

Adult SS Classes

- *Salt & Light* meets in the library
- *Acts* by NT Wright: Discussion over ch. 10 & 11

MYF

- June 2: Help set up for VBS, TBA
- June 9: Bible Study, TBA



This week please remember in prayer our high school and college graduates. As we rejoice with them, may we remember the importance of earnestly praying for each of them as they seek to know and do God's will.

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

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

CPMC Prayer Request We pray for the graduating seniors in our local public and private high schools and colleges. In the midst of seasons of busyness and uncertainty, we pray for good endings and even better new beginnings. May the young adults in our midst know that they are loved and supported by the congregations and people of Central Plains Mennonite Conference.

MMN Prayer Request Delicia Bravo Aguilar and Peter Wigginton, of Mennonite Mission Network, request prayer for the Mennonite churches in Ecuador, as they unite in living out Jesus' message of peace, in response to the increasing violence in their country. Pray for protection and courage, as regular peace-building gatherings move Jesus' followers toward Spirit-led action.

LAST SUNDAY

Offering: Missions \$1,650; Home Missions \$1,025; General Fund \$700; Conference \$250

AND EVERYONE
WHO CALLS ON
THE NAME
OF THE LORD
WILL BE

Saved.

ACTS 2:21

May 19, 2024



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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

Live Stream: <https://tinyurl.com/SCMLiveStream>
facebook.com/sugarcreekmennonitechurch

Worship Leader: Gary Conrad
Song Leader: Nathan Luitjens
Organ: Kathy Yoder

Gathering

There's Nothing Worth More
Welcome & Announcements
Mission Moment: Mennonite Women & MCC
Offering: Home Missions (5/26 Home Missions & Loose Change)
Sharing & Prayers
Silent Worship – Lighting of the Christ Candle
Call to Worship & Opening Prayer

Praising

WB 26 Holy Spirit, come with power
All Who Are Thirsty

Hearing the Word

Scripture Reading: Acts 2:1-21, p. 90
Message: Pam Gerig Unruh

Responding

WB 472 I am the Bread of life
Communion

Sending

Benediction
WB 349 Spirit of the living God

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

NEXT SUNDAY

- Orlando Redekopp

SUGAR CREEK NEWS

Cradle of Hope: Collect Your Change! Grab a baby bottle in the foyer and fill it with your loose change, dollar bills or even a check. All donations will help the ministry at Cradle of Hope Pregnancy Resource Center. With the addition of the new mother's home, your change can truly change lives and is needed to reach out to families in our community. Please return all baby bottles to the foyer table no later than Father's Day. Any questions? Contact Tamara Zechin.

Extension: The free-will MCC Fundraiser Meal will be Wed., May 22, 2024 from 5-7 PM. Desserts are still 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

VBS: Register now for VBS! <https://bit.ly/SCWMVBS2024>
“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 oneBLUEday@wacocsd.org, call the office at 319-256-6200, or speak with any WACO HS coach. Donations are accepted!

UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY

- **4:00 PM:** VBS Staff Orientation, MYF Room
- **4:15 PM:** Youth Baptism Class, 7th & 8th Basement Classroom

MONDAY, MAY 20

- **6:30 PM:** Adult Membership Class, MYF Room

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22

- **5:00-7:00 PM:** MCC Fundraiser Meal, Fellowship Hall

JUNE 3-7

- **8:30-11:30 AM:** Seekers in Sneakers VBS!

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AREA NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Central Plains: Central Plains Annual Meeting isn't just for delegates and pastors! Register to attend Annual Meeting where you can worship, fellowship, discern and learn with your brothers and sisters from across CPMC! See our website to learn more and to register, www.centralplainsmc.org

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 www.badangleevents.org

Crooked Creek Christian Camp: Summer Camp registration is open! Visit our website now to see dates: crookedcreekcamp.org/summer-camp-registration.html. 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: crookedcreekcamp.org/family-camp.html.

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

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: Hey Students--make your summer count! Invest in yourself and your community; serve locally and make an impact globally as a volunteer at Crowded Closet. You'll gain valuable job skills, earn Silver Cord hours and more! Flexible shifts are available in a variety of roles. Getting started is easy! Complete our online application at <https://tinyurl.com/CrowdedApp>. Got questions? Contact Christine Maust Beachy, Volunteer Coordinator, 319-337-5924 or crowdedcloset.volunteer@gmail.com.

Looking for a meaningful career? Join a team motivated by compassion, community, service, and sustainability. Crowded Closet is hiring for a Processing Manager (FT). Lead a team of staff and volunteers toward donation processing goals! Apply online at crowdedcloset.org/employment.

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 rbeachymiller@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! 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/
- *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/

MCUSA: Mennonite Church USA's Safe Church ministry is strengthening its commitment to ensuring safe spaces for all members by offering background checks for church employees and volunteers through an agreement with Safe Hiring Solutions. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/news/background-checks

Mennonite Church USA's Climate Justice Ministry is receiving applications for the Pam De Young Net Zero Energy Fund grant, from now through June 15, 2024. The Pam De Young Net Zero Energy Fund provides funds to MC USA congregations seeking to install solar panels, car charging stations or other forms of renewable energy. The term, "net zero energy," describes buildings or communities that generate enough energy to meet their own needs. Learn more here: mennoniteusa.org/green-energy-grants View the PDF here: mennoniteusa.org/pdf/deyoung

Using concepts from the Supernatural television series, Sarah Augustine, co-founder and executive director of the Coalition to Dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery, considers how we can imagine systems for ecological and racial justice that will create a better future for our world, even if we don't see the return on investment in our lifetimes. Her Menno Snapshots blog is part of MC USA's Learn, Pray, Join initiative, "Climate Justice: Seeking Shalom." Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/fix-the-sun

Mom Café: We will be meeting at Saint Alphonsus Catholic Church on Tuesday, May 21 at 6PM. We will have our Trivia and Treats, so please bring a potluck dish to share. I will be ordering pizza, so please let me know if you can come (319-217-2456). We will also be highlighting ways to promote literacy with your kids throughout the summer.

We will not be meeting at the church on Tuesday evenings during the summer. Instead, we will have family-fun activities from 2-4 PM on the third Tuesday of each month. More information will be coming!