

Adults Sunday School

- Discussion Class: Salt & Light session 4, "The Drama Begins! Hidden Persuasions"

MYF

- **TODAY:** Bible Study, 6:00-7:30 PM
- **4/26:** Can Sorting at the bin, 10AM
- **4/27:** Bible Study, 6:00-7:30 PM

JYF

- **Wednesdays:** 7th & 8th Grade JYF meets in the Wayland Mennonite Church Basement, 6-8 PM for food, games and Bible Study with the theme, "What's the Word."



This week please remember in prayer Irvin & Lucy Leichty and Alden Hartzler

Pray for those dealing with medical issues: Mike Thome (Janet Conrad's father), Ryan Robertson, Kent McDougal, Lois Klopfenstein, Stephen Gill (Tamara's dad), Pauline

Wyse, Rod & Kathy Roth, Dineal Armenta (Roni's sister), Sheri Reeder Bachman, Opal Reschly

Congratulations to Jacob & Kiley Leichty and their family on the birth of Indie Alice, who was born April 5. We wish God's blessing on Indie and her family and pray that she grows loving, strong, and healthy. The rose on the pulpit is for Indie.

Pray for Iglesia Menonita Centro Cristiana, the Hispanic church plant in Washington, as they witness, preach, and teach the Word.

CPMC Prayer Request We pray for those who are most vulnerable in our communities. May God open our eyes to the possibilities for love and for protection of the least of these among us--and may we be willing to heed God's call.

MMN Prayer Request Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for those participating in a 12-day Christ at the Borders Just Peace Pilgrimage to Calais, France, where they are visiting organizations that work with migrants who are trying to cross the English Channel. Pray for the participants as they get first-hand experience with Mission Network partner ministries at Maria Skobtsova House, in Calais, and Peaceful Borders, in the United Kingdom.

LAST SUNDAY

Offering: General Fund \$5,100; Home Missions \$3,240; Missions \$3,202; Conference \$2,000; Education \$300



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Christ Collides with our Expectations

Christ's reality will surprise us, collide with us,
and transform our thinking into kingdom living.

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: Kathy Yoder

Worship Leader: Tim Graber

Song Leader: Dana Oswald

Accompanist: Kathy Yoder & Kylie Miller

Gathering

WB 238 Hosanna, loud hosanna

Palm Branches Processional

Special Music – Children

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship & Opening Prayer

Praising

WB 239 Ride on, ride on in majesty

Jesus, Be the Center

Reconciling

Confession

Silent Reflection

Words of Assurance

Passing the Peace

Hearing the Word

Come and See

Children's Story: Abbey Shelman

Scripture Reading: Luke 19:29-44 (p.63)

Message: Connie Zehr, "Something's Missing! What Did You Expect?"

Responding

WB 237 All glory, laud, and honor

Offering: Home Missions (4/20 Education)

Sharing & Prayers

Sending

Benediction

Doxology

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

NEXT SUNDAY

- **6:15 AM:** Easter Sunrise Service at Wayland Mennonite
- **10:00 AM:** Joint Service at Wayland Mennonite. Message by Keith Zehr, Luke 24:1-12

LENT VISUAL ARTS

During Lent, our focus is on the cross. Each week, we add items that focus on the weekly theme. So far, a sequin pillow reminds us how biases can change our views of the world; a gavel so we are careful of how we might condemn others; a tablet and remote to not to let things take priority over God in our lives, and a lockbox reminds us to let go of selfishness and share our gifts from God. Last week we added a mask to remind us that our blinders can narrow our ability to see the bigger picture of God's witness in the world.

SUGAR CREEK NEWS

Fellowship: To provide cookies for fellowship time, please contact Mary Jo Richard or use the cookie signup link:

signupgenius.com/go/4090E45AEAB2DA0FA7-50902927-sugar

Thank you: Thanks to everyone who remembered me on my birthday a few weeks ago. It was great to hear from you when I was far away!

