

**Adults: Discussion Class**

- Adult Discussion Class: Salt & Light – Nov. 3 “Adopted by Christ”

**MYF**

- **TODAY:** Breakfast with the Zehrs, MYF Room, 8:45 AM  
Bible Study at Wayland Mennonite, 6-7:30 PM
- **11/9:** Set up for chili lunch, 10AM
- **11/10:** Chili Lunch, Sugar Creek FH, 11:30 AM

**JYF**

- **Wednesdays:** 6-8PM at the Wayland Mennonite Church Basement for a meal, some games, and Bible study.



**This week please remember in prayer** Anita Swartzendruber and Ermadine Boshart

**Pray for those dealing with medical issues:** Pam Gerig Unruh, Linda Boshart, Gerhard Luitjens (Nathan’s dad), Pauline Wyse, Kathy Roth, Opal Reschly, Creamer Family

**Congratulations to Jeri Yoder and Craig Williams** on the birth of Zoey Kathleen, who was born October 26. We wish God's blessing on Zoey and her family and pray that she grows loving, strong, and healthy.

**Pray for Iglesia Menonita Centro Cristiana**, the Hispanic church plant in Washington, as they witness, preach, and teach the Word.

**CPMC Prayer Request** We pray for the work of the relief, mission and service organizations connected to our denomination and conference and for the big and small ways that we each find to live out our common call to serve the least and the most forgotten among us.

**MMN Prayer Request** Join Mennonite Mission Network in praying that this Tuesday’s elections in the United States will take place without violence and that the leaders who are elected will lead the country in ways of justice and peace.

**LAST SUNDAY**

Offering: Home Missions \$1,213

where you go,  
i'll go  
where you stay,  
i'll stay.

RUTH 1:16

November 3, 2024



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## **November 3, 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](https://facebook.com/sugarcreekmennonitechurch)

**Prelude/Offertory Music:** Tamara Zechin

**Worship Leader:** Bryce Shelman

**Song Leader:** Tamara Zechin

**Accompanist:** Kathy Yoder

### **Gathering**

Welcome & Announcements

Silent Preparation

Call to Worship & Opening Prayer

### **Praising**

*WB 36 God of our strength*

*WB 163 Obey my voice*

### **Hearing the Word**

*Come and See*

Children's Story: Keith & Connie Zehr

Scripture Readings: Ruth 1:1-18 (p. 187), Jeremiah 29:11-13 (p. 567)

Message: Keith & Connie Zehr, "The Spirit Is Up To Something"

### **Responding**

*WB 395 Here I am, Lord*

Offering: Home Missions (11/10 Education)

Sharing & Prayers

### **Sending**

Benediction

*Seeds*

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

### **NEXT SUNDAY**

- Pam Gerig Unruh

## **SUGAR CREEK NEWS**

**Fellowship:** Please use the signup link to provide cookies for fellowship time, or contact Mary Jo Richard:

[signupgenius.com/go/4090E45AEAB2DA0FA7-50902927-sugar](https://signupgenius.com/go/4090E45AEAB2DA0FA7-50902927-sugar)

**Turkey Grill:** The Old Threshers Turkey Grill is distributing \$17,000 from proceeds and donations from the 2024 Turkey Grill. There were a total of 110 shifts worked, and for each shift \$154 (\$25/hr) was donated to the following: MYF \$6,855; Home Missions \$3,189; CCCC \$2,073; Zion Mennonite (filled in a shift) \$1,856; Parkview \$1,115; Student Aid (Campership) \$956; Missions \$956. Thanks to those who worked and supported the Turkey Grill fundraiser in another successful year!

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### ***TODAY***

- Potluck after church followed by Q&A time with the Zehrs
- **6:00 PM:** Genesis/Faith/Potters Clay/New Creation meet with the Zehrs in the Fellowship Hall. Finger-food potluck.

#### ***MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4***

- **11:30 AM:** Church Council/Search Committee weekend wrap-up lunch, Fellowship Hall. A meeting link will be sent to the group for anyone unable to attend in-person.

#### ***WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6***

- **9:00 AM:** Mennonite Women, Fellowship Hall. Lunch provided!
- **7:00 PM:** Worship Planning, MYF Room

#### ***SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10***

- **11:30 AM:** MYF Chili Lunch, Fellowship Hall. Free will donation toward their summer convention trip.

