

Adults Sunday School

Fall Salt & Light: Their Story, Our Story, and God's Message
Session 11, "Live Faithfully," Jude 1:1-25

MYF

- **11/23** – Bible Study, 6-7:30 PM
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JYF

Wednesdays, 6-8PM, Wayland Mennonite Church Basement.
7th and 8th graders: Join us for food, games and Bible study!



Remember in prayer this week: Jim & Jane Miller and Arlene Wenger

Pray for those dealing with medical issues: Jane Miller (breast cancer), Carmen Martinez (Maria's sister), Keith Zehr (pancreatic cancer), Dineal Armenta (Roni's sister), Lois Klopfenstein, Opal Reschly, Pauline Wyse

Pray for our Pastors, Keith & Connie, that they may be able to be with us in-person next week, and for safe travels if they do.

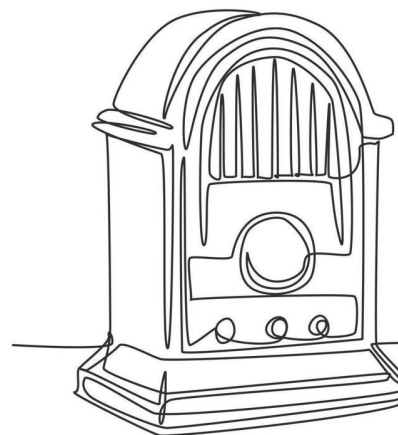
Pray for the leaders and youth involved in JYF and MYF. Pray for God to bless the leaders with wisdom, understanding, and love for the youth they lead. Pray for God to bless the children and youth with willing hearts and the chance to be examples to others.

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 is actively recruiting young people to participate in service programs beginning in August 2026. Pray that those whom God is calling to sign up for Mennonite Voluntary Service — with units in Arizona, California and Colorado — and Service Adventure — with units in Alaska and Colorado — will say yes.

LAST SUNDAY

Offering: Home Missions \$1,431. CCCC 45th Fundraiser: \$349.50



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RADIO ON**

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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 Service
Livestream: <https://tinyurl.com/SCMLiveStream>
facebook.com/sugarcreekmennonitechurch

Prelude/Offertory: Kathy Yoder
Worship Leader: Corey Oswald
Song Leader: Nathan Luitjens

Gathering

Welcome & Announcements
Silent Preparation
Special Music Group: Softly and Tenderly
Call to Worship & Opening Prayer

Praising

10,000 Reasons
Build My Life
I Will Follow You

Hearing the Word

Scripture Reading: Psalm 98 (p. 428)
Message: Keith Zehr "Turn Your Radio On"

Responding

WB 50 Praise the Lord, sing hallelujah
Offering: Education (11/23 Home Missions)
Sharing & Prayers

Sending

Benediction
You Shall Go Out With Joy

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

NEXT SUNDAY

- Keith/Connie Zehr

SUGAR CREEK NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

Christmas Program: Our joint Christmas Program with Wayland Mennonite will be at Sugar Creek on Sunday, December 14. If you are interested in singing Silent Night with the Adult Choir, practice will be Sunday, December 7 at 5PM in the Sugar Creek Sanctuary. If you are part of the play, practice will be Sunday, December 7 at 4PM with additional practices as-needed.

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

Thank you: As we enter the dark and dreary days of November here in Northern NY, Connie and I are having fond memories of a great pastor appreciation month in October! Thanks to all for the many cards and gifts of encouragement, especially to the Children's Department. We hope to see you soon! ~Pastor Keith

Turkey Grill: The Old Threshers Turkey Grill is distributing \$16,000 from proceeds and donations from the 2025 Turkey Grill. There were a total of 94.5 shifts worked, and for each shift \$169 (\$28/hr) was donated to the following: MYF \$5,136; Home Missions \$4,368; Zion Mennonite (filled a shift) \$2,032; CCCC \$1,824; Parkview \$1,824; Missions \$816

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

- **9:00 AM:** Freezer Meal Prep, Kitchen
- **11:30 AM:** Lunch Bunch, Fellowship Hall
- **7:00 PM:** Church Council, MYF Room

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20

- **2:00-6:00 PM:** Blood Drive, Fellowship Hall. To book an appointment call 800-747-5401 or book online:
login.bloodcenter.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/138897

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30

- **9:15 AM:** Nathan, Keiran & Tristan Luitjens Ecuador Sharing during Sunday School, Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14

- **9:15 AM:** Fellowship Time, no Sunday School
- **10:00 AM:** Joint Christmas Program with Wayland Mennonite, at Sugar Creek

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AREA NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CPMC: *Save the Date!* CPMC and the Ecuador Partnership will host an 11-day service trip and learning tour to Riobamba and Quito, Ecuador, from March 13 - March 23, 2026. We are looking for up to 10 volunteers. The group will assist the Anabaptist Mennonite Christian Church of Ecuador (ICME) churches in Riobamba with building projects for their respective facilities. More details will be coming soon. If you have any interest, please complete the following Google Form: <https://forms.gle/N1HEzfSxKjs5Msb98> by November 23, so we can add you to the list and ensure you receive all future communications regarding the trip. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Joel Beachy (joel.beachy@eastunionmennonite.org).

Community Christmas Program: There are families in our community who struggle to provide Christmas gifts for their children. This program gives the community an opportunity to help families by purchasing gifts for the children. If you would like to participate by shopping for a child, please contact Chris Conrad or Karalee Martin at CommChristmas@gmail.com. Thank you!