~Connie Zehr

UPCOMING EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 17

- **6:00 PM:** Maundy Thursday Service & Seder Meal with communion at Wayland Mennonite

FRIDAY, APRIL 18

- **6:00 PM:** Good Friday Service at Sugar Creek

SUNDAY, APRIL 20

- **6:15 AM:** Easter Sunrise Service at Wayland Mennonite. Fellowship, donuts & coffee following.
- **10:00 AM:** Joint Service at Wayland Mennonite

SUNDAY, APRIL 27

- **4:00 PM:** VBS Staff Orientation, Fellowship Hall

Waves of Wonder VBS

Please contact Katy Black, Sidney Garrett, Abbey Shelman or Audra Barnhart if you can help with Bible school June 2-6. See the bulletin board in the foyer for breakfast and snack signups. Be sure to register your kids! <https://bit.ly/scwmcvbs2025>

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AREA NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CPMC: Anabaptism at 500 Essay Contest offers College Scholarship Opportunities – Want to earn a scholarship for college? The Living Forward: Anabaptism at 500 Essay Contest is your chance to showcase your writing skills and win financial support for your education. Eligible students are invited to submit an essay to compete for a scholarship for the 2025-2026 academic year. The student with the best essay will receive a scholarship of \$1,000 and the first runner-up will receive a scholarship of \$500. Don't miss this chance to share your perspective, strengthen your writing, and invest in your future. Submit your essay today! Interested students should visit <https://www.mennomedia.org/living-forward-essay-contest/> to complete the application form and upload their essay. All applications must be submitted by April 19, 2025.

Freeman Academy (Freeman, SD) is seeking an interim Head of School to begin in summer of 2025. This individual will provide educational and spiritual leadership for a K-12 Mennonite school, which has a strong fine arts tradition and rich history of serving the church and community. To learn more about Freeman Academy, please visit freemanacademy.org. To apply or for more information, email SearchCommittee@freemanacademy.org.

Cornerstone Community Church Kalona: Our church is putting on a Grief Share class this spring that we would like to offer to the community. Monday nights at 7pm, this 13 week course begins April 14 and ends July 14. Grief Share is a group to help navigate loss and grief. You'll receive valuable guidance and tips, leading you to relief, comfort and peace of mind. Visit cornerstonekalona.com/griefshare to register. For questions, contact Leon: 319-936-0691 or leon@cornerstonekalona.com.

CCCC: Visit our website now for Summer Camp registration and to see camp dates. crookedcreekcamp.org/

Come Eat With Us - May 4, 11:30 AM – 2:00 PM, CCCC Pavilion. Free-will donation to benefit CCCC; we're having Mush, Liverwurst, Tomato Gravy, Applesauce, Sausage & Eggs. Feel free to stay after for self-guided hikes, lawn games, and recreation at Camp!

Summer Camp Food Prep Days – Help us prepare for the summer by making cookies and browning hamburger for the summer. May 10, 8:30 AM – 12:00 PM and May 12, 8:30 AM – 12:00 PM, 1:00-4:30 PM, Pavilion. Sign up: crookedcreekcamp.org/summer-food-prep-days.html

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: shredded cheese, hotdogs, cut veggies, juice, marshmallows, cereal, ground beef, Ziploc bags in various sizes, 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.

Crowded Closet: You're invited to join us for the Spring Association meeting at Crowded Closet on Monday, April 21st, at 6:15 PM. Come hear exciting updates about everything that's been happening at Crowded Closet and connect with others in our community. We look forward to seeing you there!

Join us for a Crowded Closet Thrift Shop Founders' Tea! Crowded Closet founders and their guests are invited for scones, tea and coffee and fellowship on Monday, April 28th at 10 a.m. in the Pleasantview Friendship Center, Kalona. Volunteers and friends from Crowded Closet's first years are encouraged to join this special gathering. Please RSVP by Thursday, April 24th to Christine Maust Beachy at crowdedcloset.volunteer@gmail.com or call 319-337-5924 x12.

Hillcrest: Kids Night at the Soccer Pitch - Join us Tuesday, April 22 at 4:30 PM for a double-header of Ravens soccer action! Watch our Middle School team play Holy Trinity and our High School boys take on Cedar Valley Christian. 4th-8th graders get in free with their passes (plus one guest), and we'll have exciting giveaways for kids of all ages. Plus, 4th-8th graders can enter to win some awesome larger prizes.

Bus Drivers - Hillcrest Academy is seeking dedicated bus drivers for the 2025-26 school year. With growing student numbers in Iowa City and Washington, we need reliable drivers to ensure safe transportation. We are also always in need of drivers for extracurricular activities. If you're interested in making a difference, please contact Rebecca Beachy Miller at rbeachymiller@hillcrestravens.org to learn what you need to do to become a driver.

Host Family - Hillcrest Academy is looking for a family to host a World Link foreign exchange student during the 2025-26 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 Olivia Kahler at kahler727@gmail.com more information or if you are more comfortable contacting the school, please email Rebecca Beachy Miller at rbeachymiller@hillcrestravens.org.

