

Adults Sunday School

- Discussion Class: Salt & Light session 8, "Marriage, Sexuality, and Singleness"

JYF

- **6/4:** Service project at Crowded Closet. Leaving Wayland Mennonite at 3:30 PM and will return around 9PM.



This week please remember Sheldon & Lori Miller and Arline Roth in prayer.

Pray for those dealing with medical issues: JaNan Peterson (Tamara's friend), Cynthia Hallet, Warren Scarff, Larry Graber, Ryan Robertson, Kent McDougal,

Lois Klopfenstein, Pauline Wyse, Rod & Kathy Roth, Dineal Armenta (Roni's sister), Opal Reschly

Congratulations to Bryce & Abbey Shelman on the birth of Leo Scott, who was born May 9. We wish God's blessing on Leo and his family and pray that he grows loving, strong, and healthy. The rose on the pulpit is for Leo.

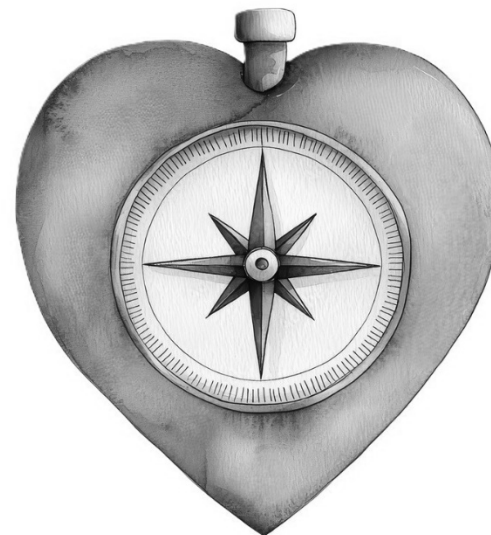
Pauline Wyse is no longer able to attend our services in-person, but would love to have visitors. Please contact Jeanie Wyse to make arrangements.

CPMC Prayer Request Pray for the Board of Central Plains Mennonite Conference. We pray for wisdom and courage as they discern the best ways for Conference to continue supporting and encouraging and resourcing each local congregation for ministry.

MMN Prayer Request Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for the Brethren in Christ Church in the United Kingdom, which is experiencing growth, due to an influx of members who have immigrated from Zimbabwe. Pray for this church as it recovers its Anabaptist heritage, gains new vitality through the faithfulness of immigrants and learns how to become a multicultural people of God.

LAST SUNDAY

Offering: Missions \$1,481; General \$550



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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>

Prelude/Offertory: Tamara Zechin
Worship Leader: Keiran Luitjens
Song Leader: Tamara Zechin
Accompanist: Mattias Luitjens

Gathering

Welcome & Announcements
Call to Worship & Opening Prayer

Praising

WB 12 Come, let us all unite to sing
WB 87 Great is the Lord
WB 76 Praise, I will praise you, Lord

Hearing the Word

Children's Story: Connie Zehr, MCC School Kits
Scripture Readings: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 (p. 134), 1 John 4:7-21 (p. 188)
Message: Matt Slagel, "The Guiding Principle of Our Faith: A Reflection"

Responding

WB 307 Will you let me be your servant
Offering: Home Missions (5/25 Home Missions & Loose Change)
Sharing & Prayers

Sending

Benediction
Seeds Sending Song

Thank you to Garry & Lori Leichty for serving as ushers today.

NEXT SUNDAY

- Tamara Zechin, Acts 16:9-15

SUGAR CREEK NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

Bulletin: Next week's bulletin will be printed on Wednesday. Please submit any bulletin items to Katy by 9AM on May 21. Thank you!