Concert: Bad Angle Events is bringing back Authentic Unlimited for a Christmas concert. They were recently named the 2025 Bluegrass Vocal Group of the Year by the International Bluegrass Music Association. Come enjoy their rich harmonies and skillful instrumentation, Saturday, Dec. 13 at 6:30 p.m. in Celebration Hall on the campus of Hillcrest Academy. Tickets available at BadAngleEvents.org

CCCC: 6th Annual Online Auction – Bid online November 25-30! mennoniteauctions.org

T-Shirts - Our new t-shirt designs by Erin Ramer make great Christmas presents for \$25 each! The Heron pays homage to "Hank the Heron," a beloved fixture around the pond, available in green or citrus. The Wildflowers t-shirt celebrates *Wetland Way* and the prairie at Crooked Creek, available in berry and navy. Order here: crookedcreekcamp.org/CCCC-t-shirts

Casseroles - Let us help you make your Christmas a bit easier this year! We're offering two kinds of take and bake breakfast casseroles, a hashbrown casserole and a cranberry french toast casserole. We will prepare and freeze the casseroles, all you need to do is pick up and bake them. Pricing and order form is on our website: <https://www.crookedcreekcamp.org/take-and-bake.html> Orders are due by December 8. Pick up dates will be December 15 and 16. Thanks for your support of Crooked Creek in this way!

Crowded Closet: Family Volunteer Day is coming Friday, November 28th at Crowded Closet! Gather your family together to foster a spirit of service through the shared mission of helping others in the name of Christ. Flexible shifts offered 9am-12pm and 1-4pm. Volunteer roles are available for age 8 and up; ages 8-15 should be accompanied by an adult. Reserve your shift now: tinyurl.com/ccfamilyvolunteerday! Questions? Contact the Volunteer Office at crowdedcloset.volunteer@gmail.com or call/text 319-800-5574. Plan now to give back during the season of gratitude!

Hillcrest: Kalona Chocolates Fundraiser - The Hillcrest Academy sophomore class will be selling Kalona Chocolates until Nov 24 to be delivered in time for the Christmas holidays on Dec 12. See a sophomore student to buy chocolates or visit our website at hillcrestravens.org/kalonachocolates.

Youth Open Gyms - On Sun, Nov 16, Dec 7, and Jan 11 from 3:00–4:30 PM, K-5th graders (only) will participate in a variety of activities led by Beau Risley (Hillcrest PE teacher). Please bring a water bottle and wear clean running shoes. Sign up at hillcrestravens.org/4-8events the Saturday before each open gym.

Fall Visit Days - Ever wondered what a day at Hillcrest Academy is like? Join us on Wed, Nov 26 8:00 AM - 1:55 PM and Mon, Dec 1 8:00 AM - 3:15 PM, when prospective students in 6th -11th grade are welcome to visit Hillcrest Academy for the day. Lunch will be provided. Incoming 6th graders will have a special visit days after Christmas. Sign up at hillcrestravens.org/4-8events.

EARLY BIRD Coffee - Start the holiday season right with a warm cup of Early Bird Coffee! This smooth, medium roast developed alongside Ambrosia Coffee Roasters, is available in 12oz bags (whole bean or

ground) and makes an effortless and thoughtful Christmas present. Pair it with our classic Early Bird diner mug for the ultimate gift set. Place your order now at hillcrestravens.org/earlybirdcoffee.

Iowa MCC Meat Canning Event: Volunteers needed! December 8-9, 2025, City of Kalona Maintenance Building, 717A Avenue. Our goal is to raise \$38,000 to process 13,500 lbs. into 9,000 cans of meat. Please note that we will need volunteers for three days (setup is Saturday afternoon, canning Monday & Tuesday). Sign up today! signupgenius.com/go/30E044DAEAC28ABF58-59717906-2025 or contact Sylvan Schlabach 319-461-3417. Please send your contribution to: Iowa Mennonite MCC Relief, PO Box 234, Kalona, IA 52247

MCUSA: Learn how rest strengthens our capacity to resist oppression, inequity and despair in this Menno Snapshots blog by Lorraine Stutzman Amstutz, MC USA's denominational minister for Peace & Justice, featuring reflections from attendees of the Women's Summit in Greensboro, North Carolina. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/reflections-womens-summit/

Big changes are coming to the health coverage market in 2026. Are you ready? Watch MC USA's recorded webinar, "Navigating Change: Health Coverage in 2026," about what's ahead and how it could affect your premiums. The first half is a broad overview of market shifts in 2026 and the second half focuses on The Corinthian Plan, MC USA's healthcare plan for pastors and church workers. View it here: <http://bit.ly/4qv8jV5>

MMN: Mennonite Mission Network invites prayer and urgently needed financial support for Joseph and Rachel Givens, who serve with the Maria Skobtsova Housing Association in Calais, France. Their ministry offers vital shelter and care to migrating people seeking refuge as they journey to England. Visit MennoniteMission.net/Givens and click "Give Now." For more information about their immigration ministry, contact Elizabeth Eby, ElizabethE@MMNWorld.net.

Swedesburg: We are now selling tickets for this year's smorgasbord! "Smörgåsbord" is on Thursday, December 4, 2025 at the Parish Hall, 201 Academy Ave. Tickets are available from the Swedesburg Evangelical Lutheran Church office, or the Swedish Heritage museum office. For more details, contact the Church office at 319-254-2216 Tuesday-Friday or the museum at 319-254-2317. The museum will stay open late on smorgasbord night for tours and selling items in their gift shop. Be sure to visit the museum as well as the smorgasbord! Swedesburg looks forward to welcoming you!