

### Adults Sunday School

MEET IN THE MYF ROOM FEB. 8

*Winter Salt & Light: Living God's Abundant Life*

Unit 2: A Model Church, Session 10

"A Royal Welcome for Our Monarch"

1 Thessalonians 4

### MYF

- **TODAY** – Souper Bowl Fundraiser Lunch, FH, 11:30 AM
- **2/15** – Crowded Closet, meet at SC to carpool; dinner after

### JYF

*Wednesdays, 6-8 PM, Wayland Mennonite Church Basement.*

7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders: Join us for food, games and Bible Study!



**Remember in prayer this week:** Hortensia

Unternahrer, Irene Bachman, Troy Graber, Jacob

Leichty, Morgan Meyer, Victoria Perez

**Pray for those dealing with medical issues:** 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), Lois

Klopfenstein, Opal Reschly

**Jen Slagel's stepfather, Bob Boyer**, passed away at home this week. We want to sincerely thank the congregation for your prayers, kind words, and support throughout Bob's illness. We are beyond grateful for a loving and comforting church family.

**CPMC Prayer Request** As we approach Valentines Day, may we remember the words of 1 John 4:12, "No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and God's love is made complete in us." Let us love one another and pray for peace!

**MMN Prayer Request** Last week, Julia and Thomas Meyers began their four-week SOOP placement at the Maria Skobtsova House (MSH) in Calais, France. Pray for them as they share in MSH's ministry of hospitality with migrants who are seeking refuge while on their way to England.

### LAST SUNDAY

Offering: Home Missions \$1,831; General Fund \$550; Ecuador Trip \$250



DOES GOD CARE  
WHO WINS THE  
SUPER BOWL?

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## **February 8, 2026**

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/Elyssa Graber  
**Worship Leader:** Russ Yoder  
**Song Leaders:** Nathan Luitjens

### **Gathering**

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

### **Praising**

*Thy Word Is a Lamp*  
*Build My Life*  
*Open the Eyes of My Heart*

### **Hearing the Word**

Scripture Readings: Zechariah 4:6-10 (OT p. 685), Hebrews 4:12-13 (NT p. 171)  
Message: Nathan Ramer, "Does God Care Who Wins the Super Bowl?"

### **Responding**

*STJ 27 God of the Bible*  
Offering: Missions & Coins for Camp (2/15 Home Missions)  
Sharing & Prayers

### **Sending**

Benediction  
*Seeds*

Thank you to Josh & Stephanie Miller for serving as ushers today.

## **NEXT SUNDAY**

- Pam Gerig Unruh

### **SUGAR CREEK NEWS**

**CPMC Ecuador Service & Learning Tour:** Levi Bachman and Tristan Luitjens will be traveling to Ecuador in March for a service trip with Central Plains. This is a great opportunity for them. 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.

**Coins for Camp:** Donate extra change during the month of February! We will collect coins for CCCC each Sunday this month. This year, money collected will go toward the playground ground-cover, new picnic tables and sports equipment.

**Fellowship:** Please see the signup to provide cookies for fellowship time, or contact Lori Miller or Lori Leichy:  
[signupgenius.com/go/4090E45AEAB2DA0FA7-50902927-sugar#](https://signupgenius.com/go/4090E45AEAB2DA0FA7-50902927-sugar#/)

**JYF:** For anyone looking to bless a local church ministry, the WACO JYF would be appreciative of meals or donations to cover food on Wednesdays. Contact Pastor Josh Wenger:  
[joshwenger88@gmail.com](mailto:joshwenger88@gmail.com).

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### **TODAY**

- **11:30 AM:** MYF Souper Bowl Fundraiser Lunch, Fellowship Hall. Free-will donations support their summer service trip.
- **No** Revelation book study this week!

#### **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9**

- **3:00 PM:** Worship Planning, MYF Room

#### **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10**

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

#### **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17**

- **5:30 PM:** Youth Baptism Class, MYF Room

#### **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18**

- **11:30 AM:** Lunch Bunch, Fellowship Hall
- **6:00 PM:** Church Council, MYF Room

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**AREA NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Book:** Tamara Zechin was invited to write a chapter about Toban Josiah Zechin in a new book about pregnancy and infant loss. In the book “Celebrating Angels,” around forty families share their personal stories. If you know a family who could benefit from realizing that they are not alone and there are other families who understand their grief journeys, please consider purchasing a copy of “Celebrating Angels” on Amazon. These stories are filled with hope, love, joy and faith.

**Concert:** Lee Ebersole and friends will be performing an evening of music inspired by John Denver. On some songs he will be joined by his family, Old Man Band, the Great Bluegrass Herons, Allison Yoder Hershberger, Elena, Marina, and Maelys Beachy, Melissa Fleming, and Jackson Gehman. Come and enjoy this great group of musicians who have gathered together to create music. March 13, 7 p.m. in Celebration Hall at Hillcrest. Tickets at <https://www.badangleevents.org/>.