Children's Summer Sunday School: The children's department will have one combined class for the summer and is in need of teachers each week. This is a great opportunity for anyone who feels called to serve! There are still several open dates - please use the link or contact Tawnya Achen or Katy Black to sign up. Thank you! signupgenius.com/go/60B0E4FA8AC29A5FB6-56493628-childrens#

Fellowship: To provide cookies for fellowship time, please contact Mary Jo Richard or use the cookie signup link: signupgenius.com/go/4090E45AEAB2DA0FA7-50902927-sugar

Meal Train: Please join us in celebrating the birth of Leo Scott, son of Bryce & Abbey Shelman and new brother to Mia and Cole. Let's show our support by providing meals or snacks to the Shelman family! Use this link or contact Katy to sign up: <https://mealtrain.com/owy874>

MONDAY, MAY 19

- **7:00 PM:** Coffee & Conversation with Connie, Zehr home

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21

- **9:30 AM:** Freezing casseroles, kitchen
- **11:30 AM:** Lunch Bunch, Fellowship Hall
- **7:00 PM:** Church Council, MYF Room

SUNDAY, JUNE 1

- **2:00 PM:** VBS setup

JUNE 2-6

- **8:30-11:30 AM:** VBS

Waves of Wonder VBS

We are still in need of breakfast items for VBS morning staff meetings and our program breakfast. Please see the signup in the foyer.

It's not too late to register! Be sure to get your kids signed up, and share with friends! <https://bit.ly/scwmcvbs2025>

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AREA NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cradle of Hope: Cradle of Hope has many valuable opportunities for expecting and new parents to learn skills that build strong and healthy families. From Mother's Day until Father's Day, we encourage you to take home a baby bottle and collect change or cash to fill it up. Bring bottles back to the display in the foyer. If you prefer writing a check, make it out to Cradle of Hope. Thank you!

CCCC: *Become a Food Sponsor!* We go through a LOT of food during Summer Camps. Would you consider sponsoring one of our most-used items? Items we'd love to have sponsored for the 2025 summer camp season include: juice, marshmallows, ground beef, Java Kickstart (for counselors), biscuits and a salad bar. Contact Amanda at amanda@crookedcreekcamp.org to sign up as a sponsor or with any questions about Food Sponsorships.

Summer Kitchen Volunteers Needed! We have really wonderful kitchen staff who would LOVE to work with you! To sign up: signupgenius.com/go/10C0C45A9A729A3FDCF8-56369971-2025#

Give our Counselors Some Love Our Counselors and Summer Staff are awesome and deserve snacks! Sign up for a week to support them: signupgenius.com/go/10C0C45A9A729A3FDCF8-56656610-2025#

Crowded Closet: *Students: Make your summer count!* Invest in yourself and your community as a Crowded Closet volunteer. You'll gain skills, build your resume, serve locally and make an impact globally! Plus earn Silver Cord hours. Flexible shifts available. Learn more at crowdedcloset.org/volunteer1, or contact the Volunteer Engagement Assistant at crowdedcloset.schedule@gmail.com or call 319-337-5924 x24.

Hillcrest: *Spring Music Concert* – The concert will be held on Sun, May 18 at 3:00 PM in Celebration Hall, under the direction of Mikayla Tackaberry and Adam Voth Unruh and features captivating performances by the high school Touring Choir and instrumental ensembles, as well as the energetic middle school band and choir.

Graduation Activities – Hillcrest Academy joyfully announces its 78th Graduation Activities, on May 24 and 25, 2025, in Celebration Hall. Both the Baccalaureate and Commencement services will begin at 6:00 PM each evening. This year's Baccalaureate address will be given by English teacher and senior parent, Bryan Neuschwander, while alumna Rose Bender Cook '87, a senior great-aunt (twice), will deliver the Commencement address.

MCC: *Exciting Summer Internship Opportunities with MCC!* Mennonite Central Committee is offering exciting 2025 summer internship opportunities designed to provide hands-on experience while making a meaningful impact. Over the course of 10–12 weeks, interns will gain valuable skills, explore their interests, and contribute to meaningful projects in areas like human resources, historical exhibit development, immigration, climate communications, global service learning, and the sewing room. This is a unique opportunity to grow professionally while engaging in work that matters. Don't miss out—learn more and apply today! <https://mccglobal.my.site.com/MCCJobs/s/>

Register today for the MCC Immigration Learning Tour in South Texas, October 4-9. This immigration-focused learning tour presents a unique opportunity to engage directly with organizations making a positive impact on our neighbors. Find out more at mcc.org/learning-tour-texas.

