical ways to get involved are invited to attend. Register today for this event, mcc.org/welcoming-stranger or contact abrahamdiazalonso@mcc.org with any questions.

MCUSA: Ruth Johnston, wellbeing specialist for MC USA's The Corinthian Plan, invites pastors and church leaders to reconnect with what makes them come alive and discern God's ongoing call. Read her Menno Snapshots blog, "The Spirit leads us to come alive," here: mennoniteusa.org/the-spirit-leads-us/

Be sure to follow MC USA on Facebook and Instagram! In addition to the latest news and blogs, MC USA regularly posts shareable scripture graphics that align with the Narrative Lectionary as well as interesting and informative #ThrowbackThursday images from the MC USA Archives. Follow on Facebook and Instagram @MennonitesUSA.

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? Hosted by the Coalition to Dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery and led by Coalition Executive Director Sarah Augustine. Dates: September 22-26. Registration deadline: July 15. Contact: Stephanie Weaver, StephanieW@MennoniteMission.net. Learn more and register: MennoniteMission.net/JustPeace