**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](http://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](http://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](http://crookedcreekcamp.org/lenten-quiet-day.html)

**Crowded Closet:** Want to see our mission in motion? Get a behind-the-scenes look at how your donations to Crowded Closet are transformed into help for our neighbors locally and around the world through MCC. Join a Crowded Closet Shop Tour led by Director Amy Hospodarsky Tuesday, February 10th from 10-11 a.m. Enter front retail door, meet at Silent Auction counter. Can't make the date? Shop tours will be held the 2nd Tuesday of the month, or call 319-337-5924 to schedule a tour for your group or club.

**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.

*The Chili Supper* - The annual event is hosted by the Hillcrest Academy senior class and has been a tradition since 1960. The historic menu of chili, cheese sandwiches, potato salad, and pie or other dessert varieties, along with the Mexican soup, Pozole [po'sole], will be served on Saturday, February 14 from 4:30-7:00 PM in Hillcrest Union (gymnasium). Tickets can be purchased from a Hillcrest Academy senior or at the door. Takeout is available. Details at [hillcrestravens.org/chilisupper](http://hillcrestravens.org/chilisupper).

*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](http://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](http://hillcrestravens.org/drama).

**MCC: CALLING FOR 2026-2027 MCC SALT PARTICIPANTS!** MCC's Serving and Learning Together (SALT) program is a year-long cross-cultural experience for young adults ages 18-30. It's a chance to immerse yourself in another culture and grow in ways you never imagined. Whether your interest is in a specific region of the world, specific country, type of work or a language, there are numerous possibilities waiting to be explored. There is no cost to participate and there is student loan assistance available. You'll grow. You'll experience the world, find purpose, and you will Serve and Learn Together. Dates: August 12th, 2026 – July 17th, 2027. Visit [mcc.org/salt](http://mcc.org/salt) for more information, applications due Feb. 15.

*Celebrating 50 years of More-with-Less!* Herald Press and Mennonite Central Committee invite you to share stories of food, joy, and resilience to help celebrate the 50th anniversary of the *More-with-Less* cookbook. This beloved cookbook's call to thrift, Christian compassion and abundant living is just as urgent and relevant today as it was in 1976. To learn more and to submit stories, blessings or ideas for simple approaches to sharing food and fellowship: [docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdjJ3FfJC6wzorA3-G6k5mLsIKc59l8KJdRjzOltZn8Wlplnw/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdjJ3FfJC6wzorA3-G6k5mLsIKc59l8KJdRjzOltZn8Wlplnw/viewform). Please share your story by Feb. 15 for a chance to be featured in the 50th anniversary edition or additional digital resources—and receive a chocolate oatmeal cake recipe as thanks!

*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 25<sup>th</sup> OR until position is filled. Apply online at [mcc.org/careers](https://mcc.org/careers). For more information, call 1-888-563-4676 or email [marilypeters@mcc.org](mailto:marilypeters@mcc.org).

*MCC Central States annual meeting* – You are invited to the MCC Central States annual meeting on Saturday, March 7 at 11 a.m. at MCC Central States, 121 E. 30<sup>th</sup> St, North Newton, KS 67117.

**MCUSA:** MC USA is now accepting applications for the 2026-27 BIPOC Scholarship. The Scholarship aids students who identify as Black, Indigenous and/or People of Color who are members or active participants of an MC USA congregation and who are attending or plan to attend an MC USA-affiliated Mennonite college, university or seminary. Learn more and apply here: <https://bit.ly/49LLYLi>

MC USA is launching a new collaborative workshop series to help churches and leaders practice healthier ways of navigating conflict. The first training kicks off in Beaverton, Oregon on March 12-14! Discover what's behind this new initiative and how you can take part. Read more and register at: [mennoniteusa.org/news/conflict-transformation-workshop/](https://mennoniteusa.org/news/conflict-transformation-workshop/)

Marco Güete, director of Hispanic Ministries for MC USA, highlights how Anabaptist-rooted theological education pathways equip Hispanic and Latino leaders for faithful, contextual ministry without leaving their congregations. Read his Menno Snapshots blog here: [mennoniteusa.org/walking-together/](https://mennoniteusa.org/walking-together/)

**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](https://mds.org/employment)

**MMN:** *Just Peace Pilgrimages — Christ at the Border:* Embark on a life-changing journey to Calais, France to witness and learn alongside organizations that are doing justice and relief work among the migrant population there. Fleeing for their lives, thousands of people converge in Calais hoping to cross the English Channel to find a new life in the United Kingdom. Dates: April 6-18, 2026. Registration deadline: February 15, 2026. Contact Stephanie Weaver at [StephanieW@MennoniteMission.net](mailto:StephanieW@MennoniteMission.net) or visit [MennoniteMission.net/JustPeace](https://MennoniteMission.net/JustPeace) to learn more!