MCC Central States is hiring for the following positions:

- Do you thrive completing a variety of tasks while connecting with people? MCC Central States is seeking a Volunteer Coordinator for the Material Resources Center in North Newton, KS. This half-time position involves working with volunteers to prepare humanitarian aid for those in need around the world. View the full job description and apply online at mcc.org/cs-volunteer-coordinator by June 2. Questions? Contact brociamueller@mcc.org.
- The Peace and Justice Practice Coordinator is responsible for planning and coordinating activities that articulate the vision of a holistic, biblical, Anabaptist vision of peace and justice ministry to staff, board, conferences, and churches of MCC Central States. This is a full-time position and is offered in these locations: the MCC office in North Newton, KS or remotely in these states: Kansas, Texas, Colorado, Montana, Minnesota, New Mexico, or Oklahoma. View the full job description and apply online at mcc.org/cs-pjp-coordinator by June 4. Questions? Contact andrewwright@mcc.org.

MCUSA: MC USA's Church Vitality office and Everence have completed their annual update of the Pastor Salary Guidelines (mennoniteusa.org/pastor-salary-guidelines/) for 2025-2026. Learn more here: mennoniteusa.org/news/salary/

MC USA invites women from across the denomination to reclaim rest as resistance at the MC USA Women's Summit on July 8, 2025, a transformative one-day event immediately preceding the Follow Jesus '25 national convention in Greensboro, North Carolina. Register and learn more here: convention.mennoniteusa.org/registration/women-summit/

Watch the first of two MC USA Women in Leadership webinars, discussing the upcoming Women's Summit on July 8, 2025, a transformative one-day event immediately preceding the Follow Jesus '25 national convention in Greensboro, North Carolina. View it here: mennoniteusa.org/WIL-webinar-recording

Alicia Maldonado-Zahra shares four key takeaways from the 2025 MC USA Hope for the Future conference. This year, the traditionally BIPOC-only event was open to white allies. Read her takeaways here: mennoniteusa.org/sharing-hope

Jeanne Zimmerly Jantzi shares her experience healing from the patriarchal abuses she experienced in her life and work. This blog is part of MC USA's "Learn, Pray, Join: Undoing Patriarchy" educational campaign. Read more about her experience here: mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/healing-happens/

MMN: Just Peace Pilgrimages –

- South Africa Racial Justice Pilgrimage: This pilgrimage will explore the long history and legacy of settler colonialism and apartheid, and will focus on the social constructs created around race, land dispossession and how they so thoroughly defined, and continue to define, South African society.
- Underground Railroad Racial Justice Pilgrimage: Explore the role of faith and faith communities that helped enslaved people escape their bonds. This chapter of the Racial Justice pilgrimage series delves deeper into the struggle for freedom, exploring the ways – both literal and figurative – people took in search of their emancipation.

For more information on the Just Peace Pilgrimages, to sign up, or to inquire about scheduling a trip for you and your group, visit MennoniteMission.net/JustPeace or contact Stephanie Weaver at StephanieW@MennoniteMission.net.

Service Opportunities – There are still placements available for Service Adventure and Mennonite Voluntary Service for the 2025-26 service term. Service Adventure is a 10-month long program for ages 17-20 that invites its participants to live in community with their peers and unit leaders as they spend a year investing in faith formation and developing leadership skills. Visit MennoniteMission.net/MVS for more information and to register.

Full-Time Positions – These full-time positions can work from the Elkhart, Indiana, or Newton, Kansas, offices, remotely from anywhere in the country, or a hybrid of the two.

- Regional Director for Latin America: Will support church planting efforts within Mennonite Church USA by developing leaders, providing training and coaching, managing projects, and fostering networks for new and missional congregations.
- Training and Resources Facilitator: Will provide leadership for Mennonite Mission Network's ministries in the region, oversee partnerships, mission strategies, and international service workers.

For more information and to apply, visit MennoniteMission.net/Employment.