#### ***SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17***

- **9:00 AM:** Parkview Worship
- Affirmation Vote

#### ***WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20***

- **11:30 AM:** Lunch Bunch, Fellowship Hall
- **7:00 PM:** Church Council, MYF Room

#### ***THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21***

- Blood Drive, Fellowship Hall

#### ***SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24***

- **5:00 PM:** Evening Baptism Service for Jaden Ecklund, Maddie Farmer, Brenna Graber and Morgan Meyer. More details to come!

**NOVEMBER 3, 2024**  
**AREA NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CCCC:** *Join us for Wood Cutting Day* - November 9 at 8:00 am. Meet down the hill from Custer Pavilion. Sack lunches will be provided. Call the office at 319-653-3611 to RSVP!

We have lots of exciting events coming up this fall! Save the date and join us.

- November 12 - Annual SIMCA member meeting
- December 3-8 - Online auction fundraiser

Crooked Creek Christian Camp is currently hiring for housekeeping assistants! Join the Crooked Creek cleaning crew that helps maintain and clean our buildings. Our facilities wouldn't look the same without these incredible behind the scene workers that wipe, sweep, mop, and more to help give guests the best camp experience. This position is part-time with flexible hours. Visit our website for more information and to apply.

**Crowded Closet:** Crowded Closet Thrift Shop invites you to a Christmas Work Night at the shop for friends on Thursday, December 5, 5-7pm. Your help is needed to power another record setting year of shop growth to support Mennonite Central Committee and to help our local neighbors. Sign up:

[signupgenius.com/go/70A054DABA722A0FA7-45224117-south#](https://signupgenius.com/go/70A054DABA722A0FA7-45224117-south#/). If you have questions, contact Christine Maust Beachy, Crowded Closet Volunteer Manager, [crowdedcloset.volunteer@gmail.com](mailto:crowdedcloset.volunteer@gmail.com); 319-337-5924 x12, or talk to Vi Graber, the Crowded Closet Representative at your church.

**Hillcrest: Blood Drive** - The Hillcrest Academy Compassion Club is hosting a blood drive on Mon, Nov 4 from 7:30-11:30 AM. Plan now to donate blood by scheduling a donation time through the Hillcrest office at 319-656-2073 or online: [login.bloodcenter.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/129276](https://login.bloodcenter.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/129276). Thank you for helping your community in this special way.

**Annie** - Get ready for a smile-inducing, heart-warming spectacle as Hillcrest Academy proudly presents the timeless classic, Annie! Join the irrepressible Annie, a spunky orphan with a heart of gold, on her unforgettable journey. Featuring iconic songs like "Tomorrow" and "I Think I'm Gonna Like It Here," Annie promises a night of laughter, hope, and musical magic. Mark your calendars for when our middle school and high school thespians will present three shows on Sat, Nov 9 at 2:00 PM and 7:00 PM and Sun, Nov 10 at 3:00 PM. All tickets are general admission and are on sale now at [hillcrestravens.org/drama](https://hillcrestravens.org/drama). Tickets are also available at the door. Doors open 45 minutes before each performance.

**Kalona Chocolates Fundraiser** - The Hillcrest Academy sophomore class will be selling Kalona Chocolates until Nov 21 to be delivered just in time for the Christmas holidays. See a sophomore to buy chocolates or visit our website at [hillcrestravens.org/kalonachocolates](https://hillcrestravens.org/kalonachocolates).

**FFA Fruit Sales** - Our FFA students will be selling fruit through Nov 15. Fruit can be ordered from any FFA member or by calling the school office. Fruit will be delivered around the second week of December.

**Iowa Mennonite Historical Society:** Iowa Mennonite Museum and Archives in Kalona is looking to hire a director (part time). Duties include museum administration, office work, communication (including Reflections, our quarterly newsletter), supervision of staff and volunteers, finances, and Fall Festival. Contact Nyle Kauffman (319-936-2430) for details if interested.

**Kalona Mennonite Church: Pillow Cleaning:** Get your feather or foam pillows cleaned, sanitized, deodorized & NEW TICKING on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at Kalona Mennonite Church.

