

Adult SS Classes

- *Salt & Light* meets in the library
- Discussion Class: Today we begin the new book, *Acts* by N.T. Wright. 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

- **TONIGHT** – Bible Study with Corey & Dana at their shop, 6-7:30 PM
- **Apr 14** – Bible Study with Michael & Laurel Swartzendruber, 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 Wilbur & Debbie Leichty and Mark & Karen Garrett

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

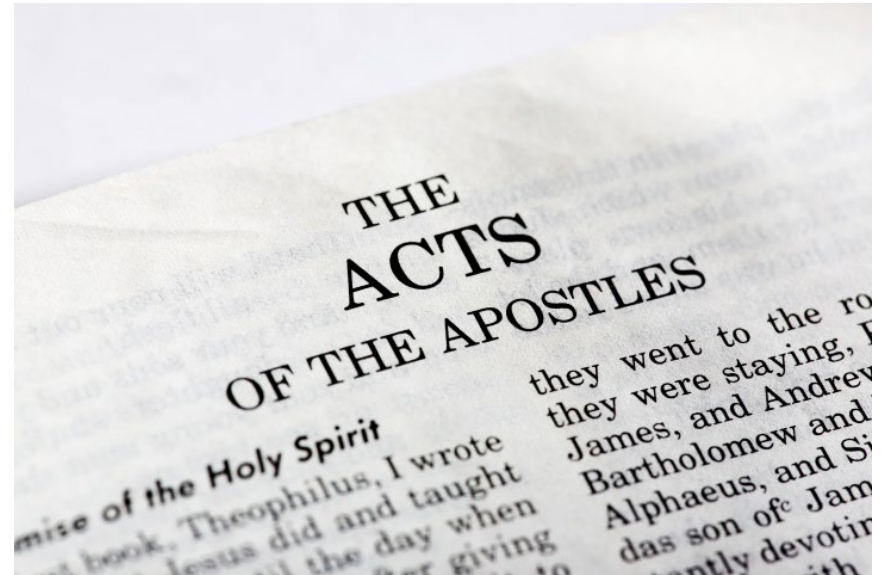
Please pray for the family of Myndell Boshart as they grieve her loss and remember her life.

CPMC Prayer Request Pray for your sister churches in Montana: Ashland Christian Fellowship, Lame Deer, White Chapel and White River Cheyenne Mennonite Churches.

MMN Prayer Request The deadline to apply for Mennonite Mission Network's two-week Youth Venture programs is April 15. Pray that young people who would like to spend two weeks this summer making friends in Benin, for ages 15-22, or South Korea, for ages 18-22, and people of all ages who are interested in learning more about injustice in the United States, will find a way to participate.

LAST SUNDAY

Offering: Home Missions \$600



April 7, 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: Ledru Freyenberger
Song Leader: Kathy Roth
Piano/Organ: Kathy Yoder

Gathering

WB 1 What is this place
Welcome & Announcements
Lighting of the Christ Candle – Silent Worship
Call to Worship & Opening Prayer

Praising

WB 345 God sent his Son
WB 366 God of grace and God of glory

Hearing the Word

Children's Story: Linda Boshart, "The Path from the Cross to the New Church"
Scripture Reading: Acts 6-7:2; 44-60
Message: Pam Gerig Unruh, "Complaints, Conflicts, and Cultivation"

Responding:

WB 416 For Christ and the church
Offering: Missions & Coins for Camp (4/14 Home Missions)
Sharing & Prayers

Sending

Benediction
May the Lord, Mighty God

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

NEXT SUNDAY

- Pam Gerig Unruh

SUGAR CREEK NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

Bible Reading Challenge: We will read through the book of Acts in the month of April. Each week with the midweek update, a BibleProject video will be shared that accompanies the readings. A DVD of these videos is available in the Library as well.

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.

Fellowship: Thank you to those who contributed to the memorial luncheon for Myndell Boshart. Containers are on the shelves by the kitchen.

Please sign up to provide cookies for Fellowship, or contact Vi: <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: 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

FRIDAY, APRIL 12

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

- **7:00 PM:** Church Council, MYF Room

SUNDAY, APRIL 21

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

SUNDAY, APRIL 28

- **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

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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 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/

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!

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

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.

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.

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 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. The public is welcome at all performances.

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 for more information or if you are more comfortable contacting the school, please email Rebecca Beachy Miller at 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 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!

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 or mcc.org/swap-summer-job-site. Or contact the MCC Appalachia SWAP office at (606) 634-4418 or 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. cmepe.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. cmepe.org/thursday-briefing/

MCUSA: "Do we know what it means to remove chains?" asked Joanne Gallardo, co-conference minister for Indiana-Michigan Mennonite Conference at Mennonite Church USA's 11th Hope for the Future conference on Feb. 9-11. Gathering in Dallas, Texas, 70 Black, Indigenous and people of color considered the theme, "Breaking Chains, Mending Walls," which centered on Isaiah 58. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/news/breaking-chains-hfff24

On April 15, 2024, at 2 p.m. ET/11 a.m. PT, join Karla Stoltzfus Detweiler, MC USA's climate justice coordinator, for the second of four webinars in MC USA's "Learn, Pray, Join: Climate Justice: Seeking Shalom" initiative. This webinar will explore how we can live in resistance to a culture that spoils our home and causes disproportionate suffering for people of color, while also living in hope-filled engagement that nurtures life for all people and all of creation. Panelists will include Andrew Hudson, pastoral intern at Covenant Mennonite Fellowship; Sibonokuhle Ncube, co-regional director for Africa and Europe at Mennonite Mission Network; and Sarah Werner, communications coordinator for Central District Conference. Registration: mennoniteusa.org/webinar/registration-climate-april15 View the PDF: mennoniteusa.org/april-15-webinar-pdf

Earlier this year, James Rissler and Glen Guyton, executive director of Mennonite Church USA, embarked on a pilgrimage through civil rights sites. James reflects on how this Sankofa Journey affected his view of race relations in the U.S. and in the Mennonite church. Read his reflections here: mennoniteusa.org/sankofa-journey-reflection

Mennonite Church USA is seeking nominees for its 2024 #BringThePeace awards. The annual award is given to two honorees: a legacy peacemaker in recognition of their life's work and a young peacemaker (age 16-25), who can help inspire other young leaders. Submit your recommendations for nominees by completing this form before April 19: mennoniteusa.org/btp-2024-award-nominations View the PDF here: mennoniteusa.org/BTP-2024-pdf

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

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.