

### Adult SS Classes

- *Salt & Light* meets in the library
- *If the Church were Christian*: Read or listen to Chapter 10 for discussion this Sunday. Meet in the Fellowship Hall. We will begin a new book on April 7, *Acts: 24 Studies for Individuals and Groups* by N.T. Wright. Paperback copies have been purchased or e-books are available on Amazon.

### MYF

- **Mar. 31** – Easter Service @Wayland Mennonite
- **April 6** – 9AM Ditch clean up and can collection
- **April 7** – Bible Study with Corey & Dana at their shop, 6-7:30 PM

### JYF

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



**This week please remember in prayer** Ardell & Judy Kliewer and Bob & Doris Nelson

**Pray for those dealing with medical issues:** Sandy Koehler (Kathy Roth's sister), Cindy Harms, Roni

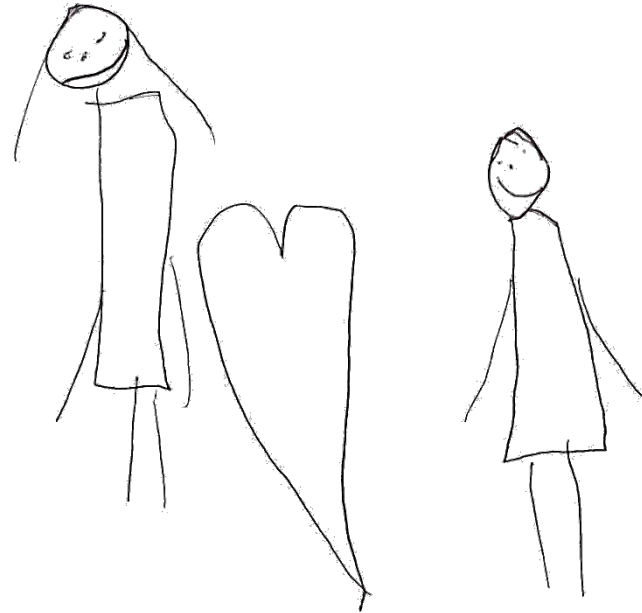
Stowers, Sharon Jennings (Brooke Kleese's grandmother), Doug Steele (Opal's neighbor), Randy Roth, Carol Long

**CPMC Prayer Request** Pray for Central Plains congregations that are in the midst of pastoral searches. Pray for search committees and for candidates looking for churches, that God may guide the search process according to God's will.

**MMN Prayer Request** Praise God for the 75 years of healing ministry by dedicated personnel at Mennonite Christian Hospital in Hualien, Taiwan, the largest Mennonite hospital in the world. Join Mennonite Mission Network in praying for Dr. Jacob Chang and the hospital staff as the services they offer grow to meet the needs of the populations they serve; the elderly, mothers and children and those with special needs.

### LAST SUNDAY

Offering: Home Missions \$3,520; Conference \$2,162; General Fund \$1,550; Missions \$1,500



Jesus loves me!

*Drawn by Mia Shelman*

March 24, 2024



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## March 24, 2024

### *Christ among Us, the Way of a Servant*

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](https://facebook.com/sugarcreekmennonitechurch)

**Worship Leader:** Mike & Maria Roth

**Song Leader:** Tamara Zechin

**Piano/Organ:** Kathy Yoder

*WB 238 Hosanna, loud hosanna*

*Children's Choir: Jesus is coming*

Welcome & Announcements, Sharing & Prayers

Lighting of the Christ Candle

*Lord, I need you: Mia Shelman, Karsyn Black, Kevan Zechin,*

*Tenley Achen, Corinne Slagel, Maddie Farmer & Brenna Graber*

Call to Worship & Opening Prayer/Lent Theme Sharing

*WB 237 All glory, laud, and honor*

Children's Story: Sidney Garrett

Journey through Holy Week: Matt Slagel & Tamara Zechin

Reading of the Passion Story

Invitation for Footwashing

Reading of the Passion Story

Prayer & Communion

*WB 471 Eat this bread*

Reading of the Passion Story

*WB 260 When I survey the wondrous cross*

Reading of the Passion Story

*Were You There: Tamara Zechin*

*\*Please exit the sanctuary in silence while the song plays*

Thank you to Larry & Vi Graber for serving as ushers today.