**MCC:** *Join MCC at Hillcrest Academy in Kalona, IA on Nov. 19 for a special evening event* - Courageous Peacemaking in Chad! Doors will open at 6 p.m. for dessert and fellowship and then Pastor Victor Dogos from Chad will present in the auditorium at 7 p.m. All ages are welcome! Pastor Dogos is the first recipient of the Michael J. Sharp Global Peacemaker Award for his bold work at building peace in Chad. A freewill offering to support MCC's peace work will be taken. We hope to see you there!

**MCC Borderlands Peace Camp, Jan. 19-25, 2025** Young adults, ages 18-30, are invited to join MCC in El Paso, TX and Ciudad Juarez, Mexico in January! This MCC Peace Camp will explore topics of peace and justice through the lens of migration, including the Biblical mandate of hospitality. Find out more and register by January 5 at [mcc.org/borderlands-peace-camp](https://mcc.org/borderlands-peace-camp).

**Serving And Learning Together (SALT) applications now open for 2025!** Each year, MCC offers 80+ unique opportunities to serve with our local partners working for relief, development and peace around the world.

Explore the numerous possibilities that match your passions, skills, and experience. If you're between the ages of 18-30, the SALT program might be the epic adventure you've been waiting for. Check it out at [mcc.org/salt](https://mcc.org/salt)!

**MCUSA:** The MC USA Executive Board has published its updated "Guidelines for Developing Organizational Resolutions and Church Statements in Mennonite Church USA" and appointed a new Resolutions Committee ahead of the Delegate Assembly on July 11-12, 2025, in Greensboro, North Carolina. The deadline for resolutions is Nov. 13, 2024. Read more here: [mennoniteusa.org/news/resolutions-committee/](https://mennoniteusa.org/news/resolutions-committee/)

As a denomination that seeks to extend peace and dismantle oppression and violence, MC USA has a distinct perspective on social justice issues and concerns that impact our communities. Learn more about MC USA's faith values, ongoing peace and justice work and resources for further understanding in the new "Exploring the Issues" downloadable resource series. Read the first backgrounder on immigration here: [mennoniteusa.org/resource/exploring-the-issues](https://mennoniteusa.org/resource/exploring-the-issues)

Join MC USA's Climate Justice Coordinator Karla Stoltzfus Detweiler in imagining a sustainable future for ourselves, our children, and our planet by participating in an online book study of the compelling and timely book, "So We and Our Children May Live" by Sarah Augustine and Sheri Hostetler. Drawing from Scripture, science, Indigenous wisdom, and personal stories, the authors invite us to open our hearts and our culture to deep, Spirit-led transformation. Register here: [mennoniteusa.org/climate-justice-book-study](https://mennoniteusa.org/climate-justice-book-study)

Open enrollment for The Corinthian Plan, MC USA's healthcare plan for pastors and church workers, is Nov. 1-Dec. 31, 2024, with a start date of Jan. 1, 2025. Learn more here: [mennoniteusa.org/learn-more-tcp](https://mennoniteusa.org/learn-more-tcp)

Stanley Green, executive conference minister of Pacific Southwest Mennonite Conference, offers this prayer, calling us to conflict transformation and peace, while asking God for wisdom and courage to enact change in a world full of discord and despair. Read it here: [mennoniteusa.org/prayer-conflict-transformation](https://mennoniteusa.org/prayer-conflict-transformation)

**Olson-Powell:** Grief is overwhelming. The long holiday season, along with winter weather, can be a difficult time. Olson-Powell Chapel & Crematory invites you to join us Thursday, November 14 at 6PM, First United Methodist Church in Mt. Pleasant, for *Hope for the Holidays*. Joan Rodgers will share ideas to navigate the holidays while grieving. Pastor Court Fischer will offer words of hope. The evening will conclude with a candlelight memorial service. This can be beneficial for those who are grieving and for those who are supporting those traveling along their grief journey. All are welcome to attend this free event. Contact Morgan with questions: 319-385-1998.

**Washington Mennonite:** Looking for hope? Join us for Washington Mennonite Church's upcoming Dessert Theater, "Wild Hope" on November 15-17. For more information or to register online visit [washmenno.weebly.com/dinner-theater.html](https://washmenno.weebly.com/dinner-theater.html) or see the brochures in your church building.