

Adult SS Classes

- *Salt & Light* meets in the library
- *If the Church were Christian*: Read or listen to Chapter 6 for discussion this Sunday. Meet in the Fellowship Hall.

MYF

- **Mar. 3** – Crowded Closet volunteer activity; carpool meets at the school @12:15pm. Hockey outing & pizza to follow.
- **Mar. 17** – 6-7:30 PM, Bible Study with Matt & Jen Slagel. SWAP forms are due.

JYF

- **Wednesdays** – 6-8 PM @Wayland Mennonite. All 7th & 8th graders are welcome for food, games and learning about the parables of Jesus!



This week please remember in prayer Mary Jo Richard and Don Eichelberger

Pray for those dealing with medical issues: Sandy Koehler (Kathy Roth's sister), Cindy Harms, Roni Stowers, Kent McDougal (cancer return), Sharon Jennings (Brooke Kleese's grandmother), Victor Hartzler (Orpha's brother), Doug Steele (Opal's neighbor), Randy Roth, Martha Hernandez, Carol Long

CPMC Prayer Request Pray for Spencer Bradford who was installed as pastor last Sunday at Salem Mennonite Church in Freeman, SD. Pray for God's blessing on the ministry that Spencer and Salem share.

MMN Prayer Request Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Jae Young Lee, Karen Spicher and their children, who live and work for peace from their home in the Peace Building in South Korea. Pray for them and all the ministries housed in the Peace Building — restorative justice programs, Grace and Peace Mennonite Church and Circle Café & Bakery.

LAST SUNDAY

Offering: Home Missions \$1,600; General Fund \$650

- My Coins Count Week 3: \$86.81



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Christ among Us, Showing Us Faith

Christ is among us, reminding us of who we are,
and even when we fail, reminding us of grace
and calling us beloved.

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: Mark & Linda Boshart

Song Leader: Dana Oswald & MYF

Music: Morgan Meyer

Gathering

Welcome & Announcements

Lord, I need you

Silent Worship – Lighting of the Christ Candle

Call to Worship & Opening Prayer/Lent Theme Sharing

Praising

MH 543 He leadeth me, O blessed thought

MH 534 Great is Thy faithfulness

Hearing the Word

Scripture Reading: *Mark 8:31-34, 9:2-9 (*please stand as able*)

Message: Pam Gerig Unruh, “Living Faithfully”

Prayer of Confession (*please kneel as able*)

Responding

Jesus be the center

Offering: Home Missions & **My** **C**oins **C**ount (3/3 Missions)

Sharing & Prayers

Sending

Benediction

Doxology

NEXT SUNDAY

- Pam Gerig Unruh

SUGAR CREEK NEWS

Lent: The table in the foyer and in the prayer room will have prayer guides that you can use for a focused prayer time on the Lent theme for each week.

This week's symbol is a cross because we must take up our crosses daily to follow Jesus. When we can grasp God's unending love for us, we can grow in faith and let go of the things that hinder us. By doing so, we gain compassion for ourselves and all others who suffer.

Baptism/Membership: If there is interest, we will begin a baptism and membership class soon! If you're interested, please talk to Pam or an Elder.

Extension: Sugar Creek will provide meals March 6, 20, 27 & April 3 for JYF. Contact Lori Miller to sign up: 319-759-1068. If we get these dates filled, we will provide more in April. Thank you!

Update on Jeremy Niemeyer: On Valentine's Day, Jeremy had his LAST day of treatment for the intense Phase 4 for his diagnosis of lymphoblastic leukemia. Phase 5 is a maintenance phase which will be monthly chemo at the University of Kansas. At his job as a civil engineer, he has been working remotely for the past 6 months. The plan is to move to Kansas City the first of March and begin working full time. Jeremy and his family thank the church for their many prayers through this whole ordeal. They are thankful for each and every one of you!

UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY

- If you would like to be anointed, please go forward after the service.
- **6:00 PM:** Sunday Evening Gospel Reading Discussion in the Fellowship Hall; bring your own snack!

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

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

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

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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 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: Join us on March 19 at Shepherd's Inn for *Lenten Quiet Day* featuring devotions connecting the poetry of Mary Oliver and our Lenten journey. A soup lunch will also be provided. Register here: crookedcreekcamp.org/lenten-quiet-day.html

Mark your calendars for *Summer Camp registration* opening on March 4! Visit our website now to see summer camp dates crookedcreekcamp.org/

Check under your couch cushions and clean out your coin purses because April will be *Coins for Camp* month! This year's projects are pool toys, life jackets, and LED lanterns for each cabin. Coins for Camp is one of the ways we begin preparing for summer camp! We appreciate your generosity.

Help give our summer camp cooks a head start by participating in one of our *Summer Camp Prep Days*. Join us May 11, 13, and 14 from 8:30-12:00 to make cookies, chop vegetables, and cook ground beef. Sign up here: crookedcreekcamp.org/summer-food-prep-days.html

Join us May 4 for *CC Wild Mud Run and Walk*, our annual fundraiser to benefit our Summer Camp Fund. Don't want to run? New this year, we will be adding a walk for those who want to experience nature without the mud and obstacles. A free will donation lunch will take place at 11:30. For more information and to register visit our website: crookedcreekcamp.org/ccw.html

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: 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

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.

Blood Drive - The Hillcrest Academy National Honor Society is hosting a blood drive on Wednesday, March 6 from 7:30-11:30 AM. Plan now to donate blood by scheduling a donation time through the Hillcrest office at 319-656-2073. Thank you for helping your community in this special way!

6th Grade Visit Days - Happening on Friday, March 1 or Wednesday, March 20 2:00-3:15 PM, current 5th graders are invited to come visit our 6th grade classes. They'll have an opportunity to interact with our current 6th graders and learn what it's like to attend Hillcrest Academy. This is for students only, but parents are welcome to hangout with Rebecca and have a cup of coffee while you wait. Please sign up at hillcrestravens.org/5-8events.

MCC: MCC partner Team Brownsville welcomes your gently used winter coats and jackets! Team Brownsville seeks to share God's love by welcoming asylum seekers, including providing them with warm coats. It's as easy as collecting your gently used coats and jackets, boxing them up and shipping (up to) 70 lb./box to Team Brownsville – just follow the instructions on the poster on the north bulletin board. Spring clean your closets and help Team Brownsville prepare for next winter! Have questions? Please email the MCC Central States Immigration Team at centralstates@mcc.org and either Abraham Diaz Alonso or Becky Teiwes, will respond.

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 or find the job and other openings at mcc.org/careers.

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

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. cmep.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. cmep.org/thursday-briefing/

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MCUSA Lorraine Stutzman Amstutz, Mennonite Church USA denominational minister for Peace and Justice, led a half-day faculty training on restorative discipline at Lititz Area Mennonite School in Pennsylvania, on January 15, 2024. Learn more here: mennoniteusa.org/peaceable-schools

Learn more about Safe Church, Mennonite Church USA's newly formed abuse prevention ministry here: mennoniteusa.org/safechurch View the PDF here: mennoniteusa.org/safe-church-resources

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

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.