

### Adults Sunday School

Spring Salt & Light: Sin, Salvation, and New Life  
Unit 2, Session 6: "God is Good" Psalm 34:1-6, 15-22

### MYF

- **4/19:** Bible Study, MYF Room, 6-7:30 PM
- **4/26:** Bible Study, MYF Room, 6-7:30 PM

### JYF

*Wednesdays, 6-8 PM, Wayland Mennonite Church Basement.*  
7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders: Join us for food, games and Bible Study!



**Remember in prayer this week:** Elyssa Graber, Diana Miller and Alden Hartzler

**Pray for those dealing with medical issues:** Elsie Leichty (surgery recovery), Toni Roth, Mark Boshart (surgery recovery), Deb Roth (Rudy), Mary Henderson, 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

**CPMC Prayer Request** We pray for our sister churches in Minnesota: Bethel, Lao Christian Fellowship, Emmanuel, Faith, Rochester, First of Mountain Lake, Third Way Church and Saint Paul Hmong Mennonite Churches.

**MCUSA Prayer Request** Pray for the upcoming Constituency Leaders Council gathering in Chicago, April 16–18, as leaders from across our conferences come together to discern, guide and strengthen our shared ministry. Pray for safe journeys, wisdom in conversation and the Spirit's steady presence in all who gather.

**MMN Prayer Request** This week, four SOOP participants will begin 2-week assignments at Hesston (KS) College and Iglesia Cristiana Roca de Refugio in San Antonio, TX. Additionally, another couple will wrap up a one-month SOOP placement in Calais, France, this week. Praise God for the willingness of these participants to give of their time and talents.

### LAST SUNDAY

Offering: General Fund \$4,550; Ecuador Trip \$1,000; Home Missions \$539

ABOVE ALL,  
CLOTHE YOURSELVES WITH

*Love*

WHICH BINDS EVERYTHING  
TOGETHER IN PERFECT

*harmony*

- COLOSSIANS 3:14 -

April 12, 2026



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## **April 12, 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>

**Prelude/Offertory:** Kylie & Ayla Miller

**Worship Leader:** Keith Zehr

**Song Leader:** Dana Oswald

### **Gathering**

Welcome & Announcements  
Preparation for Worship  
Call to Worship & Opening Prayer

### **Praising**

*WB 100 Praise him, praise him!*

*WB 345 God sent his Son*

### **Hearing the Word**

Scripture Reading: Colossians 3:11-15 (p. 156)  
Message: Tristan Luitjens, "Unity Makes Miracles"

### **Responding**

*Let There be Peace on Earth*

Offering: Missions (4/19 Home Missions)

Sharing & Prayers

### **Sending**

Benediction

*WB 421 Bless'd be the tie that binds (v. 1 & 3)*

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**

- Josh Lundberg

## **SUGAR CREEK NEWS**

**CCCC:** Summer Camp registration is open!

<crookedcreekcamp.org/summer-camp.html> Reminder that Sugar Creek pays a portion of camp fees if you indicate at registration.

**Fellowship:** Please see the signup to provide cookies for fellowship time, or contact Lori Miller:

[signupgenius.com/go/4090E45AEAB2DA0FA7-50902927-sugar#](signupgenius.com/go/4090E45AEAB2DA0FA7-50902927-sugar#/)

**Nursery:** If you would like to assist with the nursery during worship, please use the signup link:

<signupgenius.com/go/60B0E4FA8AC29A5FB6-62786804-nursery>

**Parkview Fundraiser:** To support the walking taco fundraiser for Parkview on April 25, Sugar Creek will help supply bars for dessert. Lori Miller will coordinate. See the signup on the north bulletin board!

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **MONDAY, APRIL 13**

- **3:00 PM:** Worship Planning, MYF Room

### **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15**

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

## **#KidsConnect VBS**

*June 1 – June 5, 2026*

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

**Registration is now open!** <bit.ly/scwmvbs2026>

**APRIL 12, 2026**  
**AREA NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Bethel:** UNITED Youth group will be having a Potato Bar Fundraiser on April 18th from 5-7PM. Ice cream will also be served! Free will donations and all proceeds will go to their summer trip to a Conference in TN.

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

Volunteers are needed to help serve the CCCC Fried Mush Dinner, Sunday, May 3, served from 11:30-2PM at the Pavilion. See the sign up to help: [signupgenius.com/go/10C0544A9A92AAAFDC34-62946222-mush#](http://signupgenius.com/go/10C0544A9A92AAAFDC34-62946222-mush#/)

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)

**Crowded Closet:** *Want to see our mission in motion?* Get a behind-the-scenes look at how your donations to Crowded Closet are transformed into help for our neighbors locally and around the world through Mennonite Central Committee (MCC). Join a Crowded Closet Shop Tour led by Director Amy Hospodarsky Tuesday, April 14th from 10-11 a.m. Enter through the retail door at the front of the building and meet at the Silent Auction counter. Shop tours will be held the 2nd Tuesday of the month, or call 319-337-5924 to schedule a tour for your group or club.

