

### Adult SS Classes

- *Salt & Light* meets in the library
- Discussion Class: *If the Church were Christian* by Philip Gulley. Read or listen to Chapter 4 for discussion this Sunday. Meet in the MYF Room.

### MYF

- **TODAY** – Souper Bowl Sundae Fundraiser following the worship service
- **Feb. 18** – Bible Study, 6-7:30 PM

### JYF

- **Every Wednesday – 6:00-8:00** – Wayland Mennonite All 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders are welcome! Food, games and learning about the parables of Jesus!

JYF is once again needing meals for 15-20 JHers on upcoming Wednesday nights at 6PM. This ministry is directly engaging Wayland community kids with fun and biblical teachings. Please contact Pastor Joshua Wenger at Eicher #319-541-9307 or Facebook. Thank you for all your continued support!



**This week please remember in prayer** Steve & Heather Freyenberger, Irene Bachman & Hortensia Unternahrer

**Pray for those dealing with medical issues:** Cindy Harms, Roni Stowers, Kent McDougal (cancer return), Sharon Jennings (Brooke [Tyler] Kleese's grandmother), Victor Hartzler (Orpha's brother), Doug Steele (Opal's neighbor), Randy Roth, Jeremy Niemeyer (Wilbur & Debbie's nephew), Martha Hernandez, Carol Long

**CPMC Prayer Request** Pray for the good and peace-filled work of the Agape Peace Center and the Minnesota Peacebuilding Leadership Institute, both in Minnesota.

**MMN Prayer Request** MMN has launched a new fellowship and learning program, Just Peace Pilgrimages, to help participants enter more fully into God's justice and shalom. Pray that God's spirit will prepare the hearts & minds of all who join in the healing work of dismantling the oppressive structures in the United States.

### LAST SUNDAY

Offering: Missions \$1,740; General Fund \$1,150; Home Missions \$20



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## **February 11, 2024**

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

Live Stream: <https://tinyurl.com/SCMLiveStream>  
<facebook.com/sugarcreekmennonitechurch>

**Worship Leader:** Tim Graber

**Song Leader:** Vi Graber

**Piano/Organ:** Abbey Shelman

### **Gathering**

*WB 38 The Lord is in his holy temple*

Welcome & Announcements

Silent Worship – Lighting of the Christ Candle

Call to Worship & Opening Prayer

### **Praising**

*WB 41 Come, thou Almighty King*

*WB 46 I sing the mighty power of God*

### **Hearing the Word**

Scripture Reading: Matthew 6:7-21

Message: Amanda Bleichy, "On Earth as it is in Heaven"

CPMC Video

### **Responding**

*WB 487 Teach me, O Lord*

Offering: Home Missions & **My Coins Count**

(2/18 Home Missions & **My Coins Count**)

Sharing & Prayers

### **Sending**

Benediction

*WB 119 Praise God from whom*

Thank you to Gary & Maretta Conrad for serving as ushers today.

### **NEXT SUNDAY**

- Orlando Redekopp

## **SUGAR CREEK NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Ash Wednesday ~ Lent:** February 14 Ash Wednesday and the start of our Lent journey towards Easter. Our theme this year is "Christ Among Us". The worship committee would like to invite each of us to focus on the spiritual practice of prayer during these 40 days, specifically dwelling on the ways in which Christ is indeed with us. To begin this journey, the main church doors will be open from 6AM-9PM on Wednesday, February 14. The table in the foyer and in the prayer room will have Ash Wednesday prayer guides that you can use for a focused prayer time on that day. Every Sunday, these tables will have a new prayer guide that you can use for a focused prayer time on the Lent theme for each week. If you have any questions, please talk with Dana or Tamara.

**Fellowship:** Please see the available slots for the Cookie time signup below or contact Vi Graber. Thank you!

[signupgenius.com/go/4090E45AEAB2DA0FA7-46238258-sugar#](https://signupgenius.com/go/4090E45AEAB2DA0FA7-46238258-sugar#/)

**My Coins Count:** During the month of February the children will be collecting your loose change during the morning worship service for MCC's "My Coins Count". Bring your change each week and help provide safe water for Nepal.

**Office Hours & Bulletin:** Katy's maternity leave will be the remainder of February, and she will be working part time from home. There will not be regular office hours. Bulletin announcements should be received by noon on Wednesdays. Please email the church or text Katy with any announcements.

### **TODAY**

- **Souper Bowl Sunday** – MYF is serving 6 delicious soups, salad, sundaes and dessert! Come support the MYF's fundraiser for their service trip with SWAP to Kentucky in July.

### **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14**

- **6AM-9PM:** Ash Wednesday; Lent begins. Church open for individual focused prayer time

### **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15**

- **6:30 PM:** Elder's Meeting, MYF Room

### **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18**

- **Advocate Luncheon and Activity** – Meet in the Fellowship hall following the Worship Service.

