

Adults Sunday School

Spring Salt & Light: Sin, Salvation, and New Life
Unit 1, Sess. 3: "Remember Us! See Us!" Lam. 5:1-5, 14-22

MYF

- **3/22** – Bible Study in the MYF Room, 6-7:30 PM
- **3/29** – Game Night at Wayland Mennonite, 6-7:30 PM

#KidsConnect VBS

June 1 – June 5, 2026

Contact Abbey Shelman, Katy Black, Sidney Garrett or Sarah Leichty if you are willing to help with VBS in any way!



Remember in prayer this week: Sarah Leichty, Robert Achen, Connie Zehr and Maretta Conrad

Pray for those dealing with medical issues: Toni Roth, Mark Boshart (surgery recovery), Deb Roth (Rudy), Mary Henderson, Lucinda Gill (Tamara's mom), Erika Leichty Seymore (breast cancer), Dick Yoder, Larry Graber, Roni Stowers (surgery recovery), Arlene Wenger, Sheldon Miller (surgery recovery), Roxanne Rogers (Kathy Yoder's sister), Cindy Freyenberger Harms, Keith Zehr (pancreatic cancer), Lois Klopfenstein, Opal Reschly

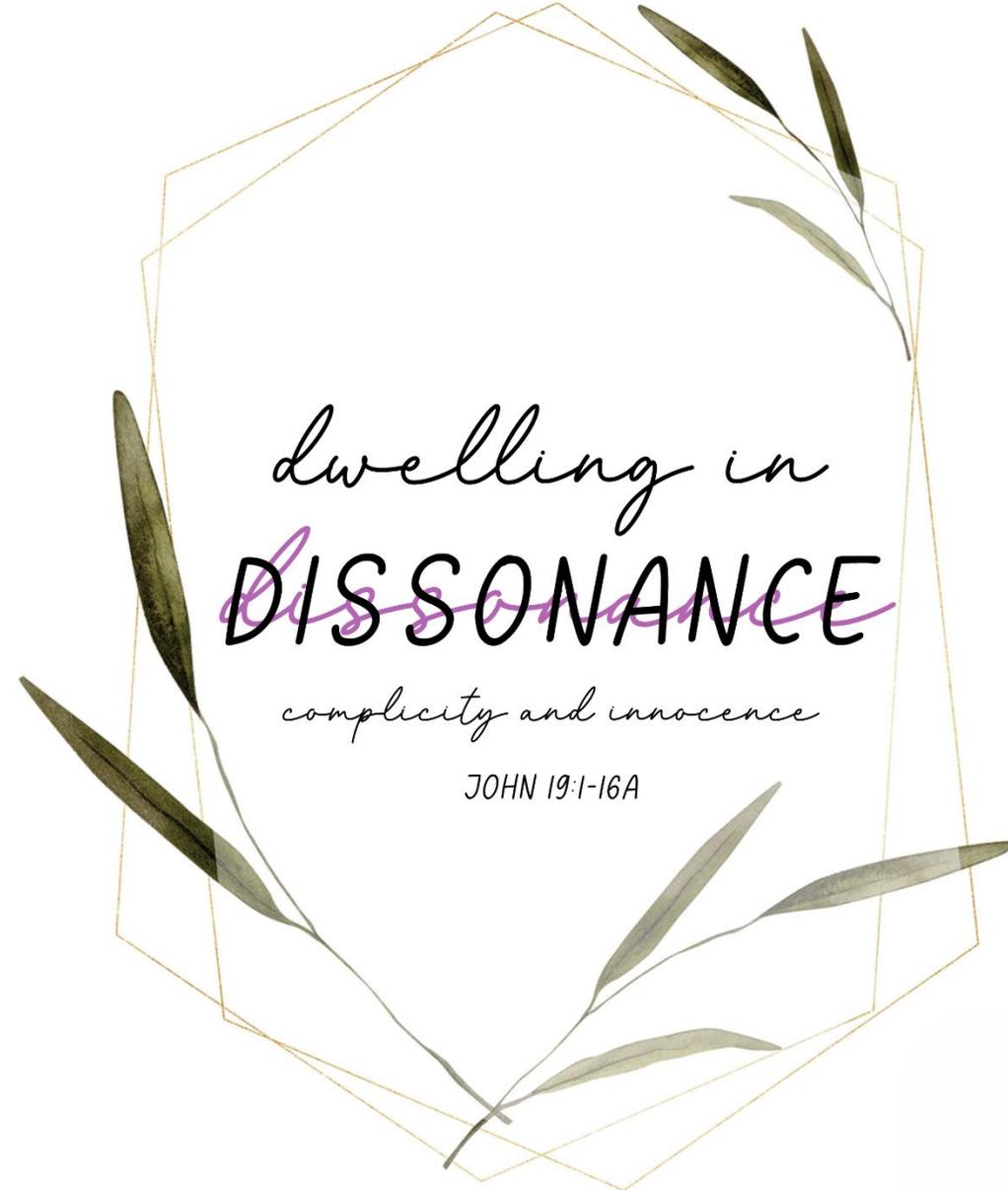
Pray for our Pastors and the Elders as they seek to lead our congregation in the way and mission of our Lord!

