

Adults Sunday School

Winter Salt & Light: Living God's Abundant Life
Unit 2: A Model Church, Session 11
"Stay Awake! Be Prepared!" 1 Thessalonians 5

MYF

- **TODAY** – Crowded Closet, carpool from SC; dinner after

JYF

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

#KidsConnect VBS

June 1 – June 5, 2026

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



Remember in prayer this week: Steve & Heather Freyenberger and Rachelle Luitjens

Pray for those dealing with medical issues: Lowell Unruh (knee replacement), Dick Yoder, Larry Graber, Roni Stowers (surgery recovery), Arlene Wenger, Sheldon Miller (surgery recovery), Dave Eichelberger, Roxanne Rogers (Kathy Yoder's sister), Cindy Freyenberger Harms, Keith Zehr (pancreatic cancer), Opal Reschly

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 give thanks for our conference ministers, Nathan Luitjens and Susan Janzen, who provide leadership for our shared vision and pastoral care for our pastors and lay leaders.

MMN Prayer Request Last fall, Christy Harrison, Peter Sensenig and their children moved to Montbéliard, France, from Chad, after their visas were not renewed due to the political relationship between the US and Chad. Pray for them as they acclimate, and navigate how to proceed if they are unable to return to Chad.

LAST SUNDAY

Offering: Home Missions \$2,350; Missions \$955; General Fund \$550; Conference \$300; Ecuador Trip \$100



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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: Russ Yoder

Song Leaders: Heather & Brian Herschberger

Gathering

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

Praising

Special Music: Children's Department
WB 319 Jesus shall reign
WB 377 Healer of our every ill
WB 337 Ask ye what great thing I know

Hearing the Word

Scripture Reading: John 9:1-41 (p. 78)
Message: Pam Gerig Unruh, "Watch Your Blind Spots"

Responding

WB 502 Spirit of God! descend
Offering: Home Missions & Coins for Camp (2/22 Home Missions)
Sharing & Prayers

Sending

Benediction
STJ 77 The peace of the earth be with you

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

NEXT SUNDAY

- 1st Sunday in Lent: Pam Gerig Unruh, John 11:1-44

SUGAR CREEK NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

CPMC Ecuador Service & Learning Tour: Levi Bachman and Tristan Luitjens will be traveling to Ecuador in March for a service trip with Central Plains. We invite you to pray for them as they leave on the trip, to keep them in your prayers as they travel and to consider a donation to help cover their costs. Offering checks may be marked "Ecuador Trip" and one check will be sent to CPMC.

Fat Tuesday Pancake Party! 6pm February 17 – The Mennonite churches of CPMC's SE Iowa cluster eagerly invite *you* to "Join us at the Table" from near and far: Come enjoy a joyful pancake and sausage supper together on the eve of the Lent season! Washington Mennonite will host the evening (815 E. Polk St.) Celebrate Fat Tuesday (Fr. 'Mardi Gras') with some delightful sugar, salts, fats and the sweet fellowship of sisters and brothers from Washington MC, Wellman, Wayland, West Union, IC First Mennonite, Sugar Creek, Zion and East Union. Bring your favorite topping to share potluck style – fruits and berries, chocolate chips, whipped cream, granola, yogurt, etc. A free-will offering will be received to share with a ministry of the group's choosing, after covering meal costs.

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

Thank you: The MYF would like to thank all of you for the support you showed for the Souper Bowl fundraiser last week. We appreciate the donation of the bars, and for coming and supporting our youth. We are grateful for the love from our church family.

TODAY

- **6:00 PM:** Revelation Book Study, Fellowship Hall. Ch. 12-14

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

- **5:30 PM:** Youth Baptism Class, MYF Room
- **6:00 PM:** Fat Tuesday Pancake Party, Washington Mennonite

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

- Lent begins with Ash Wednesday (*no service at Sugar Creek*)
- **11:00 AM:** Parkview Devotions
- **11:30 AM:** Lunch Bunch, Fellowship Hall
- **6:00 PM:** Church Council, MYF Room

FEBRUARY 15, 2026
AREA NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CCCC: Check under your couch cushions and clean out your coin purses because February is coins for camp month! This year's projects are new picnic tables, sports equipment, and new ground cover at the playgrounds. Coins for Camp is one of the ways we begin preparing for summer camp, so we appreciate your generosity. Thanks for your support in this way.

Our spring craft retreat is happening March 6-8 and registration is open! Visit our website for more information and to register. crookedcreekcamp.org/craft-retreat.html

Let us take care of your Easter lunch! We will be offering take-and-bake ham balls and a cheesy potato casserole. For more information and to order, visit our website crookedcreekcamp.org/take-and-bake-order-form.html Orders due by March 9.

