#### Adult SS Classes

- Salt & Light meets in the library
- Acts by NT Wright: Discussion over ch. 8 & 9, MYF Room

MYF

 TODAY – Senior Breakfast, Bible presentations during worship service

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This week please remember in prayer Sheldon & Lori Miller and Arline Roth

**Pray for those dealing with medical issues:** Jim Miller (foot injury), Melba Widmer (surgery recovery), Sheldon

Miller (surgery recovery), Sandy Koehler (Kathy Roth's sister), Cindy Harms, Roni Stowers, Sharon Jennings (Brooke Kleese's grandmother), Randy Roth, Carol Long

**We're grateful for the gift of Fenix Frazer**, son of Toni Roth and Adam Frazer, who was dedicated on Friday, May 10. Pray that he will grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. Pray that God grants us all the love, grace, wisdom, and strength to guide him as he grows, and keep his family in your prayers. *"Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it."* ~*Proverbs 22:6 ESV* 

**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 the Board of Central Plains Mennonite Conference. We pray for wisdom and courage as they discern the best ways for Conference to continue supporting and encouraging and resourcing each local congregation for ministry.

**MMN Prayer Request** On this Mother's Day, join Mennonite Mission Network in praying for mothers around the world, especially those who struggle to provide life's necessities for their children. May we share what God has given us, acknowledging that we are all part of God's one family.

#### LAST SUNDAY

Offering: General Fund \$5,069.80; Home Missions \$1,736; Cemetery Fund \$300; Missions \$30

Mother's Day

ARISE, AND FORTH ACTS 10:20

May 12, 2024

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### May 12, 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: <u>https://tinyurl.com/SCMLiveStream</u> facebook.com/sugarcreekmennonitechurch

Worship Leader: Seniors Song Leader: Vi Graber

### **Gathering**

WB 25 Jesus, stand among us Welcome & Announcements Silent Worship – Lighting of the Christ Candle Call to Worship & Opening Prayer

### **Praising**

WB 46 I sing the mighty power of God WB 85 Now thank we all our God

# Hearing the Word

Scripture Reading: Acts 10:1-20, p. 98 Message: Nathan Luitjens, "A Life Open to the Spirit"

### **Responding**

WB 517 Open my eyes, that I may see Offering: Missions (5/19 Home Missions) Presentation of Senior Bibles Sharing & Prayers

### <u>Sending</u>

Benediction Doxology



#### Thank you to Gary & Maretta Conrad for serving as ushers today.

### **NEXT SUNDAY**

• Pam Gerig Unruh, Pentecost, Communion

# SUGAR CREEK NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

**Congratulations, Graduates!** The future is yours! May the Lord bless your steps and watch over you. "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight." ~Proverbs 3:5-6 NIV

**Extension:** The free-will MCC Fundraiser Meal will be Wed., May 22, 2024 from 5-7 PM. Desserts are needed – see the signup on the north bulletin board. Contact Lori Miller with questions.

**Fellowship:** Please sign up for cookie time for June-August: signupgenius.com/go/4090E45AEAB2DA0FA7-49567721-sugar

**Children's Summer Sunday School:** Get ready for an exciting summer at Sugar Creek! All primary and junior classes will be together. We need teachers! There are still a few open dates. Reach out to Katy or Tawnya with any questions.

signupgenius.com/go/60B0E4FA8AC29A5FB6-49325426childrens#/

**VBS:** Register now for VBS! <u>https://bit.ly/SCWMVBS2024</u> "Seekers in Sneakers" VBS will be June 3-7 from 8:30-11:30 AM. Tell your friends! Check out the VBS bulletin board on the east wall of the foyer for sign-ups for ways you can help. Thank you!

**WACO's One BLUE Day** is a special event dedicated to supporting extracurricular activities at WACO HS. Friday, May 24, student athletes will give back through various planned service projects in the community. If you have a project in mind that you would like our athletes to take part in, please email us at <u>oneBLUEday@wacocsd.org</u>, call the office at 319-256-6200, or speak with any WACO HS coach. Donations are accepted!

### MONDAY, MAY 13

• 6:30 PM: Adult Membership Class, MYF Room

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 15

- 7:00 PM: Church Council, MYF Room
- 7:00 PM: WACO Baccalaureate, HS Gym

# SATURDAY, MAY 18

• 7:30 PM: WACO Graduation, Football Field

### SUNDAY, MAY 19

• 4:15 PM: Youth Baptism Class, MYF Room

### MAY 12, 2024 AREA NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Central Plains:** Young people between ages 15 and 20: Are you interested in what is going on in the church beyond your congregation? Did you know that youth are invited to participate in Central Plains Mennonite Conference's Annual Meeting delegate sessions? Consider coming to Wayland, IA, June 20-23 to participate in worship, church business and workshops. Ask your pastor or council chair about this opportunity!

