

Adults Sunday School

Fall Salt & Light: The Soul of a Nation, Unit 2
Session 5: "Radical Commitment to God's Way"
Joshua 24:14-27

MYF

- **Oct. 10** – Can Sorting at Corey Farmer's shop, 10:30 AM
- **Oct. 18** – Bible Study, MYF Room, 6PM

JYF

Wednesdays from 6-8 PM, Wayland Mennonite Basement
6th-8th Graders: Join us for a meal, Bible study, and games!
To join, help out, or for more info, contact Pastor Josh Wenger
319-541-9307 or joshwenger88@gmail.com.



Remember in prayer this week: Phil Boshart, Jaelyn Hesseltine, Cooper Roth, Ryker Farmer, Jackson Roth and Kendall & Sarah Leichty

Pray for those dealing with medical issues: Keith Zehr, Roni Stowers, Lois Klopfenstein, Tiana Schlatter, Victoria Perez, Erika Leichty Seymore, Toni Roth, Deb Roth, Paul VonTersch, Sheldon Miller, Dick Yoder, Arlene Wenger, Roxanne Rogers (Kathy Yoder's sister), Cindy Freyenberger Harms

Pray for those at Parkview: Opal Reschly, Anita Swartzendruber and Mary Henderson

To better provide care for those in the hospital, please contact a Pastor or an Elder if you or a family member are hospitalized.



The oil lamp is lit every service as a reminder to pray for peace and for the people of our world who are caught in war and violence.

CPMC Prayer Request Pray for Marjie Mejia Caraballo who was ordained yesterday at Templo Alabanza in Moline, IL. We pray for the ministry that Marjie and Templo Alabanza share.

MMN Prayer Request On August 26, Nepal experienced a severe flood that resulted in severe damage to buildings & infrastructure, as well as the deaths of several thousand people, many of whom are still missing or unidentified. Pray for the people of Nepal who have lost their homes and loved ones.

LAST SUNDAY

Offering: Home Missions \$6,500; Hillcrest/CCCC \$1,184; General Fund \$900



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World Communion Sunday

A global Christian observance where diverse denominations unite in celebrating Holy Communion, emphasizing Christian unity and oneness in Christ.

9:15 AM: Sunday School
10:10 AM: Fellowship Time
10:30 AM: Worship Service
Live Stream: <https://tinyurl.com/SCMLiveStream>
<facebook.com/sugarcreekmennonitechurch>

Prelude/Offertory: Kathy Yoder

Worship Leader: Connie Zehr

Song Leader: Abbey Shelman & Children's Department

Gathering

Welcome

Preparation for Worship

Call to Worship

Announcements, Sharing & Prayers

Offering: Conference & Coins for CROP (10/11 Home Missions)

Praising

Guide My Feet

Fruit of the Spirit

Every Move I Make

Hearing the Word

Children's Time: Connie Zehr

Scripture Reading: Philippians 3:4b-14 (p. 153)

Message: Keith Zehr, "Taking Out the Garbage"

Responding

Communion

WB 472 I am the bread of life

Sending

Benediction

Doxology

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

The nursery is available for children two and under.

NEXT SUNDAY

- Connie Zehr

SUGAR CREEK NEWS

Baskets for the Elders' Sharing Fund are set out today. The Elders' Sharing Fund is used at the discretion of the Elders to take care of special needs of individuals and families in the congregation and in our community.

CROP: The 2026 WACO CROP Campaign will take place from October 4 to November 1, with a goal of reaching \$40,000. Local CROP Canvassers will be contacting you for a monetary donation and/or donations of crops, such as corn or soybeans. Please give generously when contacted by a CROP Canvasser. Thank you!

Fellowship Time: To provide cookies for fellowship time, please use the link or contact Lori Leichty: <bit.ly/4hvBEMt>

JYF Meals: October 28 is still open! Please contact Lori Leichty if you can provide a meal for 15-20.

