

MYF

- **TONIGHT, 6-6:30** - Parent Meeting – Sharing details about our Summer Service Project with SWAP. **MYF Bible Study** with Mike & Maria Roth following the Parent Meeting.
- **Feb 10, 9:00 AM** – Set up for Souper Bowl Sundae
- **February 11** – Souper Bowl Sundae Fundraiser following the worship service

JYF

- **Every Wednesday – 6:00-8:00** – Wayland Mennonite
All 7th & 8th graders are welcome! Food, games and learning about the parables of Jesus!



This week please remember in prayer Michael, Katy, Madden, Karsyn & Kellon Black and Becca Boshart

Pray for those dealing with medical issues: Cindy Harms, Roni Stowers, Kent McDougal (cancer return), Sharon Jennings (Brooke [Tyler] Kleese's grandmother), Victor Hartzler (Orpha's brother), Doug Steele (Opal's neighbor), Randy Roth, Jeremy Niemeyer (Wilbur & Debbie's nephew), Martha Hernandez, Carol Long

To better provide care for those in the hospital, please contact Pam or an elder if you or a family member are (or will be) hospitalized.

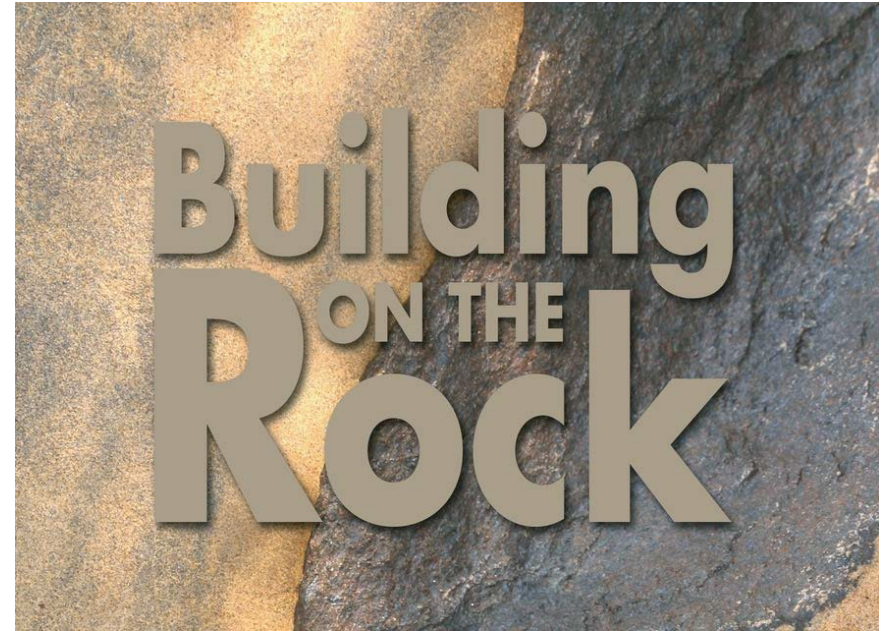
The oil lamp is lit every service as a reminder to pray for peace and for the people of our world who are caught in war and violence.

CPMC Prayer Request Pray for those who volunteer as leaders in our conference serving on various committees and boards such as the Conference Board, the Christian Formation Committee, Pastoral Leadership Committee, Outreach and Service Committee, Stewardship Task Force, Shalom Readers, Peace and Justice task group and all other conference volunteers. We give thanks for those who are willing to serve!

MMN Prayer Request Join Mennonite Mission Network in praising God for Matthew and Toni Krabill's four years of ministry at the Paris Mennonite Center in France. Pray for them as they move to Ghana this month, where Matthew will supervise research and develop curricula at The Sanneh Institute, and Toni will discern what God is calling her to next.

LAST SUNDAY

Offering: Home Missions \$1,785; General Fund \$600



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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>

Worship Leader: Tim Graber

Song Leader: Kathy Roth

Piano/Organ: Kathy Yoder

Gathering

This little light of mine

Welcome & Announcements

Silent Worship – Lighting of the Christ Candle

Call to Worship & Opening Prayer

Praising

WB 226 You are salt for the earth

The wise man built his house

Hearing the Word

Mission Moment – The Family Connection – Amy McLaughlin

Scripture Reading: Matthew 5:14-16; 7:24-29

Message: Pam Gerig Unruh – Building on the Rock: Look Out

Responding

WB 343 My hope is built on nothing less

Offering: Missions & **My Coins Count**

(2/11 Home Missions & **My Coins Count**)

Sharing & Prayers

Sending

Benediction

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Thank you to Sheldon & Lori Miller for serving as ushers today.