**Concert:** Sibling trio, *Girl Named Tom*, is returning to Celebration Hall on the campus of Hillcrest Academy on August 17, at 7 p.m. They performed to a sold out crowd in March of 2023. More information and tickets are available at <u>www.badangleevents.org</u>

**Crooked Creek Christian Camp:** Summer Camp registration is open! Visit our website now to see dates: <u>crookedcreekcamp.org/summer-camp-registration.html</u>. Sugar Creek will cover half of registration fees!

Join us for a weekend of intergenerational activities and fun at family camp, June 6-9! For more information and to register, visit our website: <u>crookedcreekcamp.org/family-camp.html</u>.

CCCC is looking for volunteer kitchen help for summer camp! Sign up for your preferred date and time. Thanks for your support in this way! <u>signupgenius.com/go/10C0C45A9A729A3FDCF8-48436036-2024#/</u>

As summer approaches, we are still without a food service manager, yet have a full calendar of guests at the Retreat Lodge. That means that we need YOU! Gather your friends, Sunday School Class, cousins, or your college roommates to come cook for a weekend. We'll provide the menus, recipes and food--all you need to do is prepare and serve it to our thankful guest groups (without whom we wouldn't be able to offer Summer Camp). It will be fun! For more information or to volunteer, contact Amanda Bleichty or Heather Bender at 319-653-3611.

**Crowded Closet:** Mark your calendar for the Crowded Closet Association Meeting. The biannual informational gathering for all supporters of Crowded Closet is hosted by the Board of Directors. Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 pm. Crowded Closet Thrift Shop, 851 Hwy 6 E, Iowa City.

**Hillcrest:** *Spring Music Concert* - The Spring Music Concert will be held on Sunday, May 19 at 4:00 pm in Celebration Hall, under the direction of Mikayla Tackaberry. This performance will feature the 6th Grade class, Instrumental Ensembles, and a final performance for the Touring Choir.

*Graduation Activities* - The 77th Hillcrest Academy Graduation Activities will take place on May 25, 2024 in Celebration Hall. A combination Baccalaureate and Commencement service will be held on Saturday evening, May 25 at 6:00 PM with speaker, Lyle Miller. Lyle is a Stewardship Consultant for Everence (and lifelong Twins fan). He and his wife, Bonnie (Hostetler) reside in Goshen, IN and both are proud class of 1984 alumni.

*Host Family* - Hillcrest Academy is looking for a family to host a World Link foreign exchange student during the 2024-25 school year. Hosts can be single or married with young children, no children, teenagers, or grandchildren. Students are selected based on their leadership qualities and academic performance and the program provides the student's medical insurance, pays school fees and expenses, and gives the student a monthly allowance. Please contact the local coordinator Holly Beinhart at 641-295-5003 or hollybeinhart@gmail.com for more information or if you are more comfortable contacting the school, please email Rebecca Beachy Miller at rabeachymiller@hillcrestravens.org.

*Bus Drivers* - Hillcrest Academy is in critical need of shuttle and bus drivers. As we continue to add more grades, we have more kids who need transportation whether it's from Iowa City or Washington or to extracurricular activities. Please contact Rebecca Beachy Miller at rbeachymiller@hillcrestravens.org to learn what you need to do to become a driver.

**MCC:** 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! <u>mcc.org/events/restorative-justice-peace-camp</u>

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. <u>cmep.org/wednesday-prayer/</u>
- 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. <u>cmep.org/thursday-briefing/</u>

**MCUSA:** Mennonite Church USA, along with more than 140 Christian leaders, signed a letter calling for a permanent ceasefire in Gaza and a halt in arms sales to Israel. Read the letter here: <u>mennoniteusa.org/news/call-for-ceasefire</u>

On Thursday, May 30, 2024 at 2 p.m. ET/11 a.m. PT, MC USA's Climate Justice Ministry will host a webinar titled, "Energy Efficiency and Faithful Action." Join three panelists, Amy Huser, Eric Sauder and Nelson Kilmer, who have led their congregations and communities on a journey toward energy efficiency, with a goal of "Net Zero" energy. Register here: <u>mennoniteusa.org/webinar/registration-climate-may30</u> View the PDF here: <u>mennoniteusa.org/pdf/lpj-climate4</u>

Janet Elaine Guthrie, spiritual director and member of First Mennonite Church of Champaign-Urbana, Illinois, shares about the influences that led her to engage in the reparative action of donating her portion of the family farm, with the intent toward education and supporting Indigenous peoples. Read more here: <u>mennoniteusa.org/fruits-of-repair</u>

Read and subscribe to Equipping, Mennonite Church USA's quarterly resource newsletter for pastors and ministry leaders. View the most recent issue here: <u>mennoniteusa.org/equipping-april-2024</u> Subscribe to Equipping here: <u>mennoniteusa.org/equipping-subscribe</u>

**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!