

It is with great pleasure that we, the churches of the Southeast Iowa cluster, invite you all to join us here in the far southeastern corner of Central Plains Mennonite Conference. We are looking forward to hosting all of you on the campus of Iowa Wesleyan College in Mt Pleasant, IA and at Sugar Creek Mennonite Church in Wayland, IA from June 19-22, 2014.

The Southeast Iowa cluster is made up of nine churches. There are eight Anglo churches with four that are located in and around Wayland as well as congregations in Washington, Mt Pleasant, Donnellson, and Pulaski. Iglesia Menonita Centro Cristiano is a Hispanic Mennonite church that is located in Washington. We are a cluster of rural/small town churches.

Opening worship begins at 7 pm on Thursday evening in the chapel on the Iowa Wesleyan Campus. If you are arriving early you can take advantage of the Old Threshers Heritage Museum that is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Also, if you are bringing children, the Mt Pleasant Aquatic Center is a good place to spend an afternoon as they have open swimming from 1-7 pm daily.

Worship, delegate sessions, workshops and meals will all be held on the Iowa Wesleyan Campus for Friday and Saturday. Friday evening will be a time of sharing as we gather in the chapel to tell stories together of what God is doing in our midst in our local settings. Saturday evening we will again meet in the chapel for a more light-hearted evening with some skits, singing and a variety of other talents drawn from the folks of our area. Sunday morning we invite you to a joint worship and communion service with cluster congregations as we gather together at Sugar Creek Mennonite Church just south of Wayland.

Jewel Gingerich Longenecker, who is the Associate Dean for Leadership Education and leads the Church Leadership Center at the Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, will be our speaker for the weekend. Jewel will be speaking to us about our theme for the weekend, *Joyfully Following Jesus: Formed by God's Word*. This is a particularly important topic to Jewel who is completing her PhD studies on how we as churches can do a better job of being formed by God's Word in our lives. The titles for her messages include: Starving for Your Word, Called to Teach so that All Might Feast, and Formed to Teach, Formed to Lead.

Families are invited to come and bring their children. There will be activities planned for people of all ages. Also, youth delegates are encouraged to come. Shana Peachey Boshart, Conference Minister for Christian Formation, will again lead events that are for youth and youth delegates.

So again, we want to welcome you to join us in Mt Pleasant, Iowa as we gather together for a time of uplifting worship and work as the church.