

### Adult SS Classes

- *Salt & Light* meets in the library
- Discussion Class: Read ch. 2 & 3 in *Acts* by N.T. Wright. If you still need a book, please let Katy know and more can be ordered. It is also available as a Kindle book via Amazon.

### MYF

- **TONIGHT** – Bible Study with Corey & Dana Oswald at their shop, 6:00-7:30 PM
- **Apr. 28** – Bible Study with Bryce & Abbey Shelman, 6:00-7:30 PM

### JYF

- **Wednesdays** – 6-8 PM @Wayland Mennonite. All 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders are welcome for food, games and learning about the parables of Jesus!



**This week please remember in prayer** Ron & Diana Miller and Alden Hartzler

**Pray for those dealing with medical issues:** Don Yoder, Melba Widmer (surgery recovery), Sheldon Miller (surgery recovery), Sandy Koehler (Kathy Roth's sister), Cindy Harms, Roni Stowers, Sharon Jennings (Brooke Kleese's grandmother), Doug Steele (Opal's neighbor), Randy Roth, Carol Long

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

**CPMC Prayer Request** Pray for those gathering for the Annual Leaders Retreat next weekend. May it be a time of rest and renewal with ministry colleagues from around the conference.

**MMN Prayer Request** JCS International, a Mennonite Mission Network partner in Mongolia, requests continued prayer for herder families, as they struggle to survive this year's dzud (winter disaster), which has caused suffering across 90% of the country, with more than two million animal deaths. Pray that transportation routes will open, so aid can be delivered to remote areas.

### LAST SUNDAY

Offering: Home Missions \$2,200; Missions \$1,990; General Fund \$200



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## April 14, 2024

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:** Ledru Freyenberger  
**Song Leader:** Nathan Luitjens  
**Piano/Organ:** Abbey Shelman

### Gathering

*Jesus, be the center*  
Welcome & Announcements  
Mission Moment: Tim Graber, CCCC  
Silent Worship – Lighting of the Christ Candle  
Call to Worship & Opening Prayer

### Praising

*Revelation Song*  
*STJ 54 Longing for light*

### Hearing the Word

Scripture Reading: Acts 9:1-19, p. 97  
Message: Pam Gerig Unruh, "Lean into the Light"

### Responding

*WB 226 You are salt for the earth*  
Offering: Home Missions & Coins for Camp (4/21 Education)  
Sharing & Prayers

### Sending

Benediction  
*Seeds Sending Song*

Thank you to Garry & Lori Leichty for serving as ushers today.

### NEXT SUNDAY

• Michael Loss

## SUGAR CREEK NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

**Bible Reading Challenge:** We are reading through the book of Acts this month. Each week with the midweek update, a BibleProject video will be shared that accompanies the readings. A DVD of these videos is available in the Library as well.

**CCCC Coins for Camp:** It's Coins for Camp month! This year's projects are pool toys, life jackets, and LED lanterns for each cabin. Coins for Camp is one of the ways we begin preparing for summer camp! We appreciate your generosity.

**Extension:** The MCC Sale on Memorial Day is no longer being held. Sugar Creek will be hosting a meal fundraiser to benefit MCC on May 22, 2024 from 5-7 PM. A free-will donation will be accepted. For questions, contact Lori Miller.

Parkview is looking for help to move a new tenant. Please let Lori Miller know if you are willing to assist.

**Fellowship:** Please sign up to provide cookies, or contact Vi: <signupgenius.com/go/4090E45AEAB2DA0FA7-48304975-sugar>

**Mennonite Women:** There is still time to join in our MCC Relief Kit Project for the remainder of April. You are welcome to contribute items or money toward this much-needed project. It takes about \$50 for all items in each kit. See the complete list on the foyer table.

**VBS:** Registration is now open! <https://bit.ly/SCWMVBS2024>  
"Seekers in Sneakers" VBS will be June 3-7 from 8:30-11:30 AM. This year's committee is: Audra Barnhart, Abbey Shelman, Katy Black and Sidney Garrett. Volunteers are needed! Contact a committee member if interested.

### **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17**

• **7:00 PM:** Church Council, MYF Room

### **SUNDAY, APRIL 21**

• **9:00 AM:** Parkview Worship

### **SUNDAY, APRIL 28**

• **6:00 PM:** Sunday Evening Bible Reading Discussion over Acts, Fellowship Hall. Bring a snack to share!

### **WEDNESDAY, MAY 1**

• **9:00 AM:** Mennonite Women, Fellowship Hall

### **THURSDAY, MAY 2**

• CCCC Early Bird discount camp registration deadline. Sugar Creek will cover half of camper fees!

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**AREA NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Central Plains: Mark your calendars ~ June 20-23** - The SE Iowa Churches will be hosting the 2024 Annual Meeting of Central Plains Mennonite Conference at Sugar Creek.

**Crooked Creek Christian Camp:** Summer Camp registration is now open! Visit our website now to see dates: [crookedcreekcamp.org/summer-camp-registration.html](https://crookedcreekcamp.org/summer-camp-registration.html). Sugar Creek will cover half of registration fees, and the Early Bird discount is through May 2.

Join us May 4 for *CC Wild Mud Run and Walk*, our annual fundraiser to benefit our Summer Camp Fund. Don't want to run? New this year, we will be adding a walk for those who want to experience nature without the mud and obstacles. A free will donation lunch will be at 11:30 AM. Info & register: [crookedcreekcamp.org/ccw.html](https://crookedcreekcamp.org/ccw.html)

Help give our summer camp cooks a head start by participating in one of our *Summer Camp Prep Days*. Join us May 11, 13, and 14 from 8:30-12:00 to make cookies, chop vegetables, and cook ground beef. Sign up here: [crookedcreekcamp.org/summer-food-prep-days.html](https://crookedcreekcamp.org/summer-food-prep-days.html)

Summer is fast approaching! We are looking for volunteer kitchen helpers for summer camp! Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C45A9A729A3FD8F8-48436036-2024> Thanks for your support in this way!