CPMC Prayer Request We give thanks for the first official days of spring. We pray for farmers and gardeners and others in our congregations and communities who are eagerly awaiting the signs that spring is really here. We pray for safety in the coming planting season.

MMN Prayer Request Colleen and Pablo Fast have been serving in Brazil for more than 30 years. Praise God that the Brazilian churches they serve with are experiencing a time of growth, with multiple families being sent out to plant more churches and the already-established churches increasing the number of services they offer.

LAST SUNDAY

Offering: General Fund \$2,890; Home Missions \$913; Cemetery \$360; Elders Fund \$100



March 22, 2026

*The Season of Lent:
Dwelling in Dissonance*

May we dwell in dissonance together,
grateful for the gifts that come by;
lingering in Holy Week with the gospel of John,
with God, and with the Spirit of Christ that connects us all.

9:15 AM: Sunday School
10:10 AM: Fellowship Time
10:30 AM: Worship Service
Livestream: <https://tinyurl.com/SCMLiveStream>
<facebook.com/sugarcreekmennonitechurch>

Prelude/Offertory: Mattias Luitjens

Worship Leader: Mike Roth

Song Leader: Brian & Heather Herschberger

Gathering

Praise Songs

Welcome

Call to Worship

Confession

Hearing the Word

Children's Story: Maria Roth

Scripture Reading: John 19:1-16a (p. 87)

Message: Orlando Redekopp, "Jimmy, There Must Be a Better Way"

Responding

Responding Song

Offering: Conference (3/29 Home Missions & Loose Change)

Announcements, Sharing & Prayers

Sending

Benediction

WB 439 I want Jesus to walk with me (v. 1)

Thank you to Linda Boshart for serving as usher today.

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

NEXT SUNDAY

• Palm Sunday: Pam Gerig Unruh, John 12:12-27

SUGAR CREEK NEWS

Baskets for the Elders' Sharing Fund will be set out next week. The Elders' Sharing Fund is used at the discretion of the Elders to take care of special needs of individuals and families in the congregation and in our community.

Easter Choir: Calling all singers! All are invited to join the Easter Choir for the joint service at Wayland Mennonite April 5th. Practice will be at 9AM prior to the service with one earlier in the week. We will sing "Alleluia! Alleluia! Let the Holy Anthem Rise" and possibly a second song. Let Marilyn Graber (319-750-6247) or Dana Oswald know if you will join the choir!

Fellowship: Please see the signup to provide cookies for fellowship time, or contact Lori Miller or Lori Leichty:
signupgenius.com/go/4090E45AEAB2DA0FA7-50902927-sugar#

Mush Fry: Volunteers are needed to help serve the CCCC Fried Mush Dinner, Sunday, May 3, served from 11:30-2PM at the Pavilion. Please see the signup to help:
signupgenius.com/go/10C0544A9A92AAAFDC34-62946222-mush#

Nursery: If you would like to assist with the nursery during worship, please use the signup link:
signupgenius.com/go/60B0E4FA8AC29A5FB6-62786804-nursery#

UPCOMING EVENTS

THURSDAY, MARCH 26

• **5:30 PM:** VBS Planning, Library

SUNDAY, MARCH 29

• Palm Sunday: Communion & Footwashing

• **9:00 AM:** Parkview Worship

FRIDAY, APRIL 3

• **6:00 PM:** Good Friday Service

SUNDAY, APRIL 5

• **6:30 AM:** Easter Sunrise Service at Wayland Mennonite

• **10:00 AM:** Joint Easter Service at Wayland Mennonite (no services at Sugar Creek)

