

### Adults Sunday School

Spring Salt & Light: Sin, Salvation, and New Life  
Summer Unit 1: Acts of the Spirit  
Session 1: "Called to be Witnesses" Acts 1:1-11

### MYF

- **May 30:** Can sorting at the bin, time TBD

### #KidsConnect VBS: June 1 – 5, 2026

VBS is almost here - register today! [bit.ly/scwmvbs2026](http://bit.ly/scwmvbs2026)

Cookies and crackers are still needed for snack – see the signups in the foyer. Contact a committee member with any questions.



**Remember in prayer this week:** Jami Miller, Cody Graber, Nixen Achen, Reece Oswald, and Steve Freyenberger

**Pray for those dealing with medical issues:** Roni Stowers, Bret West, Paul VonTersch, Anita Swartzendruber, Sheldon Miller, Toni Roth, Deb Roth, Mary Henderson, Erika Leichty Seymore, Dick Yoder, Larry Graber, Arlene Wenger, Roxanne Rogers (Kathy Yoder's sister), Cindy Freyenberger Harms, Keith Zehr, Lois Klopfenstein, Opal Reschly

**CPMC Prayer Request** We pray for our sister churches in Nebraska: Beemer, Milford, Bellwood, Omaha Chin, Bethesda, Wood River, and First of Lincoln Mennonite Churches.

**MMN Prayer Request** Michael Bergen and Sam Abrahams participate in the Colorado Springs (Colorado) Service Adventure unit and serve the local community through interactions with adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities and helping low-income families keep their homes warm, safe and well-maintained.

### LAST SUNDAY

Offering: Home Missions \$3,863; General Fund \$550

# WHAT IS OUR WHY?

May 17, 2026



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**May 17, 2026**

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 Service

Livestream: <https://tinyurl.com/SCMLiveStream>  
[facebook.com/sugarcreekmennonitechurch](https://facebook.com/sugarcreekmennonitechurch)

**Prelude/Offertory:** Mattias Luitjens

**Worship Leader:** Gavin Slagel

**Song Leaders:** Creek Band

### **Gathering**

Welcome & Announcements

Preparation for Worship

Call to Worship & Opening Prayer

### **Praising**

*Here I Am to Worship*

*Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)*

*Waymaker*

### **Hearing the Word**

Scripture Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:11-21 (p. 139)

Message: Nathan Luitjens, "What is our Why?"

### **Responding**

*Tu Eres Todo Poderoso*

Offering: Missions & My Coins Count (5/24 Home Missions)

Sharing & Prayers

### **Sending**

Benediction

*Doxology*

Thank you to Josh & Stephanie Miller for serving as ushers today.

The nursery is available for children 2 years of age and younger.

### **NEXT SUNDAY**

- Connie Zehr

### **SUGAR CREEK NEWS**

**Children's Summer Sunday School:** Please sign up to teach using the link or contact Abbey or Katy. Open dates are July 12, August 9 and 16! [signupgenius.com/go/60B0E4FA8AC29A5FB6-63725142-childrens](https://signupgenius.com/go/60B0E4FA8AC29A5FB6-63725142-childrens)

**CCCC:** Summer Camp registration is open!  
[crookedcreekcamp.org/summer-camp.html](https://crookedcreekcamp.org/summer-camp.html) Reminder that Sugar Creek pays a portion of camp fees if you indicate at registration.

**Elder Selection:** Please continue to pray for those in discernment of the call to serve as Elder in the selection process.

**Fellowship:** To provide cookies for fellowship time, use the link or contact Lori Miller: [signupgenius.com/go/4090E45AEAB2DA0FA7-50902927-sugar#](https://signupgenius.com/go/4090E45AEAB2DA0FA7-50902927-sugar#/)

**Nursery:** Please sign up if you are able to assist with the nursery!: [signupgenius.com/go/60B0E4FA8AC29A5FB6-62786804-nursery](https://signupgenius.com/go/60B0E4FA8AC29A5FB6-62786804-nursery)

**VBS:** We are still in need of cookies and crackers for snack! Please see the sign-up sheets in the foyer.

Please save your paper towel/toilet paper cardboard rolls for crafts! There is a collection box in the foyer.

We appreciate the support of volunteers in preparing for and executing VBS each year. Thank you!!

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### **WEDNESDAY, MAY 20**

- **9:00 AM:** Mennonite Women, Fellowship Hall
- **11:00 AM:** Parkview Devotions
- **11:30 AM:** Lunch Bunch, Fellowship Hall
- **6:00 PM:** Church Council, MYF Room

#### **SUNDAY, MAY 24**

- Pentecost

**MAY 17, 2026**  
**AREA NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Cradle of Hope:** *Fill a bottle, change a life!* Through Father's Day, pick up a bottle from the foyer, fill it with cash, checks, and/or coins to support our pregnancy resource center. Thank you for helping us change lives! For more information on Cradle of Hope: [cradleofhopeiowa.com](http://cradleofhopeiowa.com).