NEXT SUNDAY

- Amanda Bleichty
- MYF Souper Bowl Luncheon following the service

SUGAR CREEK NEWS

My Coins Count: During the month of February the children will be collecting your loose change during the morning worship service for MCC's "My Coins Count". Bring your change each week and help provide safe water for Nepal.

Office Hours & Bulletin: During the remainder of Katy's maternity leave she will be working part time from home. There will not be regular office hours. Bulletin announcements should be received by noon on Wednesdays. Please email the church or text Katy with any announcements.

Pastor Hours: Pam will be out of the office this week. If you need assistance, please contact an Elder.

Fellowship: Please see the available slots for the Cookie time signup below, or contact Vi Graber. Thank you!

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Adult SS Classes

- *Salt & Light* meets in the library
- Discussion Class: *If the Church were Christian* by Philip Gulley. Read or listen to Chapter 3 for discussion this Sunday. Meet in the Fellowship Hall.

UPCOMING EVENTS

NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

Souper Bowl Sunday – MYF is serving 6 delicious soups, salad, sundaes and dessert! This is a fundraiser for their service trip with SWAP to Kentucky in July. Come support the MYF and enjoy the wonderful food they will prepare!

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12

6:30 PM: Elder's Meeting, MYF Room

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

- **Advocate Luncheon and Activity** – Meet in the Fellowship hall following the Worship Service.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

7:00 PM: Church Council, MYF Room

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AREA NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

JYF: is once again needing individuals to volunteer a small meal for 15-20 Junior Highers on upcoming Wednesday nights at 6:00pm. This ministry is directly engaging Wayland community kids with fun and biblical teachings. If you feel called to be a vital piece of this ministry by blessing these kids with food, please contact Pastor Joshua Wenger at Eicher #319-541-9307 or Facebook. Thank you for all your continued support!

Central Plains: Mark your calendars ~ June 20-23 - The SE Iowa Churches will be hosting the 2024 Annual Meeting of Central Plains Mennonite Conference. If you would like to help plan this event or want more information please contact Pastor John David of West Union Mennonite Church. His email is pastor@westunionmennonite.org or you can call him at (319) 461-2781. The main areas that need planning are worship, food, child care, and lodging. Your prayers are cherished by all those working to plan this event.

Crowded Closet Thrift Shop: Ready for a year of goodness and growth as we act on our mission of love and compassion! We are fully staffed and ready to welcome more volunteers into purposeful service together. Support Mennonite Central Committee through service as we transform material donations into relief, development, and peace that reaches around the world, and helps our local community, too. Current volunteer openings: Cashier, Donation Processing (multiple departments), and Donation Receiving. The board of directors is actively receiving nominations for open board positions. To learn more about these opportunities or to plan a shop visit to explore behind the scenes, contact Christine Maust Beachy, Volunteer Coordinator, 319-337-5924 or crowdedcloset.volunteer@gmail.com.

Parkview: Parkview Home is looking for either a volunteer or perhaps even a contract for Services for light yard work in 2024. We are seeking someone to perform light-duty yard work for Spring, Summer and possibly the Fall of 2024.

This much needed position would entail light yard-work such as weed pulling, trimming hedges and bushes, watering and just an overall finishing touch for our yards on Parkview campus.

Crooked Creek Christian Camp: Registration is now open for our spring craft retreat, March 1-3. Join us for a fun weekend of crafting and fellowship! Visit <http://www.crookedcreekcamp.org/craft-retreat.html> for more information and to register.

Hillcrest: Prospective Family Night | On Monday, February 5 at 6:30 PM join us at Hillcrest Academy for an informative evening tailored for 5th-8th graders, transfer students, and parents. Discover the ins and outs of the ESA, get acquainted with our middle and high school programs, and engage with our dedicated teachers, coaches, and staff. Find out how Hillcrest's unique environment can enhance your family's educational journey. To confirm your attendance, please register at hillcrestravens.org/5-8events.