*Join us for the Crowded Closet Association Meeting & Reception!* All are welcome to enjoy refreshments, a chance to connect, and a program recapping 2025 and recognizing all who played a role in paying off our mortgage. Monday, April 20th, 6:30 p.m. at Crowded Closet, 851 Hwy 6 E, Iowa City. Enter through the Volunteer Entrance (west door facing Keokuk Street). We look forward to celebrating together!

**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. Their first local concert is this weekend on Sunday morning, April 12 at West Union Mennonite Church. Check out the full schedule at [hillcrestravens.org/touringchoir2026](http://hillcrestravens.org/touringchoir2026).

*Turkey Steak Supper Fundraiser* - The Hillcrest Academy Alumni Association with help from the Washington Township Optimists will host the annual Turkey Steak Supper fundraiser meal on Saturday, April 18 serving from 4:30-7:00 PM in Hillcrest Union (gym). The entire meal consisting of marinated turkey steak, baked potato, baked beans, salad, dinner roll, and pie/ice cream will be available for dine-in or takeout. You don't need tickets, just show up! A free will donation will be taken at the door.

**Bus Drivers Needed!** - Hillcrest Academy is seeking a full-time bus driver for the 2026–27 school year. With more students than ever needing transportation from Washington, we're expanding our team. We also welcome part-time drivers to support after-school extracurricular activities and to join our substitute driver list. Interested? Please contact Rebecca Beachy Miller at [rbeachymiller@hillcrestravens.org](mailto:rbeachymiller@hillcrestravens.org) to learn more about the requirements and next steps to become a driver.

**Host Family Opportunity** - Hillcrest Academy is seeking a host family for a World Link foreign exchange student for the 2026–27 school year. Host families may be single or married and can include families with young children, no children, teenagers, or grandchildren. Students are carefully selected based on their leadership qualities and academic performance. The World Link program provides: student medical insurance, some school fees and related expenses and a small monthly allowance for the student. For more information, please contact the local coordinator, Olivia Kahler at [kahler727@gmail.com](mailto:kahler727@gmail.com). If you prefer to contact the school directly, please email Rebecca Beachy Miller at [rbeachymiller@hillcrestravens.org](mailto:rbeachymiller@hillcrestravens.org).

**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.

*Spring Mennonite Historical Society Meeting* will be on Monday, April 27 at the Kalona Mennonite Church at 7PM. Refreshments to follow in the KMC Fellowship Hall.

**MCC:** *Urgent Opening, apply by April 17!* MCC Appalachia Build (formerly 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/careers](http://mcc.org/careers), or contact [RoxyReyes@mcc.org](mailto:RoxyReyes@mcc.org).

*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<sup>th</sup> OR until position is filled. For the full job description and to apply: [mccglobal.my.site.com/MCCJobs/s/](http://mccglobal.my.site.com/MCCJobs/s/) or contact MCC at 1-888-563-4676.

**MCUSA:** In 2025, MC USA awarded four Justice Fund grants to congregations addressing urgent needs related to immigration justice and the ecological impacts of climate injustice. Read about the recipients and learn how to apply for a 2026 grant here: [mennoniteusa.org/news/justice-fund-recipients-respond/](http://mennoniteusa.org/news/justice-fund-recipients-respond/)

Michael Danner, MC USA's associate executive director of Church Vitality, explains that MC USA is not a membership association but a community of co-laborers in Christ, where congregations, conferences and the national church work together to support pastoral leadership, safe church practices and congregational vitality. Read his Menno Snapshots blog here: [mennoniteusa.org/were-not-an-association/](http://mennoniteusa.org/were-not-an-association/)

**MDS:** We are happy to offer the MDS Family Program this summer in Central Kansas! This is a project for anyone of any age and skill! The MDS Family Project will take place in Hesston, KS, this summer. Central Kansas offers meaningful access to service opportunities through Anabaptist organizations that serve those in need locally, nationally, and around the world. In the MDS cabinet shop, participants will build cabinets for installation in new homes for disaster survivors. Volunteers may be able to assist in building toolboxes with leftover wood. Volunteers will assemble MCC kits that will be distributed globally to support communities facing hardship. In addition, volunteers will assist Hesston College with campus preparations, helping ensure everything is ready to welcome students in August. 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:** *Service Adventure needs participants and leaders!* Are you sensing God's call to mentor and guide young adults as they grow in faith, service and community? Want to live in beautiful places like Anchorage, Alaska or Colorado Springs, Colorado? 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)!

*Can a gap year change your life?* Only if you're up for adventure! Applications are now open for the 2026-27 term. Service Adventure is a 10-month volunteer experience for young adults ages 17-20. Live in community with peers and unit leaders, serve with local nonprofit agencies, and grow in your faith with a supporting church congregation! Learn more and apply at [MennoniteMission.net/ServiceAdventure](http://MennoniteMission.net/ServiceAdventure).

**Parkview:** Saturday, April 25, we will be having a free-will donation fundraiser meal to assist in the purchase of new flooring and a backup generator. The basement community room will be open from 5-7PM for walking tacos, dessert bars and ice cream. To-go orders are available! Come join the fun and support Parkview Home!