

### Adult Sunday School

- No Sunday School this week, at Wayland Mennonite for Easter Service at 10AM
- **Discussion Class:** We will begin with the new book, *Acts* by N.T. Wright on April 7. If you still need a book, please let Katy know and more can be ordered. It is also available as a Kindle book via Amazon.

### MYF

- **Today** – 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** Greg & Carol Graber and Brad & Sonja Roth

**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** He is Risen indeed! Hallelujah! May our Easter Celebrations be filled with the joy of the Risen Lord!

**MMN Prayer Request** On this Easter Sunday, join Mennonite Mission Network in praying for peace and abundant life in Israel and Palestine, the land where Jesus lived, embodied his teachings, was murdered and rose victorious from the dead.

### LAST SUNDAY

Offering: Home Missions \$1,595; General Fund \$500



### March 31, 2024

10:00 AM: Joint Easter service at Wayland Mennonite Church

Offering: Home Missions (4/7 Missions)

*The lilies displayed are for Eldon Wyse, Ivan & Elsie Yoder, Leslie & Betty Rogers, John Swartzendruber, and David Wenger.*

### NEXT SUNDAY

- Pam Gerig Unruh

### SUGAR CREEK NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

**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](http://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.

**VBS:** Vacation Bible School will be June 3-7 from 8:30-11:30 AM. This year's committee is: Audra Barnhart, Abbey Shelman, Katy Black and Sidney Garrett. Volunteers are needed! Contact a committee member if interested. Registration opens April 1!

### 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

HALLELUJAH  
he is risen

**MARCH 31, 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)

Summer is fast approaching! We are looking for volunteer kitchen helpers for summer camp! Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C45A9A729A3FD8F8-48436036-2024> Thanks for your support in this way!

**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: Touring Choir** - The Hillcrest Academy Touring Choir will be performing several concerts on campus and in local churches. Their theme, 'Lead with Love' encompasses the call for connection in a world much in need of Jesus' love. Their performances touch on themes of rising to God's calling and carrying His light in all situations. You will hear varied selections of spirituals, contemporary Christian, jazz, and maybe even a song about coffee! They will be traveling to Goshen, IN for the MSC Choir Festival on April 5-7 and their first local concert is on Sunday, April 14 at 6:00 PM at Lower Deer Creek Mennonite Church. Check out the entire schedule at [hillcrestravens.org/touringchoir2024](http://hillcrestravens.org/touringchoir2024). The public is welcome at all performances.

**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).

**Farmer Feed** - The annual Farmer Feed will be on Friday, April 12 from 6:30-8:00 AM. The FFA students will be serving pancakes, eggs, bacon, sausage, coffee, milk and juice in the cafeteria. There is a freewill donation benefiting the Hillcrest Academy FFA.

**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 invites you to take the challenge: A month of climate actions for peace! Sign up to get your free calendar with a different climate action you can take each day in April. From learning to praying to advocating, this month of activities will help you take action to address climate change. Join the challenge as an individual, family, church or small group. Sign up today for A Month of Climate Actions for Peace at [mcc.org/month-climate-action-peace](http://mcc.org/month-climate-action-peace)!

MCC's Sharing With Appalachian People (SWAP) home repair program is seeking summer staff in Kimball, West Virginia or Elkhorn City, Kentucky. These three-month positions for Job Site Coordinators and Meals Coordinators will allow you to explore new cultures, develop skills, build friendships and live out your faith. Applicants should be at least 19 years old, but the roles are not limited to young adults. An hourly wage plus room and board are provided. For more information and to apply, visit [mcc.org/swap-summer-meals](http://mcc.org/swap-summer-meals) or [mcc.org/swap-summer-job-site](http://mcc.org/swap-summer-job-site). Or contact the MCC Appalachia SWAP office at (606) 634-4418 or [AppalachiaAdmin@mcc.org](mailto:AppalachiaAdmin@mcc.org).

**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 Administration has awarded Mennonite Action an unrestricted \$10,000 grant from the Church Peace Tax Fund. Mennonite Action is an independent, grass roots movement of Mennonites taking public action to stop war and end the occupation of Palestine. Read more here: [mennoniteusa.org/news/menno-action-peace-tax-fund](http://mennoniteusa.org/news/menno-action-peace-tax-fund)

Peaceful Options for Training and Careers, an independent initiative formed by MC USA and Mennonite Central Committee, has begun training volunteer counselors to help young adults find non-military career, service and training opportunities. Read more here: [mennoniteusa.org/news/potc-mobilizes](http://mennoniteusa.org/news/potc-mobilizes)

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Abby Endashaw, Mennonite Central Committee young adult program coordinator, reflects on the life-giving aspects of the Hope for the Future conference. This blog is part of MC USA's Hope for the Future series. Read more about her experience here: [mennoniteusa.org/community-connection-longevity](http://mennoniteusa.org/community-connection-longevity)

**Mennonite Action:** This is a grassroots movement that 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:** Currently, Crystal Chunn, one of Parkview Home's long-term employees is ill with cancer. This is her second bout with this terrible disease. We have set up a cancer fund at Wayland State Bank for persons interested in donating money to assist her with her Medical and other Bills. She has insurance, but not everything is covered. She has to be off work as well and must have help while at home recovering. She has to pay for car trips and gas and other expenses for her chemotherapy treatments. Any amount is welcome! We thank you and God Bless you!

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.