Chili Supper | The annual event is hosted by the Hillcrest Academy senior class and has been a tradition since 1960. The historic menu of chili, cheese sandwiches, potato salad, and pie or other dessert varieties, along with the Mexican soup, Pozole [po'sole], will be served on Saturday, February 17 from 4:30-7:00 PM in Hillcrest Union (gymnasium). Cost per meal is Adults \$10, Seniors 65+ \$9, Children age 4-12 \$5, age 3 and under free. Tickets can be purchased ahead of time from ANY Hillcrest Academy student or at the door. Takeout is available.

MCC for YOUTH | Feb. 23: MCC High School Essay Contest - Are you a youth who attends a Mennonite high school or an Anabaptist church? This is your opportunity to express your views in essay format on critical issues facing U.S. society. Submissions are due Feb. 23, 2024, and may be in English or Spanish. The grand prize is \$1000! Find out more about the high school essay contest. <https://mcc.org/events/high-school-essay-contest> Submit essays to centralstates@mcc.org.

March 10-15: MCC Young adult Peace Camp in Black Forest, Colorado - Join us for an incredible week of hands-on peacebuilding training in the Rocky Mountains of Colorado Springs! MCC's Peacebuilders Training is a learning experience for young adults hungry to connect with other young adults; root themselves in intentional, theological reflection; and apply that to the real-world work of peace and justice in their communities. Find out more and register for the Peace Camp. <https://mcc.org/get-involved/peace-camps>

Iowa Peace Network: Feel free to register and join these weekly recurring Zoom meetings:

- *Praying for Peace with Churches for Middle East Peace (CMEP):* CMEP Invites you to join them in praying for peace in Israel and Palestine, Wednesdays 11:30AM-12PM CST. cmep.org/wednesday-prayer/
- *Churches for Middle East Peace (CMEP) Weekly Briefing:* CMEP is holding a weekly briefing of current news regarding the Hamas and Israel war, Thursdays 9-9:30 AM CST. cmep.org/thursday-briefing/

Subscribe to **PeaceMail** to receive Mennonite Church USA's blogs, together with news and resources in one weekly email. Subscribe to PeaceMail here: mennoniteusa.org/PeaceMailSubscribe

MCUSA: In celebration of Black History Month (February), Mennonite Church USA invites you to discover the people and events that have helped shape our denomination. Visit MC USA's **African American Mennonite History Timeline** here: mennoniteusa.org/african-american-mennonite-history-timeline/

Menno Snapshots: Karla Stoltzfus Detweiler, climate justice coordinator for Mennonite Church USA, looks at the role of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. as an early leader in the environmental justice movement and provides suggested actions to honor his legacy. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/mlk/

Mennonite Action: a grassroots movement, united more than 800 Mennonites representing 250 congregations across the U.S. and Canada in a mobilizing call for peace. The "Call to Action" served as a resounding demand for a ceasefire, an end to the U.S.- and Western-funded occupation of Palestine, and a push for lasting peace. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/mennonite-action

Join us for **Hope for the Future** in Dallas, Texas on February 9-11, 2024. Hope for the Future is an annual gathering that brings together Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC) leaders connected to Mennonite Church USA from across the nation. View the PDF here: mennoniteusa.org/slide/hfff23-savedate Learn more here: mennoniteusa.org/hopeforthefuture

Mom Café: Join us the third Tuesday evening of every month from 6-7:30pm at Saint Alphonsus Catholic Church in Mount Pleasant. If you have any questions, please reach out to Tamara Zechin at 319-217-2456. Hope to see you there!

The Family Connection

Amy McLaughlin will be sharing during the Mission Moment time of our service. Below is information about the Family Connection program.

The Family Connection is a home visitor program for families with children age prenatal-kindergarten in both Washington and Henry Counties. Our philosophy is that parents are the first, and most important, teachers of their children. We provide two home visits per month and use the Parents as Teachers curriculum to teach families about child development and the importance of play in early childhood. Our program is voluntary and absolutely free. We also have incentives for our families and we are seeking donations to enhance our incentive program. If you have any questions or would like to make a referral, please call Amy McLaughlin at 319-385-8126.

Here is a list of items we regularly use:

- Diapers (especially size 4, 5, 6)
- Diaper wipes
- Diaper cream
- Laundry detergent (allergen free)
- Dish and hand soap
- Baby wash
- Pacifiers
- Sippy cups
- Educational toys (no batteries)
- Teething rings, rattles and other infant toys
- Bottles and nipples
- Baby blankets
- Books for small children
- Home safety items and first aid kits