### **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21**

- **7:00 PM:** Church Council, MYF Room

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**AREA NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Central Plains: Mark your calendars ~ June 20-23** - The SE Iowa Churches will be hosting the 2024 Annual Meeting of Central Plains Mennonite Conference. If you would like to help plan this event or want more information, please contact Pastor John David of West Union Mennonite Church. His email is [pastor@westunionmennonite.org](mailto:pastor@westunionmennonite.org) or you can call him at (319) 461-2781. The main areas that need planning are worship, food, childcare, and lodging. Your prayers are cherished by all those working to plan this event.

**Cradle of Hope:** has now opened a new mother's home in Mt. Pleasant. They need volunteers who are willing to hang out with residents so that the house mom can have some breaks for personal appointments. Please call the office to get more information about volunteering: 319-986-5336. Thank you!

**Crooked Creek Christian Camp:** Registration is now open for our spring craft retreat, March 1-3. Join us for a fun weekend of crafting and fellowship! Visit [crookedcreekcamp.org/craft-retreat.html](http://crookedcreekcamp.org/craft-retreat.html) for more information and to register.

**Crowded Closet Thrift Shop:** Ready for a year of goodness and growth as we act on our mission of love and compassion! We are fully staffed and ready to welcome more volunteers into purposeful service together. Support Mennonite Central Committee through service as we transform material donations into relief, development, and peace that reaches around the world, and helps our local community, too. Current volunteer openings: Cashier, Donation Processing (multiple departments), and Donation Receiving. The board of directors is actively receiving nominations for open board positions. To learn more about these opportunities or to plan a shop visit to explore behind the scenes, contact Christine Maust Beachy, Volunteer Coordinator, 319-337-5924 or [crowdedcloset.volunteer@gmail.com](mailto:crowdedcloset.volunteer@gmail.com).

**The Family Connection:** The Family Connection is a home visitor program for families with children age prenatal-kindergarten in both Washington and Henry Counties. Our philosophy is that parents are the first, and most important, teachers of their children. We provide two home visits per month and use the Parents as Teachers curriculum to teach families about child development and the importance of play in early childhood. Our program is voluntary and absolutely free. We also have incentives for our families, and we are seeking donations to enhance our incentive program. If you have any questions or would like to make a referral, please call Amy McLaughlin at 319-385-8126. A pack 'n' play is set up in the foyer for donations, or checks may be earmarked for The Family Connection. Items we regularly use are:

- Diapers (especially size 4, 5, 6)
- Diaper wipes
- Diaper cream
- Laundry detergent (allergen free)
- Dish and hand soap
- Baby wash
- Pacifiers
- Sippy cups
- Educational toys (no batteries)
- Teething rings, rattles and other infant toys
- Bottles and nipples
- Baby blankets
- Books for small children
- Home safety items and first aid kits

**Hillcrest: The Chili Supper** - The annual event is hosted by the Hillcrest Academy senior class and has been a tradition since 1960. The historic menu of chili, cheese sandwiches, potato salad, and pie or other dessert varieties, along with the Mexican soup, Pozole [po'sole], will be served on Saturday, February 17 from 4:30-7:00 PM in Hillcrest Union (gymnasium). Cost per meal is Adults \$10, Seniors 65+ \$9, Children age 4-12 \$5, age 3 and under free. Tickets can be purchased ahead of time from ANY Hillcrest Academy student or at the door. Takeout is available.

**Open Gym** - On Sunday, February 25 3:00-4:30 PM, 5th-8th graders can participate in activities including basketball, volleyball, matball, dodgeball, etc. under the direction of Mitchell Drey (Hillcrest Academy Girls Basketball Coach). Please bring a water bottle and wear running shoes. Please sign up at [hillcrestravens.org/5-8events](http://hillcrestravens.org/5-8events)

**Skating Party** - On Thursday, February 29 6:30-8:30 PM, 5th-8th graders are invited to join the Hillcrest Academy Y-Co (student body government) in an evening of skating at the Wellman Skating Rink! We'll provide skates, cookies and 1 ticket for a drink. Please bring money for additional snacks & drinks from the concession stand. Sorry, no water bottles allowed. Parents will need to pay for themselves if they stay. Please sign up at [hillcrestravens.org/5-8events](http://hillcrestravens.org/5-8events).

**MCC:** Interested in working with MCC, or know someone who is? MCC is hiring a Community Engagement Coordinator! The Community Engagement Coordinator, in North Newton, KS connects with local churches,

individuals, and partners to educate on MCC material resources, programs, and events. Apply at the following link: [mccglobal.my.site.com/MCCJobs/s/va](http://mccglobal.my.site.com/MCCJobs/s/va) or find the job and other openings at [mcc.org/careers](http://mcc.org/careers).

