

### **Adults Sunday School**

*Summer Salt & Light: Acts of the Spirit, Unit 3*

Session 9: "Dealing with Mixed Receptions" Acts 13:34-52



**Remember in prayer this week:** Mason Miller, Jaden Ecklund, Bob & Doris Nelson, Lucy Leichty, Connie Freyenberger, and Anitha Barrera

**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

**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 congregations in Iowa: Cedar Falls, Christ Community, Des Moines, First Mennonite of Iowa City, East Union, West Union, Wellman, Washington, Wayland, Sugar Creek, Pleasant View, and Donnellson.

**MMN Prayer Request** Joseph and Rachel Givens are shifting away from working at the Maria Skobtsova House and beginning to work with new partners in the Calais, France, area. Pray for them during this time of transition.

### **LAST SUNDAY**

Offering: General Fund \$2,400; Home Missions \$1,416

THE *Inescapable* GOD

PSALM 139:1-12

August 2, 2026



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## **August 2, 2026**

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:** Recorded Music

**Worship Leader:** Levi Bachman

**Song Leader:** Dana Oswald

**Accompanist:** Kathy Yoder

### **Gathering**

Welcome & Announcements

Preparation for Worship

Call to Worship & Opening Prayer

### **Praising**

*Medley*

### **Hearing the Word**

Scripture Reading: Psalm 139:1-12, p. 448

Message: Connie Zehr, "The Inescapable God" with an  
introduction by Keith

### **Responding**

*WB 46 I sing the mighty power of God*

Offering: Home Missions (8/9 Missions)

Sharing & Prayers

### **Sending**

Benediction

*Doxology*

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

The nursery is available for children two and under.

## **NEXT SUNDAY**

- Diane Zaerr-Brenneman

### **SUGAR CREEK NEWS**

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

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

**Nursery:** Available for children two and under during Sunday  
School and church. Please sign up if you are able to assist!:  
<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**

#### **SATURDAY, AUGUST 8**

- **4:00 PM:** Anitha Barrera's Quinceañera, Washington County  
Fairgrounds. RSVP 319-201-9651

#### **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 – details coming 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.

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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](https://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 3<sup>rd</sup> St Kalona, IA) Sept. 21 - 5:30 p.m. and Oct. 19 - 5:30 p.m.

**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/](https://mennoniteusa.org/news/mc-usa-hosts-militarism-summit/) Learn more and register here: [mennoniteusa.org/militarism-summit/](https://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/](https://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/](https://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](mailto:StephanieW@MennoniteMission.net) Learn more and register: [MennoniteMission.net/JustPeace](https://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](https://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](https://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](https://MennoniteMission.net/Prayer) to subscribe and see all our prayer materials.

**Word Alive:** W.A.C.O. Ministry received a call from someone asking for help with transporting an elderly lady from Parkview to her home and back 2-3 times a week. Please contact Sue Freyenberger if this is something you can assist with.