MARCH 22, 2026
AREA NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CCCC: *We are excited to be hosting the Mennonite Camping Assoc. gathering at CCCC this year, March 23-26. The Soil and The Seed Project (TSATSP) will be our worship leaders for the week. Please join us at the Pavilion on Tuesday, March 24 at 7:00 for a community concert by TSATSP or join us for worship Monday and Wednesday evenings at 7:00 featuring Marc Schlegel-Preheim and TSATSP.*

Summer Camp registration is now open! For camp dates, information, and to register visit our website 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

Crowded Closet: Save the Date: Crowded Closet Mortgage Payoff Celebrations

- *Exclusive Shopping Night at Crowded Closet* - The mortgage is "Paid in Full" and we're saying "thank you"! Crowded Closet volunteers and staff, past and present, are invited to join us to celebrate Thursday, March 26th from 5:30-7:30 pm with 30% off shopping on the retail floor, a brief reception, refreshments, music and drawing for prizes. Park in customer parking lot and enter front retail door.
- *Annual Association Meeting & Reception* Monday, April 20, 5:30 p.m. at Crowded Closet.

Hillcrest: *Touring Choir 2026* - The Hillcrest Academy Touring Choir is embarking on their *All Things New Tour*, featuring local concerts as well as a stop in Goshen, IN on the way to the MSN Choral Festival in Kitchener, Ontario, Canada. Check out the full schedule at hillcrestravens.org/touringchoir2026.

We Want You! - We want you (or someone you know) to join our thriving grades 6-12 school community. We are looking for talented and dedicated individuals to fill High School Math and English teaching positions along with a new Director of Stewardship role. Check out hillcrestravens.org/joinourteam for all the details.

IMHS: The Kalona Historical Village and Iowa Mennonite Museum & Archives have teamed up to host a Pulled Pork Dinner fundraiser on Friday, April 24 from 11-7PM at the Kalona Historical Village. Free-will donation, suggested \$15.

MCC: *MCC is recruiting Canner Operators* to join its mobile meat canning team, which prepares about 600,000 cans of meat annually for global communities in need. These operators travel to 30 U.S. locations from October to April, managing machinery, operating steam and pressure vessels, coordinating volunteers, and ensuring compliance with USDA regulations. Make new friends while participating in a unique service adventure! Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until April 25 OR until position is filled. Apply online at mcc.org/careers. For more information, call 1-888-563-4676 or email marilypeters@mcc.org.

MCUSA: Nathan Luitjens reflects on MC USA's annual Conference Ministers' Retreat and how MC USA leaders are re-centering their work around God's dream of shalom, reconciliation and faithful presence in local contexts. Read his Menno Snapshots blog here: mennoniteusa.org/focusing-on-what-matters/

Webinar recording available: In "Engaging Our Grief and Finding Resilience," hosts Ann Blackwood and Ruth Johnston explore how grief shows up in our lives and in the world, providing tools and practices to move through it with honesty, care and spiritual resilience. This webinar was sponsored by The Corinthian Plan, MC USA's health care and wellbeing plan for pastors and church workers. Watch here: <https://bit.ly/4aQ9to8>

MDS: *Now Hiring: Director of Resource Development (Full-Time, Exempt)* Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) is seeking a mission-driven leader to guide our Resource Development team and strengthen relationships with donors, volunteers, and partners across the U.S. and Canada. If you have experience in nonprofit leadership, a heart for service, and a commitment to Anabaptist values, we invite you to apply. Please submit resume and cover letter to North Group at (<https://northgroupconsultants.com/jobs/#jobs>).

MMN: *Just Peace Pilgrimages — South Africa Racial Justice Pilgrimage.* Hosted by Iziko Lamaqabane — This South African solidarity learning pilgrimage will explore the long history and legacy of settler colonialism and apartheid, which was an unjust socio-political policy that fostered racial segregation. The pilgrimage will focus on the social constructs created around race, land dispossession and how they so thoroughly defined, and continue to define, South African society. Dates: September 9-22, 2026; the optional safari extends the trip by 3 days. Registration deadline: July 15. Contact Stephanie Weaver at StephanieW@MennoniteMission.net or visit MennoniteMission.net/JustPeace to learn more!