MCC Material Resources Center in North Newton is critically low on inventory: An MCC kit cannot be distributed until each item for the kit is assembled, but some supplies in the Material Resources Center are so low that kits cannot be processed for shipping. You can help by filling the following needs: *new* infant sleepers (6-12 month sizes); bath towels (dark colored, light to medium weight); wide-toothed combs; laundry soap (such as Fels Naptha or Zote brands); shampoo (20 oz min); fingernail clippers (good quality); and hand towels (dark colored). Locally, MCC distributes prisoner care and returning citizen care kits, for those kits we currently need: men's T-shirts (sizes L, XL, 2XL, 3XL -- any color); men's underwear (sizes L, XL, 2XL, 3XL -- any color); men's crew socks; lotion (12 oz min); and adult backpacks. Buy online and ship it to MCC or bring items to MCC in North Newton (121 E. 30<sup>th</sup> St, North Newton, KS 67117). Questions are always welcome, please contact [brociamueller@mcc.org](mailto:brociamueller@mcc.org) or 316.283.2720. A full list of MCC kit contents can be found at [mcc.org/kits](http://mcc.org/kits).

**MCC for YOUTH | Feb. 23: MCC High School Essay Contest** - Are you a youth who attends a Mennonite high school or an Anabaptist church? This is your opportunity to express your views in essay format on critical issues facing U.S. society. Submissions are due Feb. 23, 2024, and may be in English or Spanish. The grand prize is \$1000! Find out more about the high school essay contest. [mcc.org/events/high-school-essay-contest](http://mcc.org/events/high-school-essay-contest) Submit essays to [centralstates@mcc.org](mailto:centralstates@mcc.org).

**MCC Young Adult Peace Camp in Black Forest, Colorado - March 10-15:** Join us for an incredible week of hands-on peacebuilding training in the Rocky Mountains of Colorado Springs! MCC's Peacebuilders Training is a learning experience for young adults hungry to connect with other young adults; root themselves in intentional, theological reflection; and apply that to the real-world work of peace and justice in their communities. Find out more and register for the Peace Camp. [mcc.org/get-involved/peace-camps](http://mcc.org/get-involved/peace-camps)

**Iowa Peace Network:** Feel free to register and join these weekly recurring Zoom meetings:

- *Praying for Peace with Churches for Middle East Peace (CMEP):* CMEP Invites you to join them in praying for peace in Israel and Palestine, Wednesdays 11:30AM-12PM CST. [cmepe.org/wednesday-prayer/](http://cmepe.org/wednesday-prayer/)
- *Churches for Middle East Peace (CMEP) Weekly Briefing:* CMEP is holding a weekly briefing of current news regarding the Hamas and Israel war, Thursdays 9-9:30 AM CST. [cmepe.org/thursday-briefing/](http://cmepe.org/thursday-briefing/)

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**MCUSA:** Mennonite Church USA Administration has named Jolene VonGunten as executive administrative assistant, serving the Executive Board and staff, the Constituency Leaders Council, the Governance Council, the Joint Executive Committee, and Human Resources. She also is continuing to serve part-time as executive assistant and communications coordinator for Mennonite Education Agency. Read more here: [mennoniteusa.org/news/vongunten-exec-admin-assistant](http://mennoniteusa.org/news/vongunten-exec-admin-assistant)

When sorting through a donation to the MC USA Archives last summer, Olivia Krall, archives coordinator for MC USA, came across the story of WWI conscientious objector Guy O. Graber. She shares some of her findings here: [mennoniteusa.org/graber-objector](http://mennoniteusa.org/graber-objector)

Equipping, Mennonite Church USA's quarterly email newsletter for pastors and leaders, features resources submitted by MC USA conferences, congregations, agencies, entities/ministry partners, constituency groups and affiliated schools and colleges. View the most recent issue here: [mennoniteusa.org/equipping-january](http://mennoniteusa.org/equipping-january) Subscribe to Equipping here: [mennoniteusa.org/equipping-subscribe](http://mennoniteusa.org/equipping-subscribe)

**Mennonite Action:** a grassroots movement, united more than 800 Mennonites representing 250 congregations across the U.S. and Canada in a mobilizing call for peace. The "Call to Action" served as a resounding demand for a ceasefire, an end to the U.S.- and Western-funded occupation of Palestine, and a push for lasting peace. Read more here: [mennoniteusa.org/mennonite-action](http://mennoniteusa.org/mennonite-action)

**Mom Café:** Join us the third Tuesday evening of every month from 6-7:30pm at Saint Alphonsus Catholic Church in Mount Pleasant. If you have any questions, please reach out to Tamara Zechin at 319-217-2456. Hope to see you there!

**Parkview:** Parkview Home is looking for either a volunteer or perhaps even a contract for services for light yard work in 2024. We are seeking someone to perform light-duty yard work for Spring, Summer and possibly the Fall of 2024. This much-needed position would entail light yard work such as weed pulling, trimming hedges and bushes, watering and just an overall finishing touch for our yards on Parkview campus.