

Adult SS Classes

- *Salt & Light* meets in the library
- *If the Church were Christian*: Read or listen to Chapter 7 for discussion this Sunday. Meet in the Fellowship Hall.

MYF

- **TODAY** – 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 Opal Reschly and Larry & Vi Graber

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

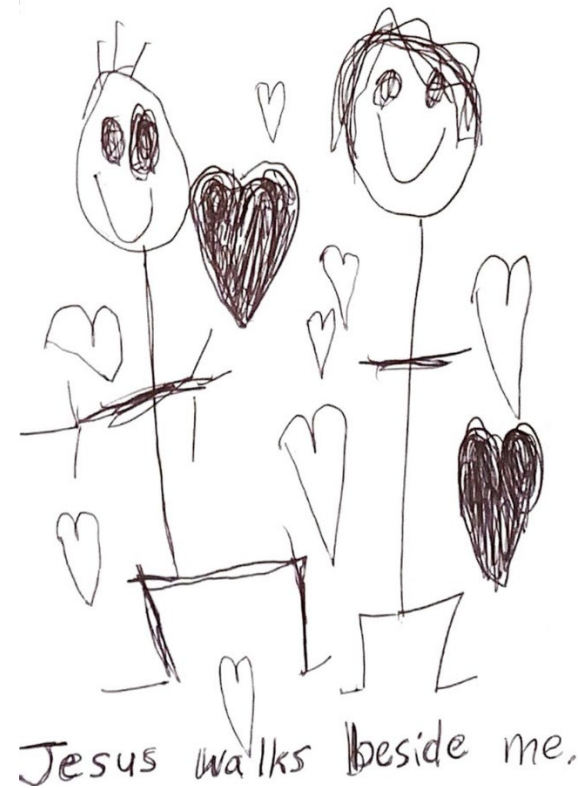
CPMC Prayer Request Pray for the staff of Swan Lake Christian Camp (SD) and Crooked Creek Christian Camp (IA) as they begin to prepare for the summer camping season.

MMN Prayer Request Tomorrow, members of the Central Plains Mennonite Conference will begin a week-long Just Peace Pilgrimage, organized by Mennonite Mission Network. Pray for open minds and hearts as participants focus on the struggle for civil rights in Alabama, Georgia and Mississippi, and how Jesus is calling his followers to respond.

LAST SUNDAY

Offering: Home Missions \$1,315; General Fund \$650

- My Coins Count Week 4: \$71.93; Total: \$322.31



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Christ among Us, Showing Us Justice

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

Piano/Organ: Ayla Miller, Kathy Yoder

Gathering

Welcome & Announcements

Lord, I need you

Silent Worship – Lighting of the Christ Candle

Call to Worship & Opening Prayer/Lent Theme Sharing

Praising

WB 419 Lead on, O cloud of Presence

WB 411 I bind my heart this tide

Hearing the Word

Children's Story: Sidney Garrett

Scripture Reading: *John 2:13-22 (*please stand as able*)

Message: Pam Gerig Unruh, "Finding Space"

Prayer of Confession (*please kneel as able*)

Responding

STJ 61 How can we be silent

Offering: Missions (3/10 Home Missions)

Sharing & Prayers

Sending

Benediction

WB 349 Spirit of the living God

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

NEXT SUNDAY

- Pam Gerig Unruh

SUGAR CREEK NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

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 scroll. The scroll reminds us that God has given us His commandments so that we can more fully experience God's great love for us as we obey His Word.

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.

Easter Lilies: Lilies are available for purchase for \$10 each, through March 10. They will be used for décor on Easter Sunday, and may be taken after the service. Money payable to the church office with checks made out to Sugar Creek Mennonite Church. Please use the sign-up on the north bulletin board.

Extension: Thank you to everyone who signed up to provide meals for JYF in March through April 10. If anyone wants to sign up for more dates, please let Lori Miller know: 319-759-1068. The last two dates for JYF this year are April 17 and 24.

Fellowship: Please use the sign-up link to provide cookies, <signupgenius.com/go/4090E45AEAB2DA0FA7-48304975-sugar> or contact Vi Graber.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 17

- **9:00 AM:** Parkview Worship

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

- **11:00 AM:** Parkview Devotions
- **7:00 PM:** Church Council, MYF Room

SUNDAY, MARCH 24

- Palm Sunday

FRIDAY, MARCH 29

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 31

- **10:00 AM:** Easter Sunday, joint service at Wayland Mennonite

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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.

Concert: Bad Angle Events is hosting local vocalist and musicians, Allison Yoder Hershberger with Old Man Band in "An Evening of Music Inspired by Eva Cassidy" on March 16th at 7 p.m. in Celebration Hall on the campus of Hillcrest Academy. More information and tickets are available at www.badangleevents.org.

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

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

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

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 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 or 319-337-5924.

Hillcrest: 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 hang out with Rebecca and have a cup of coffee while you wait. Please sign up at hillcrestravens.org/5-8events.

A Seussified Pride & Prejudice - The greatest romance in all of English literature gets a wacky, rhyming makeover. This whimsical retelling is something Dr. Seuss might come up with if he had his way with the time-tested Jane Austen classic. The Hillcrest Academy spring drama production will be presented in Celebration Hall on Friday, March 22 at 7:00 PM and Saturday, March 23 at 2:00 PM and 7:00 PM. All tickets are \$5, general admission tickets and can be purchased at the door or by calling the school office (319-656-2073). Doors will open half an hour before each show.

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. 30th St, North Newton, KS 67117). Questions are always welcome, please contact brociamueller@mcc.org or 316.283.2720. A full list of MCC kit contents can be found at mcc.org/kits.

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 It is with sadness that MC USA announces the passing of Anthonia Chibuzo Onye (May 18, 1971 to Jan. 12, 2024), regional minister for Southern California for Pacific Southwest Mennonite Conference, recently appointed member of the Mennonite Mission Network board of directors, and associate pastor at Wholicare Community Missionary Church in Los Angeles. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/news/celebrating-chibuzo-onye

Rev. Amy Zimbelman, conference minister of Mountain States Mennonite Conference, and Elizabeth Johnson, PhD candidate at Duke University, will share major findings from their national study of women in MC USA ministry during an MC USA webinar on Monday, March 11 at 7 p.m. ET/4 p.m. PT. Register here: mennoniteusa.org/registraiton-wil-march11 View the slide here: mennoniteusa.org/WIL-webinar-register

Energized by a Super Bowl commercial, MC USA Executive Director Glen Guyton calls us to reclaim foot washing as a tangible expression of our Anabaptist faith. Read his reflections here: mennoniteusa.org/act-of-foot-washing

Talashia Keim Yoder, a pastor at College Mennonite Church in Goshen, Indiana, and author of Mennonite Education Agency's "Lent at Home 2024" downloadable worship guide for families, reframes Lenten confession and penitence with the life-giving ways we can find God in the desert. Read her Menno Snapshots blog here: mennoniteusa.org/lent24-jesus-desert

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!