**CCCC:** *Register for Summer Camp!* For camp dates, information, and to register visit our website [crookedcreekcamp.org/summer-camp.html](http://crookedcreekcamp.org/summer-camp.html)

*Help give our summer camp cooks a head start* by participating in our Summer Camp Food Prep Day. Join us May 18 to make cookies and cook ground beef. Sign up here: [crookedcreekcamp.org/summer-food-prep-days.html](http://crookedcreekcamp.org/summer-food-prep-days.html)

*Crooked Creek Christian Camp is looking for volunteer kitchen help for summer camp!* Visit our website [crookedcreekcamp.org/](http://crookedcreekcamp.org/) to sign up for your preferred date and time. Thanks for your support in this way!

**Crowded Closet:** *Students: Make your summer count!* Invest in yourself and your community as a Crowded Closet volunteer. You'll gain job skills, build your resume, serve locally and make an impact globally! Plus earn Silver Cord hours. Flexible shifts available. Learn more and apply at [crowdedcloset.org/volunteer](http://crowdedcloset.org/volunteer), or contact the Volunteer Manager at 319-800-5574 (text/call) or email [crowdedcloset.volunteer@gmail.com](mailto:crowdedcloset.volunteer@gmail.com).

*We're hiring! Join Crowded Closet in a meaningful career as Processing Manager (full-time).* Lead a team of staff and volunteers toward donation processing goals. Your work at Crowded Closet shares love and compassion through the relief, development and peace programs of Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) and local helping agencies. Visit [crowdedcloset.org/employment](http://crowdedcloset.org/employment) to view the full job description and apply.

**Hillcrest:** *Spring Music Concert* – Today at 3:00 PM in Celebration Hall, Mikayla Tackaberry and Adam Voth Unruh will direct an exciting program featuring the high school Touring Choir, instrumental ensembles, and the spirited middle school band and choir.

*Graduation Activities* - Hillcrest Academy joyfully announces its 79th Graduation Activities on May 20 and 24, 2026, in Celebration Hall. We are honored to have Ron Swartzendruber F '87-05 serving as our Baccalaureate speaker on Wednesday, May 20 at 7:00 PM, and Dwight Gingerich '76, F '81-25 delivering the Commencement address on Sunday, May 24 at 6:00 PM. Both ceremonies are in Celebration Hall.

*Host Family Opportunities* - Hillcrest Academy is looking for host families for two international students for the 2026–27 school year: a Chinese student entering her senior year who is already part of the school community and a World Link foreign exchange student. Host families of any makeup are welcome - single, married, with or without children. Both programs include student medical insurance and cover school-related expenses, and host families receive a monthly stipend or allowance. To learn more, contact Rebecca Beachy Miller at [rbeachymiller@hillcrestravens.org](mailto:rbeachymiller@hillcrestravens.org).

**Mennonite Action:** *We're hiring!* Please help us find great candidates! To view the application or to apply, visit [mennoniteaction.org/executivedirector](http://mennoniteaction.org/executivedirector) by May 25.

**MCUSA:** Lorraine Stutzman Amstutz, MC USA's denominational minister of Peace and Justice, shares five practical ways congregations can practice faithful environmental stewardship and respond to climate change with hope and action. Read her Menno Snapshots blog here: [mennoniteusa.org/cultivating-hope/](http://mennoniteusa.org/cultivating-hope/)

**MDS:** We are happy to offer the MDS Family Program this summer in Hesston, Kansas! This is a project for anyone of any age and skill to volunteer! The work is adjusted to the skill level of the volunteers. Weeks available are: June 14-20, June 21-27, June 28-July 4. Sign up today! [volunteer.mds.org/](http://volunteer.mds.org/)

**MMN:** *Anchorage needs a Service Adventure leader!* Are you sensing God's call to mentor and guide young adults as they grow in faith, service and community? Want to live in a beautiful place like Anchorage, Alaska? Answer the call and become a Service Adventure unit leader! Unit leaders mentor the young adults in the unit and provide some oversight and guidance for the household. Ages 24+ should contact Michael Oyer at [MichaelO@MennoniteMission.net](mailto:MichaelO@MennoniteMission.net)!

**Parkview:** Parkview is in need of a volunteer to tend one flower garden on the north side of the Parkview building. If anyone is interested, please call Parkview Home and ask for Ron: 319-256-3525. Thank you!