

Who’s Helping in August?

Welcome Center Host

- Aug 2 Angie Teeter
- Aug 9 Roxanne Miller
- Aug 16 Brenda Nebel
- Aug 23 Worship in the Park
- Aug 30 Angie Teeter

Coffee Bar Host

- Aug 2 Steve & Marcia Miller
- Aug 9 Carrie Belshe
- Aug 16 Steve & Marcia Miller
- Aug 23 Worship in the Park
- Aug 30 Atlee & Deb Preheim

Greeters

- Aug 2 Judy Reimer, Bill Zuercher
- Aug 9 Rob & Kylie Moore
- Aug 16 Bob & Phyllis Weaver
- Aug 23 Worship in the Park
- Aug 30 John & Olivia Reimer

Nursery Attendants

- Aug 2 Steph, Lilly, Natalie Zucconi
- Aug 9 Jerol & Becky Schrag
- Aug 16 Kate Klingenberg, Kennedy Roth
- Aug 23 Worship in the Park
- Aug 30 Veronica Sauder, Kim Lehman

Let’s Celebrate!

BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 Clay Stauffer | 15 Joy Yoder |
| 3 Mike Zucconi
Sharon Debliek-Anderson | 17 Aiden Njoroge
Kathryn Voth |
| 4 Andrea Schrag
Deb Preheim | 18 Declan Reimer |
| 6 Asher Lehman | 19 Nelson Goertzen |
| 9 David Weaver | 22 Dori Roth |
| 10 Maria Billings
Sondra Leatherman | 23 Ty Martin
Mitch Stutzman |
| 13 Isaac Landis | 25 Marcia Miller |
| 14 Dallas Stutzman | 26 Larry Buller |
| | 30 Linda Miles |

ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Doug & Rita Peters
- 2 Clark & Deb Roth
- 10 Tyson & Angie Teeter
- 16 Larry & Betsy Buller
- 19 Ed & Evelyn Peters
- 24 David & Emily Weaver
- 26 Dustin & Kelly Foudray
- 27 Larry & Linda Miles
- 30 Kerry & Nancy Krehbiel

AUGUST 2026

WHITESTONE Life

FELLOWSHIP TEAM FOCUS

CONGREGATIONAL EVENTS TEAMS

Whitestone has a wonderful history of hosting potluck meals, receptions, and gatherings that bring the entire church together to fellowship with each other. These events take many hands to facilitate!

Recent gatherings have included potlucks, Easter Sunday brunch, graduation celebration, back to school picnic, Christmas program, etc.

Whitestone's Fellowship Team serves as the primary organizers for these events: Sheri Esau, Tami Keim, Rachel McMaster, Marcia Miller, Olivia Reimer and Andrea Schrag. However, large events involving the entire church require extra hands! We ask that everyone can help to make sure these events happen.

All church attendees are asked to assist the Fellowship Team for a rotating six month period. Sunday school classes provide an easy way of dividing this out across the church. If you are not currently attending a class, there is still an opportunity for you to help out!

Congregational Event Teams	Term
New Beginnings Class	July-Dec 2026
Branches Class	Jan-June 2027
Table Talk & Young Adult Classes	July-Dec 2027
New Adult Class & Non-SS attendees	Jan-June 2028
Food Class	July-Dec 2028
Gemeinschaft Class	Jan-June 2029

Congregational Event Team Responsibilities:

- Help set-up tables/chairs before the event.
- Help as needed during the event: serving food, putting out food for potlucks, grilling, etc.
- Clean-up after the event: wipe down tables, put away tables/chairs, vacuum floor, take out trash, wash dishes, put away items in kitchen, etc.
- Help to deep clean the kitchen at the end of your 6-month term.

Note: Funeral meals are handled by the Funeral Committee and are not part of this group's responsibilities.

