

Adult SS Classes

- *Salt & Light* meets in the library
- Discussion Class: Read ch. 4 & 5 in *Acts* by N.T. Wright.

MYF

- **Apr. 28** – Bible Study with Bryce & Abbey Shelman, 6:00-7:30 PM
- **May 5** – Bible Study with Gary Brose & Chad McClanahan, 6:00-7:30 PM

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 Irvin & Lucy Leichty and Ron & Martha Marsh

Pray for those dealing with medical issues: Opal Reschly (hearing), Don Yoder, Melba Widmer (surgery recovery), Sheldon Miller (surgery recovery), Sandy Koehler (Kathy Roth's sister), Cindy Harms, Roni Stowers, Sharon Jennings (Brooke Kleese's grandmother), Randy Roth, Carol Long

Pray for the leaders and youth involved in JYF and MYF. Pray for God to bless the leaders with wisdom, understanding, and love for the youth they lead. Pray for God to bless the children and youth with willing hearts and the chance to be examples to others.

CPMC Prayer Request Pray for the work of the Outreach and Service Committee of Central Plains Mennonite Conference. We ask for wisdom and courage as they lead by example and encouragement into new ways of thinking about and doing God's just work in our ever-changing world.

MMN Prayer Request Mennonite Mission Network praises God for Alfonsina and José Oyanguren's two decades of ministry in the Argentine Chaco and for the exciting audio and visual ministries they are developing. Pray for the Christian radio programs, which help the Toba-Qom people better understand the biblical message, and for the impact that the Jesus Film is having in communities in the Chaco.

LAST SUNDAY

Offering: Home Missions \$2,000; General Fund \$1,000



"Who is my Neighbor?"
April 21, 2024



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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: Lisa Graber
Song Leader: Vi Graber
Piano/Organ: Tamara Zechin

Gathering

This is the day
Welcome & Announcements
Silent Worship – Lighting of the Christ Candle
Call to Worship & Opening Prayer

Praising

WB 53 God of the earth, the sky, the sea
WB 66 O worship the King

Hearing the Word

Scripture Reading: *Matthew 25:31-46, p. 22
Message: Michael Loss, "Who is my Neighbor?"

Responding

WB 307 Will you let me be your servant
Offering: Education & Coins for Camp (4/28 Home Missions)
Sharing & Prayers

Sending

Benediction
WB 119 Praise God from whom

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

NEXT SUNDAY

• Tim Tjernagel

SUGAR CREEK NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

Anabaptist Conversation: Join us on Monday, April 22 at 6:30 PM in the MYF Room for an Anabaptist conversation! Whether you are considering membership or simply want to learn more about what it means to be an Anabaptist in today's world, this is the perfect opportunity to engage in meaningful dialogue and deepen your understanding of our faith tradition. All are welcome to join us for this enriching discussion. The next meeting will be determined at that time.

CCCC Coins for Camp: It's 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.

Extension: The MCC Sale on Memorial Day is no longer being held. Sugar Creek will be hosting a meal fundraiser to benefit MCC on May 22, 2024 from 5-7 PM. A free-will donation will be accepted. For questions, contact Lori Miller.

Fellowship: Please sign up to provide cookies, or contact Vi: signupgenius.com/go/4090E45AEAB2DA0FA7-48304975-sugar

VBS: Registration is now open! <https://bit.ly/SCWMVBS2024>
"Seekers in Sneakers" VBS 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.

TODAY

• **9:00 AM:** Parkview Worship, Tamara Zechin

MONDAY, APRIL 22

• **6:30 PM:** Anabaptist Conversation, MYF Room

SUNDAY, APRIL 28

• No adult Sunday school; Tim Tjernagel sharing
• **6:00 PM:** Sunday Evening Bible Reading Discussion over Acts, Fellowship Hall. Bring a snack to share!

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

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

THURSDAY, MAY 2

• CCCC Early Bird discount camp registration deadline. Sugar Creek will cover half of camper fees!

APRIL 21, 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 at Sugar Creek.

Crooked Creek Christian Camp: Summer Camp registration is now open! Visit our website now to see dates: crookedcreekcamp.org/summer-camp-registration.html. Sugar Creek will cover half of registration fees, and the Early Bird discount is through May 2.

