

Adults Sunday School

Fall Salt & Light: Their Story, Our Story, and God's Message
Session 8, "God's Promise of a Renewed Relationship,"
Jeremiah 31:31-34

MYF

- **TODAY** – Bible Study, 6:00-7:30 PM
- **11/02** – Bible Study, 6:00-7:30 PM
- **11/08** – Setup for chili luncheon, 10AM, SC Fellowship Hall
- **11/09** – Chili luncheon, 11:30 AM (11AM prep), SC FH

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: Toni Roth, Josae & Fenix

Pray for those dealing with medical issues: Carmen Martinez (Maria's sister), Keith Zehr (pancreatic cancer), Opal Reschly, Pauline Wyse, Dineal Armenta (Roni's sister), JaNan Peterson (Tamara's friend), Cynthia Hallet, Larry Graber, Lois Klopfenstein

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 the work of the relief, mission and service organizations connected to our denomination and conference and for the big and small ways that we each find to live out our common call to serve the least and the most forgotten among us.

MMN Prayer Request Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for JCS International's leadership at all levels and, especially for Gerlee (many Mongolian people identify with a single name), in her role as interim executive director. May God's Spirit guide this leadership transition and pray for more long-term workers to help with the many opportunities to serve in Mongolia.

LAST SUNDAY

Offering: General Fund \$7,040; Missions \$2,289

GUESS WHO'S
Coming to Dinner?



October 26, 2025



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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: Dana Oswald
Worship Leader: Matt Slagel
Song Leaders: Creek Band

Gathering

Welcome & Announcements
Silent Preparation
Call to Worship & Opening Prayer

Praising

Here I Am to Worship
Blessed Assurance

Hearing the Word

Scripture Reading: Matthew 22:1–15 (p. 19 NT)
Message: Lamar Roth, "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?"

Responding

Come to the Table of Grace
Offering: Home Missions (1 1/2 Home Missions)
Sharing & Prayers

Sending

Benediction
You Shall Go Out With Joy

Thank you to Mark & Linda Boshart for serving as ushers today.

NEXT SUNDAY

- Pam Gerig Unruh

SUGAR CREEK NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

CROP Drive: Runs through next Sunday, November 2nd. Please give generously when contacted by a Canvasser. Thank you!

Crowded Closet: Volunteer to join our team! Thursday, October 30 there will be a work night at Crowded Closet from 5-7 PM. We're teaming up with Wayland Mennonite to have a larger group. Let Vi Graber know if you can join in the fun! Carpooling may be an option.

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

JYF Meals: A meal is still needed for JYF on November 19. Contact Connie Freyenberger to sign up! 319-930-5503.

TODAY

- **Anointing:** If you would like to be anointed, please come forward after the service.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30

- **5:00-7:00 PM:** Crowded Closet work night

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2

- **9:00 AM:** Parkview Worship
- **11:30 AM:** Youth/Advocate Event, Fellowship Hall. We'll be making care packages for college students.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5

- **9:00 AM:** Mennonite Women, Fellowship Hall
- **1:00 PM:** Worship Planning Committee Meeting

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9

- **11:30 AM:** MYF Chili Luncheon fundraiser, Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12

- **11:00 AM:** Parkview Devotions

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

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

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20

- Blood Drive, Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30

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

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AREA NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CPMC: *Save the Date!* Central Plains Mennonite Conference 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).

CCCC: Check out what's happening at Crooked Creek!

- Craft Retreat, October 31-November 2 – Sign up now for our Fall Craft Retreat! Bring a project (or two, or three) and snacks to share and we'll provide the rest! See more details and register on our website, crookedcreekcamp.org
- Gettin' Full Retreat, November 14-15 – Led by Nathan Ramer. A retreat for the spiritually hungry and those who feed them. More information and details on our website. crookedcreekcamp.org/gettin-full-retreat.html
- CCCC's Annual Online Auction, November 25-30 – Please consider donating items to benefit CCCC. Contact Amanda (amanda@crookedcreekcamp.org) for more information. Items are due at camp by November 7.

Hillcrest: *Blood Drive* - The Hillcrest Academy Compassion Club is hosting a blood drive on Mon, Nov 3 from 7:30-11:30 AM in Hillcrest Union (gym). Plan now to donate blood by scheduling a donation time through the Hillcrest office at 319-656-2073 and thank you for helping your community in this special way.

Hillcrest Academy Presents - Roald Dahl's Willy Wonka follows enigmatic candy manufacturer, Willy Wonka, as he stages a contest by hiding golden tickets in five of his scrumptious candy bars. This scumdidilyumptious theatrical experience performed by both our middle school and high school students takes place on Nov 7-8, 2025 in Celebration Hall. Tickets and more info at hillcrestravens.org/drama.

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.

Iowa Mennonite Historical Society: Join us for our upcoming Mennonite Historical Society of Iowa Fall Meeting. It will be held at Kalona Mennonite Church in Kalona on Monday, November 3, 2025. From 5:30 - 6:30 pm there will be a soup supper with sit-down only. Donations accepted. At 7:00 pm, Frank Yoder will give a presentation entitled, "When Truth Is Stranger Than Fiction: Noah Troyer, the Sleeping Preacher."

MCUSA: Stanley W. Green, executive conference minister of Pacific Southwest Mennonite Conference, shared four realignments to heal and renew the church in his recent article for Leader magazine (reprinted by MC USA, with permission). Read it here: mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/realigning/

MMN: Your congregation, Sunday school class and other groups are invited to join Mennonite Mission Network in a seven-day Civil Rights or Christ at the Borders Just Peace Pilgrimage to explore how God is weaving justice and reconciliation in U.S. and other communities. Engage firsthand with people, churches, and organizations who share how they pursue peace. Through group reflection, prayer, and worship, process these experiences and connect them to your faith; then return home as "changed people" who can inspire and lead change in your own community. For more information about a pilgrimage for your group, contact Stephanie Weaver, StephanieW@MennoniteMission.net or check the website: www.mennonitemission.net/JustPeace.