Offering in the back: Home Missions (3/31 Home Missions)

## NEXT SUNDAY

- Easter Service at Wayland Mennonite, 10AM

## SUGAR CREEK NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

**Lent:** The tables in the foyer and prayer room have Lent prayer guides for focused prayer time on the theme for this week.

Jesus came humbly, riding a donkey and showing us the way of the servant, the Lamb who was slain. This week's symbol is a palm branch and cotton. The palm branch symbolizes victory, triumph, peace and eternal life. The cotton inside of the bowl represents the Lamb of God who was crucified for us.

**Bible Reading Challenge:** We will read through the book of Acts beginning in April. See your mailboxes for details!

**CCCC Coins for Camp:** 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.

**Fellowship:** Please sign up to provide cookies, or contact Vi: [signupgenius.com/go/4090E45AEAB2DA0FA7-48304975-sugar](https://signupgenius.com/go/4090E45AEAB2DA0FA7-48304975-sugar)

**Mennonite Women:** All are invited to join in our MCC Relief Kit Project for March and April. You are welcome to contribute items or money toward this much-needed project. It takes about \$50 for all items in each kit. See the complete list on the foyer table.

## **TODAY**

- If you would like to be anointed, please go forward after the service.
- **6:00 PM:** Sunday Evening Gospel Reading Discussion on Luke, Fellowship Hall. Bring a snack to share!

## **FRIDAY, MARCH 29**

- **6:00 PM:** Good Friday Service

## **SUNDAY, MARCH 31**

- No Sunday School
- **10:00 AM:** Joint Easter Service by MYF at Wayland Mennonite

## **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3**

- **9:00 AM:** Mennonite Women, Fellowship Hall
- **7:00 PM:** Worship Planning, MYF Room

## **FRIDAY, APRIL 12**

- **11:30 AM:** Elders Meeting

**MARCH 24, 2024**  
**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 Pregnancy Resource Center:** The annual fundraising banquet will be Saturday, April 13 at FCOC. Doors open at 5:30 PM with the program beginning at 6PM. This is a valuable opportunity to learn about the amazing work they are doing in our community for young families, especially with the opening of the new mother's home. Kevan and Tamara will be hosting a table, so please speak with them to reserve your seat

**Crooked Creek Christian Camp:** Summer Camp registration is now open! Visit our website now to see summer camp dates [crookedcreekcamp.org/](http://crookedcreekcamp.org/)

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 be at 11:30 AM. Info & register: [crookedcreekcamp.org/ccw.html](http://crookedcreekcamp.org/ccw.html)

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](http://crookedcreekcamp.org/summer-food-prep-days.html)

**Crowded Closet:** Crowded Closet Thrift Shop has lots to celebrate! Learn what's new at Crowded Closet in our winter newsletter. Find a copy at your church or visit [tinyurl.com/ClosetNews](http://tinyurl.com/ClosetNews) to view the newsletter online. Join us to shop, donate, and volunteer in 2024 and make a difference in the lives of people locally and globally. To plan a visit, contact Christine Maust Beachy, Volunteer Coordinator [crowdedcloset.volunteer@gmail.com](mailto:crowdedcloset.volunteer@gmail.com) or 319-337-5924.

**Hillcrest: Pre-Registration Night** - On Tuesday, April 9 5:00-6:00 PM and Wednesday, April 10 4:00-5:00 PM, current 8th graders, transfer students and their families are welcome to sign up for a time slot to meet with School Counselor, Tom Carey, about your fall schedule. There will also be a short math screening for the students. Please sign up at [hillcrestravens.org/5-8events](http://hillcrestravens.org/5-8events).