Iowa Mennonite Historical Society: We invite you to our Pulled Pork Dinner fundraiser, April 25 from 11:00 AM – 7:00 PM! All proceeds will go towards our NEW Barn Project. Drive-through, sit down, or delivery to the Kalona area available (call 319-656-3232). Free will donation, suggested \$15. 715 D Ave, Kalona, IA 52247

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/>

Volunteer with MCC Appalachia Build – We have had some spots open in our volunteer schedule for the summer. Consider bringing your group for a life-changing week of serving and learning with MCC Appalachia Build (formerly SWAP), a home repair ministry in eastern Kentucky and West Virginia. Volunteers help families make their homes safe, warm and dry, while building relationships and learning about Appalachia. Learn more and register your group at mcc.org/appalachia-build.

MCC grateful for shipments of Material Resources in 2024 – MCC, despite the bridge collapse in Baltimore, weather-related and other unexplained delays, strikes and piles of required paperwork, shipped 48 containers to MCC partners in 9 countries and Puerto Rico. Five were shipped from Canada, 42 from the U.S. and one from Europe. Items shipped included canned meat, comforters, soap and school, relief, hygiene, sewing, infant care and dignity kits. These shipments are a result of the thousands of MCC supporters, donors, and volunteers. Thanks be to God!

MCC Great Winter Warmup surpasses goal! Thank you for helping MCC surpass the Great Winter Warmup goal of 7,000 comforters during the months of January, February and March. During this 3-month campaign MCC received 12,875 comforters! Thank you to each person who tied knots this winter to share warmth, comfort, and love around the world!

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.

MCUSA: MC USA has launched the newest Learn, Pray, Join, initiative, titled *Undoing Patriarchy*. This educational initiative provides an opportunity for churches to deepen understanding around a common topic and to come together in prayer and support. Learn more about Undoing Patriarchy here: mennoniteusa.org/lpj/undoing-patriarchy

MC USA has launched an online storefront featuring hats, sweatshirts, mugs and more. Check out the selection of merch that displays Follow Jesus, The MC USA dove and a retro line of gear from past conventions. Every sale helps support MC USA ministries! bonfire.com/store/mc-usa-gear/

Season One of MC USA's The Competent Pastor podcast addresses the question: What is the most important skill of a competent pastor? Find it here: mennoniteusa.org/the-competent-pastor/ View the playlist here: mennoniteusa.org/the-competent-pastor-playlist

Abby Endashaw, a member of the MC USA Women in Leadership steering committee, shares how our uncertainty because of the many fears we face today can be quelled by offering ourselves compassion, as an access point to God. Read her reflections here: mennoniteusa.org/uncertainty-calls-compassion

A look at how the (Old) Mennonite Church addressed the crisis of decreasing youth involvement with innovative solutions and an emphasis on the value that young ideas offered. Read the article, written by Olivia Krall, archives coordinator for MC USA, here: mennoniteusa.org/rise-of-youth

College Mennonite Church, Goshen, Indiana, received a surprise grant to spread kindness and learned about the needs of their community in return. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/college-mennonite-kindness

MMN: Just Peace Pilgrimages - Mennonite Mission Network has spaces still available for our transformative Just Peace Pilgrimages this summer and fall. 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. Visit MennoniteMission.net/ServiceAdventure or MennoniteMission.net/MVS for more information and to register.

Mennonite Mission Network is seeking a Training and Resources Facilitator - This full-time position can work from the Elkhart, IN or Newton, KS offices, remotely from anywhere in the country, or a hybrid of the two. They 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. For more information and to apply, visit MennoniteMission.net/Employment.

The Room Upstairs: A Passover/Seder Feast "Dinner Theater" – Thursday, April 17, 6:30 PM, First United Methodist Church, Mt. Pleasant. Come share in the full dinner production of the "Last Supper" as you watch Christ and his 12 disciples lead you through the traditional Passover meal. Discover how the things that Jesus did and said during that Last Supper might have fit into the Passover celebration. If you would like to attend, tickets are free, but space is limited. Tickets available at First United Methodist Church or Brown's Shoe Fit in downtown Mt. Pleasant.

United Church of Crawfordsville: We are looking for volunteers to help during our Impact Kids after-school program happening at the WACO Elementary every Wednesday from 3:45-5:00pm. Our last day for Impact Kids this school year is April 30th. If you are able to help weekly or monthly, we would love to have you. Adults will meet under the carport of the United Church of Crawfordsville at 3:15 for a prayer before heading to the school. If you are interested, please email uccraw@gmail.com to sign up. Thank you!