Upcoming Worship Themes

August 2

6 Practices: Pray
Luke 11:1-13
Brett Klingenberg



August 9

6 Practices: Celebrate
Nehemiah 8:9-12
Brett Klingenberg



August 16

6 Practices: Serve
Matt. 25:31-46
Brett Klingenberg



August 23

Worship in the Park
6 Practices: Learn
Deuteronomy 6:4-9
Brett Klingenberg/Isaac Landis



August 30

6 Practices: Worship
John 4:19-26
Brett Klingenberg



WMC Upcoming Events

- **Aug 2: Pool Party!** 6-8pm, Hesston Aquatic Center. Free admission!
- **Aug 16: 3rd Sundays in the Summer: “Back to School Bowl”** - 9:15am, fellowship hall. Bring your favorite box of cereal to share! Milk, bowls and spoons provided.
- **Aug 16: Backpack Tags & Kindergarten Bags** during worship, 10:15am, sanctuary. Bring your backpacks to church!
- **Aug 16: Primary Sunday School Teachers Meeting** - 3:00pm, fellowship hall. Check your email for details!
- **Aug 23: Back to School Worship at the Park** - King Park. Picnic lunch and ice cream from Clay’s Cones to follow!
- **Aug 30: Primary & Youth Sunday School Begins!** - 9:00am, SS classes
- **Aug 30: 1st Grade Bibles** presented during worship, 10:15am, sanctuary (Bibles will be set out in the fellowship hall Aug 16-30 for church family to highlight favorite verses)
- **Aug 30: Safe Sanctuary Training - Option #1**, following the worship service. All individuals working with children and youth are required to attend a yearly Safe Sanctuary training, sign a Participation Covenant, and have a background check on file with the church office. The 2nd training date option will be later in September.



Connect Leadership Team

Connect, our intergenerational Wednesday night programming begins **September 16**. That's a month away! Planning is beginning, and we have a **need for individuals to join our leadership team** to continue brainstorming and preparations for this fall. Connect runs September-November and January-April. Reach out to Pastor Isaac, Judy Reimer, or Roxanne Miller if you are interested in hearing more about this planning team, or if God is tugging at your heart to help.

What’s happening in the wider church community?

Hesston College

Opening Weekend Nest Olympics: the community is invited to come and watch Sunday, August 16, 7:00 p.m. at Sieber Field.

Fall sports seasons begin at HC - Lark volleyball opens their home schedule on Tuesday, August 25, while the Lark soccer teams begin home games on August 20 (men) and August 22 (women). Visit HCLarks.com for athletic schedules, and come out to support the Larks!

MennoMedia

Celebrate 50 years of the iconic More-with-Less cookbook! There are myriad ways to get involved! In preordering the 50th anniversary edition of More-with-Less cookbook, you'll be entered for a chance to win a free KitchenAid mixer (preorders must be submitted by September 14). Or join others in cooking through all the recipes in More-with-Less. Sign up [here](https://bit.ly/45mtTS6) at <https://bit.ly/45mtTS6> to receive a recipe assignment, and then prepare and enjoy your dish with family or friends. Capture photos or videos of your cooking experience and submit your content by August 31. As a thank-you for participating, you'll receive a 40% off code. Find out more about all the ways to celebrate and get involved on MennoMedia's Facebook page!

Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp

Labor Day Work & Play @ RMMC: September 4-7, 2026. Spend your holiday weekend at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp for the annual Work and Play Retreat and help us prepare for the Winter to come. In exchange for your help with camp projects during the retreat, there is no charge for the weekend. Visit the camp website at rmmc.org to register.

Bethel College

Flatlander Bike Ride - Saturday, September 19. This ride is designed to provide an enjoyable bicycling experience for people at all fitness levels. The Flatlander is a benefit ride for Peace Connections and Circle of Hope. Visit www.peaceconnections.org for more information.

New Hope Shelter

Join us on **September 22** for **Blueprint for the Future**, a Christ-centered evening celebrating what God is doing through New Hope Shelter and casting the vision for the years ahead. Enjoy dinner, dessert, music, testimonials, and fellowship — and be part of an evening that supports the mission and future of this ministry. Check out the Save the Date below for all the details, and use the link or scan the QR code to reserve your tickets today. Seating is limited!

Mennonite Church USA

Join Mennonite Church USA on **November 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. The first 50 registrants will receive a complimentary copy of “Rethinking Life” by Shane Claiborne. A limited number of books have been made available for early registrants. Books will be distributed on a first-come, first-serve basis and must be picked up at the conference.



Fall Connect 2025