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

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

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: Mark your calendar for the Crowded Closet Association Meeting. The biannual informational gathering for all supporters of Crowded Closet is hosted by the Board of Directors. Monday, May 20th at 6:15 pm. Crowded Closet Thrift Shop, 851 Hwy 6 E, Iowa City.

Hillcrest: April's issue of *The Bridge*: <https://www.hillcrestravens.org/alumni/thebridge/>

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! Their next local concert is on Sunday, April 21 at 7:00 PM at Wellman Mennonite Church. Check out the entire schedule at hillcrestravens.org/touringchoir2024. The public is welcome at all performances.

Kids Night at the Soccer Pitch - On Monday, April 29 at 5:00 PM bring the whole family to watch the Hillcrest Ravens take on Highland. 5th-8th graders will get in free with their passes, along with one guest. There will be giveaways for kids of all ages. 5th-8th graders can sign up to play soccer during the halftime varsity game. Please sign up at hillcrestravens.org/5-8events.

Iowa Mennonite Action: Have questions about the conflict between Israel and Gaza? What is the geopolitical situation and whose interests are involved? Who benefits from potential breaches of international law in the Middle East? How do we respond? As someone who lives in Canada, Nathaniel De Avila has traveled through the Middle East multiple times and met with many organizations. He has carefully considered the issues. Mennonite Action invites everyone to hear De Avila on Tuesday, April 23 at 7PM in room A of the Iowa City Library. Come with your thoughts and questions. If you have any further questions about this event, please contact beccahovde@gmail.com or wilmajane17@gmail.com. You may find more information about the bi-national organization, Mennonite Action, at www.mennoniteaction.org.

Iowa Mennonite Historical Society: Michael Zahs' presentation at the spring MHS meeting can be seen on YouTube using this link: <https://youtu.be/QflzWshzyiY>

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!

Earth Day Soft Plastic Recycling at MCC! April 22 is Earth Day and we invite you to start a new habit of recycling all soft plastics (plastic bags, bread bags, any plastic packaging that you can stretch) at MCC Central States in North Newton! This is a NEW and ONGOING recycling project that we are highlighting for Earth Day. Volunteers will be on hand on Monday, April 22 at the warehouse to take your soft plastic recycling and answer your questions. But going forward, you can bring your soft plastic recycling to MCC any time, placing them in the marked bin outside the warehouse. Questions, please contact duaneunruh@mcc.org.

May 26-31: Restorative Justice Peace Camp for young adults (Chicago, Illinois) - This peace camp will dive into creative ways to implement justice in local communities. Learning from experienced restorative justice practitioners in Chicago, we will witness incredible ways that transformation is possible through restorative justice. Register today! mcc.org/events/restorative-justice-peace-camp

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/

MCUSA: Mennonite Church USA is pleased to announce that the 2025 MC USA biennial national gathering and leading faith formation event, Follow Jesus '25, will take place July 8-12, 2025, at the Koury Convention Center in Greensboro, North Carolina. Shé Langley was named the new director of event planning. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/convention-details-director

Mennonite Church USA's Climate Justice Ministry is receiving applications for the Pam De Young Net Zero Energy Fund grant, from now through June 15, 2024. The Pam De Young Net Zero Energy Fund provides funds to assist MC USA congregations interested in forms of renewable energy. The term, "net zero energy," describes buildings or communities that generate enough energy to meet their own needs. Learn more here: mennoniteusa.org/green-energy-grants

Spiritual director Lester Lind of the Mennonite Spiritual Directors Network reflects on the beginning of his calling and career as he prepares to retire. Read his reflections here: mennoniteusa.org/reflections-calling-career

Karla Stoltzfus Detweiler, Mennonite Church USA's climate justice coordinator, visited West Union Mennonite Church, Parnell, Iowa, and spoke about climate change. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/rivels

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 Home announces a pancake breakfast fundraiser event on May 4, 2024 from 7-10 AM at the Fire Station in Wayland to provide urgently needed financial aid for Crystal Chunn. Crystal is a long-term CNA at Parkview Home. She is currently fighting her second round of breast cancer and is in need of monetary support for her current treatment and recovery plan. In addition to the pancake breakfast, an account for giving has been set up at Wayland State Bank in Wayland. Anyone can drop off their donations at the bank.

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.