

Adult SS Classes

- *Salt & Light* meets in the library
- *Acts* by NT Wright: Discussion over ch. 12 & 13

MYF

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



This week please remember in prayer Garry & Lori Leichty, Arlene Wenger, and Robert & Vickie Achen

Pray for those dealing with medical issues: Cindy Harms, Melba Widmer (surgery recovery), Sandy Koehler (Kathy Roth's sister), Roni Stowers, Randy Roth, Carol Long

CPMC Prayer Request We pray for the end of the school year for our teachers, school staff, students and parents in Central Plains. In the midst of busy schedules, may each find time for renewal and relaxation this summer.

MMN Prayer Request Christy Harrison and Peter Sensenig are serving in Chad, with their three children, through Eastern Mennonite Missions and Mennonite Mission Network. Pray for Christy as she works as a nurse-midwife and for Peter as he teaches at Shalom: Evangelical Theological Seminary. Pray also for the children as they build relationships with their neighbors.

LAST SUNDAY

Offering: Home Missions \$1,707; General Fund \$700

Today we offer anointing for:

Healing –

- *Physical, emotional, or spiritual brokenness and pain*

Struggling with something in your life –

- *Longing to be set free from something that seems to have you trapped*
- *Dealing with a difficult decision*
- *Dealing with relationships in your life that are causing you pain*
- *Difficult situation that you don't know how to deal with*

Looking forward to something new in your life –

- *New opportunity or relationship that you are excited about*
- *You feel God is calling you to try something and you need God's strength and wisdom for the task.*

If you would like to be anointed, please go forward after the service.

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THE WORLD, BUT TO

save the world

May 26, 2024



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May 26, 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: <https://tinyurl.com/SCMLiveStream>
facebook.com/sugarcreekmennonitechurch

Worship Leader: Justin Freyenberger

Song Leader: Kathy Roth

Music: Ayla Miller/Kathy Yoder/Recorded Music

Gathering

STJ 44 The love of God
Welcome & Announcements
Silent Worship – Lighting of the Christ Candle
Call to Worship & Opening Prayer

Praising

WB 102 To God be the glory
WB 167 For God so loved us

Hearing the Word

Scripture Reading: John 3:1-17, p. 71
Message: Orlando Redekopp, "Be Kind, for Everyone is Fighting a
Mighty Battle"

Responding

WB 345 God sent his Son
Offering: Home Missions & Loose Change (6/2 Education)
Sharing & Prayers

Sending

Benediction
STJ 73 The Lord lift you up

NEXT SUNDAY

- Marisa Smucker from MMN

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.

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

Please collect your containers from the shelves in the kitchen foyer by June 2. Anything left will be donated to Crowded Closet.

UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY

- **9:00 AM:** Parkview Worship, Matt Slagel

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29

- **9:30 AM:** Mennonite Women, Fellowship Hall. Date change due to VBS.

SUNDAY, JUNE 2

- **2:00 PM:** VBS setup

JUNE 3-7

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

SUNDAY, JUNE 9

- **10:00 AM:** VBS Program & Potluck to follow. No Sunday School

MONDAY, JUNE 17

- **6:00 PM:** Elders Meeting

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19

- **7:00 PM:** Council Meeting, MYF Room

JUNE 20-23

- CPMC Annual Meeting at Sugar Creek

Thank you to Sheldon & Lori Miller for serving as ushers today.

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AREA NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Central Plains: It's not too late to get the discounted rate for CPMC's Annual Meeting--but rates go up on June 1. Register today to attend Annual Meeting where we will worship, learn, fellowship and discern together! See our website for more information 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: We Want You! - We want you (or someone you know) to join our thriving school community (grades 6-12). We are currently seeking talented and dedicated individuals to join our team as high school and middle school teachers and coaches, for the 2024-25 school year. Check out hillcrestravens.org/joinourteam for all the details and help spread the word.

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.

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: The MC USA Constituency Leaders Council reflected on the question, "What does it mean to do church together?" at its biannual meeting at College Mennonite Church, Goshen, Indiana, on March 21-23, 2024. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/news/clc-stories

Ingrid Friesen Moser, wellness coordinator for MC USA's The Corinthian Plan, uses controlled breath to help her worship when she is troubled by anxious thoughts. Read her Menno Snapshots reflection here: mennoniteusa.org/breath

In February, Chialis Thuan Santoso attended MC USA's Hope for the Future 2024 conference. In her Menno Snapshots blog, she reflects on what she learned and how it applies to her life as a sojourner in Christ. Read her reflections here: mennoniteusa.org/sojourner-in-christ

Mom Café: 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!