**Hillcrest:** April's issue of *The Bridge*: <https://www.hillcrestravens.org/alumni/thebridge/>

*Touring Choir* - The Hillcrest Academy Touring Choir will be performing several concerts on campus and in local churches. Their theme, 'Lead with Love' encompasses the call for connection in a world much in need of Jesus' love. Their performances touch on themes of rising to God's calling and carrying His light in all situations. You will hear varied selections of spirituals, contemporary Christian, jazz, and maybe even a song about coffee! Their first local concert is on Sunday, April 14 at 6:00 PM at Lower Deer Creek Mennonite Church. Check out the entire schedule at [hillcrestravens.org/touringchoir2024](https://hillcrestravens.org/touringchoir2024). The public is welcome at all performances.

The Hillcrest Academy Alumni Association with help from the TWP Optimists will host the annual *Turkey Steak Supper* fundraiser meal on Saturday, April 20 serving from 4:30-7:00 PM in the gym. The entire meal consisting of marinated turkey steak, baked potato, salad, dinner roll, and pie/ice cream will be available for dine-in or takeout. A freewill donation will be taken with the proceeds going towards supporting student scholarships and programming.

**MCC:** MCC invites you to take the challenge: A month of climate actions for peace! Sign up to get your free calendar with a different climate action you can take each day in April. From learning to praying to advocating, this month of activities will help you take action to address climate change. Join the challenge as an individual, family, church or small group. Sign up today for A Month of Climate Actions for Peace at [mcc.org/month-climate-action-peace](https://mcc.org/month-climate-action-peace)!

Earth Day Soft Plastic Recycling at MCC! April 22 is Earth Day and we invite you to start a new habit of recycling all soft plastics (plastic bags, bread bags, any plastic packaging that you can stretch) at MCC Central States in North Newton! This is a NEW and ONGOING recycling project that we are highlighting for Earth Day. Volunteers will be on hand on Monday, April 22 at the warehouse to take your soft plastic recycling and answer your questions. But going forward, you can bring your soft plastic recycling to MCC any time, placing them in the marked bin outside the warehouse. Questions, please contact [duaneunruh@mcc.org](mailto:duaneunruh@mcc.org).

May 26-31: Restorative Justice Peace Camp for young adults (Chicago, Illinois) - This peace camp will dive into creative ways to implement justice in local communities. Learning from experienced restorative justice practitioners in Chicago, we will witness incredible ways that transformation is possible through restorative justice. Register today! [mcc.org/events/restorative-justice-peace-camp](https://mcc.org/events/restorative-justice-peace-camp)

**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/](https://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/](https://cmep.org/thursday-briefing/)

**MCUSA:** Mennonite Church USA honored seven community elders at its 11th Hope for the Future Conference, Feb. 9-11, 2023, in Dallas, Texas. Read more about the seven honorees here: [mennoniteusa.org/news/hftf24-honorees](https://mennoniteusa.org/news/hftf24-honorees)

Join Amy Zimbelman, Conference Minister of Mountain States Mennonite Conference, on April 23, 2024, at 7 p.m. ET/4 p.m. PT for a panel discussion of pioneering women in ministry. We will hear from Dianne Garcia, who recently planted a church ministering to asylum-seekers in San Antonio, Texas, and Marilyn Miller, who is the first woman ordained to pastoral ministry in the General Conference Mennonite Church. Register here: [mennoniteusa.org/webinar/registration-wil-april23](https://mennoniteusa.org/webinar/registration-wil-april23)

Nancy Kauffmann, interim denominational minister of Church Safety for Mennonite Church USA's Church Vitality office, tells of how two churches handled situations of abuse within their own congregations and how our response can affect the light of life of the person experiencing abuse. Read more here: [mennoniteusa.org/light-of-life-turned-on](https://mennoniteusa.org/light-of-life-turned-on)

Equipping, Mennonite Church USA's quarterly email newsletter for pastors and leaders, features resources submitted by MC USA conferences, congregations, agencies, ministry partners, constituency groups and affiliated schools and colleges. View the most recent issue here: [mennoniteusa.org/equipping-jan-2024](https://mennoniteusa.org/equipping-jan-2024)  
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**Mennonite Action:** This is a grassroots movement that 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](https://mennoniteusa.org/mennonite-action)

**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!

**Parkview Home:** Parkview Home announces a pancake breakfast fundraiser event on May 4, 2024 from 7-10 AM at the Fire Station in Wayland to provide urgently needed financial aid for Crystal Chunn. Crystal is a long-term CNA at Parkview Home. She is currently fighting her second round of breast cancer and is in need of monetary support for her current treatment and recovery plan. In addition to the pancake breakfast, an account for giving has been set up at Wayland State Bank in Wayland. Anyone can drop off their donations at the bank.

Parkview would like to extend an invitation to anyone with Piano playing ability to come in and play for the Residents. We have both an Organ and Piano adjacent to our dining room. We would love to have a noon meal-time piano playing session, once in a while, for the Residents enjoyment. Anything is possible and would be very welcome at Parkview Home. Please have anyone interested to call: 319-256-3525 and ask for Jerilyn Winga. Thank you.