Join us on Tuesday, March 10 for a Lenten Quiet Day pilgrimage. A light lunch will be provided. For more information and to register, visit our website crookedcreekcamp.org/lenten-quiet-day.html

Crowded Closet: As we closed 2025 at Crowded Closet, the numbers tell a *compelling* story! With \$2.49 million in sales, nearly one million items sold, and over 154,000 customer transactions, your choice to donate, shop, and volunteer continues to turn everyday generosity into meaningful support for Mennonite Central Committee around the world. The 37,270 donations we received this year represent faithful households and congregations giving what they have so it can bless others. Because of the strength of the shop, we are able to increase our monetary support to MCC in the year ahead! We are deeply grateful for the ways YOU make this ministry possible through your time, your gifts, and your commitment. Thank you!

Hillcrest: Head of School - The board-appointed Search Committee has collected applications for the Hillcrest Academy Head of School position and is beginning to interview qualified candidates. Please keep the committee and all applicants in your prayers, asking for God's wisdom and guidance in this process and the final decision.

Skating Party - All 4th-8th graders are invited to a Skating Party at the Wellman Skating Rink hosted by the Hillcrest Academy student body government on Thursday, February 26 6:30 – 8:30 PM. For more details and to sign up, check out hillcrestravens.org/4-8events.

Spring Drama Production - Join us March 6-7 in Celebration Hall for a heartwarming production of Pollyanna, the classic tale of the world's greatest optimist. Mark your calendars! Full details on showtimes and how to purchase your tickets are coming soon to hillcrestravens.org/drama.

Iowa Mennonite Action: Saturday, February 21 from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM Iowa Mennonite Action and West Union Mennonite Missions & Service Commission will be welcoming Anton Flores-Maisonet to West Union Mennonite Church of Parnell, IA for a workshop titled *Midwives of Justice: Birthing Hope When Empires Tremble*. The workshop invites participants to explore Exodus 1-3 through the lens of vocation, courage and faithful resistance. Anton will be sharing from his experience of walking with immigrants in his community. Lunch will be provided. The workshop is open to everyone and is sponsored by a grant from Central Plains Mennonite Conference. The link for the workshop registration is: [Midwives of Justice Registration](#) Please register by Friday, February 13th so we can get a head count for food preparation. Anton is a social worker, spiritual director, author, and faith-rooted activist whose life and ministry are shaped by radical hospitality and faithful resistance. He and his wife, Charlotte, founded Casa Alterna, a hospitality house in a Latinx immigrant neighborhood. They currently live at the Atlanta Friends Meeting where they serve as Friends-in-Residence. He has also led workshops at MC USA Convention. He is the author of *Welcome, Friends: Stories of Hope and Hospitality with Immigrants*. Anton will also bring us the message Sunday morning, February 22nd at West Union Mennonite.

MCC: *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 25th OR until position is filled. Apply online at mcc.org/careers. For more information, call 1-888-563-4676 or email marilypeters@mcc.org.

MCUSA: MC USA's 2026 Lent at Home Worship Guide invites households to journey through Lent with simple rituals, Scripture from John's Gospel and opportunities for reflection. This guide, titled "Dwelling in Dissonance," helps all ages hold grief and hope together, as we walk with Jesus toward resurrection. Available in English and Spanish. Download it here: mennoniteusa.org/lent-at-home-2026

In her Menno Snapshots blog, Shé Langley, MC USA's director of event planning and digital marketing, shares five practical AI and automation tools churches can use to reduce burnout, improve communication and support ministry, while grounding technology use in ethical, pastoral and climate justice values. Read it here: mennoniteusa.org/ai-for-churches/

MDS: Mennonite Disaster Service is hiring, help us spread the word:

- *Region 3 Volunteer Development Coordinator* – MDS is seeking a creative, energetic individual to engage volunteers and develop leadership across the Plain states. Remote position with regional travel. If you're passionate about service and skilled at building relationships, we'd love to hear from you!
- *Director of Administration* – MDS in Lititz, PA is seeking a strategic leader to oversee all operational functions of our Administration Department. If you have experience in nonprofit management, team leadership, and a heart for service, join us in making a lasting impact.

Learn more or apply online: mds.org/employment

MMN: *Become a Service Adventure leader!* Are you sensing God's call to mentor 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!

Mennonite Voluntary Service Live out your faith through service! Applications are open for the 2026-27 term. This one-year volunteer experience is open to individuals age 20+, with the option to extend placements for an additional one to two years. Serve with nonprofits addressing critical community needs, such as health, education, immigration and more. You won't do it alone, though! By living with peers in a unit house and growing with a local faith community, MVSers join in the global movement to work for peace and a more just world. Ready to jump in? Go to MennoniteMission.net/MVS to learn more and apply. Placements are available in the following locations: Alamosa, CO; Chicago, IL; San Francisco, CA; and Tucson, AZ.

Service Adventure 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.