**Host Family** - Hillcrest Academy is looking for a family to host a World Link foreign exchange student during the 2024-25 school year. Hosts can be single or married with young children, no children, teenagers, or grandchildren. Students are selected based on their leadership qualities and academic performance and the program provides the student's medical insurance, pays school fees and expenses, and gives the student a monthly allowance. Please contact the local coordinator Holly Beinhart at 641-295-5003 or [hollybeinhart@gmail.com](mailto:hollybeinhart@gmail.com) for more information or if you are more comfortable contacting the school, please email Rebecca Beachy Miller at [rbeachymiller@hillcrestravens.org](mailto:rbeachymiller@hillcrestravens.org).

**Bus Drivers** - Hillcrest Academy is in critical need of shuttle and bus drivers. As we continue to add more grades, we have more kids who need transportation whether it's from Iowa City or Washington or to extracurricular activities. Please contact Rebecca Beachy Miller at [rbeachymiller@hillcrestravens.org](mailto:rbeachymiller@hillcrestravens.org) to learn what you need to do to become a driver.

**MCC:** 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); laundry soap (such as Fels Naptha or Zote brands); shampoo (20 oz min) and spiral notebooks (70 sheets). 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).

**Iowa Mennonite Historical Society:** Because the Iowa Girls BB team may be playing on Mon, March 25th the Mennonite Historical Society is changing their Spring Meeting to *Tuesday, March 26th at 7 p.m.* at Kalona Mennonite Church. Michael Zahs will be telling about how our Amish ancestors cleared the land to begin farming. Refreshments will follow.

**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/](http://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/](http://cmep.org/thursday-briefing/)

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**MCUSA:** MC USA's Climate Justice Ministry will begin receiving applications for the Pam De Young Net Zero Energy Fund grant, starting April 1, 2024. The Pam De Young Net Zero Energy Fund provides funds to assist MC USA congregations interested in various forms of renewable energy. Read more here: [mennoniteusa.org/news/apply-energy-grants](http://mennoniteusa.org/news/apply-energy-grants)

Join MC USA Climate Justice Coordinator Karla Stoltzfus Detweiler on Apr. 2 at 2 p.m. ET/11 a.m. PT for the first of four webinars in MC USA's "Learn, Pray, Join: Climate Justice II" initiative. The first webinar will focus on Indigenous Justice and Climate Justice and will feature the testimony of Indigenous leaders, Manuel May Castillo and Mark Charles, and the prophetic voices of Sarah Augustine and Sheri Hostetler, co-founders of the Coalition to Dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery and authors of the book "So We and Our Children May Live." Register here: [mennoniteusa.org/registraiton-climate-april2](http://mennoniteusa.org/registraiton-climate-april2)

Tori Jones Long, a local organizer for Mennonite Action and a member of Salford Mennonite Church, Harleysville, Pa., reflects on why she participated in an act of civil disobedience that led to her arrest during the Jan. 16 Mennonite Action demonstration for a ceasefire. Read more about her experience in her Menno Snapshots blog here: [mennoniteusa.org/civil-disobedience](http://mennoniteusa.org/civil-disobedience)

On Jan. 16, 2024, Lynn Hur, a member of Pasadena (California) Mennonite Church participated in an outdoor peace vigil with about 200 Mennonites in front of the House of Representatives' Cannon House Office Building in Washington D.C. She reflects on "finding people who grieve the same way you do." Read more about her experience here: [mennoniteusa.org/grieve-same-way](http://mennoniteusa.org/grieve-same-way)

**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 Home:** Parkview would like to extend an invitation to anyone with Piano playing ability to come in and play for the Residents. We have both an Organ and Piano adjacent to our dining room. We would love to have a noon meal-time piano playing session, once in a while, for the Residents enjoyment. Anything is possible and would be very welcome at Parkview Home. Please have anyone interested to call: 319-256-3525 and ask for Jerilyn Winga. Thank you.