Nursery Assistant: The nursery is available for children two and under during Sunday School and church. Helpers needed!
<bit.ly/4j6GyRd>

UPCOMING EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7

- **2:00 PM:** Membership Meeting, Parkview

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15

- **6:00 PM:** Worship Planning, MYF Room

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

- **9:00 AM:** Parkview Worship
- **11:30 AM:** Pastor Appreciation Potluck following worship

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21

- **9:00 AM:** Mennonite Women, Fellowship Hall
- **11:30 AM:** Lunch Bunch, Fellowship Hall
- **6:00 PM:** Church Council Meeting, MYF Room

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AREA NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CCCC: *Registration for Lunch & Lecture is now open!* Join us on Saturday, October 24th at the Retreat Lodge to hear from Matt Miller about his bikepacking adventures. More information and registration on our website: crookedcreekcamp.org/lunch-and-lecture.html

Fall Craft retreat registration, November 6-8, is open. Register online: crookedcreekcamp.org/craft-retreat.html

The 7th annual online auction fundraiser will run November 24-29! We are currently looking for items for the sale, such as baked goods, meat bundles, honey, meals, gift baskets, etc. Contact Heather heather@crookedcreekcamp.org or Amanda amanda@crookedcreekcamp.org if you have an item to donate.

Hillcrest: *Link to the October issue of The Bridge* - hillcrestravens.org/thebridge.

Monthly Prayer Gathering - On the first Monday of the month during the school year, everyone is invited to spend an hour in prayer, on campus for the Hillcrest students, faculty/staff, and activities. The group gathers in the 'Room with a View' and next meeting will be Monday, October 5 at 9:00 AM.

Homecoming Weekend - Join us on October 16-17, 2026 for a weekend filled with fun, friends, and school spirit with events like the Joetown Classic and the Pork Supper. The annual Joetown Classic 5K run/walk is on Sat morning, Oct 17. This year we will be hosting only one 5K race/walk (no kid's race) and the race/walk won't be timed. But don't worry, the overall male and female winners will still receive the JC5K traditional pan of cinnamon rolls. Register now online at hillcrestravens.org/joetownclassic. The Pork Supper will take place from 4:30-7:00 PM on Sat, Oct 17, get your tickets from any junior Hillcrest student or online at hillcrestravens.org/porksupper.

Fall Concert - The concert will be held on Tuesday, October 20 at 7:00 PM in Celebration Hall, under the direction of Mikayla Tackaberry and Adam Voth Unruh. The high school performances will feature both vocal and instrumental ensembles.

Harvest Party - On October 24 from 4:30-7:00 PM, the Hillcrest FFA will be hosting a Harvest Party for 4th-8th Graders. There will be a light supper, games, and other goodies. We'll be outside for the entire time so please dress accordingly. Sign up at hillcrestravens.org/4-8events by Oct 18.

MCC: Sign up to participate in the *Conscientious Objection: understanding the legacy and what it means today* webinar, Tuesday, October 6 at 7 p.m. CDT/6 p.m. MDT. This webinar will provide space to reflect on what it means to be a Conscientious Objector (CO), remember its history, learn about how to declare CO status, and how to connect with MCC Central States and other churches around the topic of CO. Register at mcc.org/co-today and contact beckyteiwes@mcc.org for more information.

MCUSA: *Special Offering for MC USA Historical Archives* -This October, we give thanks for the stories that connect us to those who came before us and help shape our faith today. The Mennonite Church USA Historical Archives preserves photographs, manuscripts and audiovisual records that tell the story of Mennonites following Jesus, witnessing to God's peace and living out their faith. Your gift helps keep these stories accessible for generations to come. Please prayerfully consider supporting the MC USA Historical Archives by mailing a check to MC USA (noting "EB 265" in the memo line), 718 N. Main St., Newton, KS 67114 or donating through our secure online portal: MennoniteUSA.org/give.

MC USA honors 2026 Bring the Peace award recipients - Mennonite Church USA has named Weldon Nisly and Fernando Daza-Jabian as its 2026 Bring the Peace award recipients. The award honors individuals who embody Christ-centered peacemaking in their communities and beyond. Read the news release here: mennoniteusa.org/news/2026-peacemakers/

Resolution guidelines for 2027 Delegate Assembly - The MC USA Executive Board has appointed a new Resolutions Committee and published guidelines for developing resolutions ahead of the 2027 Delegate Assembly, to be held July 9 in Cincinnati, Ohio. Congregations and area conferences wishing to submit a resolution have until Nov. 11. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/news/resolution-guidelines-2027/

Waging Peace: A Militarism Summit - Join Mennonite Church USA on Nov. 6-7 in Leola, Pennsylvania, for "Waging Peace: A Militarism Summit," a two-day gathering to explore faithful responses to war, political polarization, nationalism and violence through an Anabaptist lens. High school youth attend free when accompanied by a youth pastor/sponsor. Learn more and register by Oct. 9 here: mennoniteusa.org/militarism-summit/

Walking with hope on the Camino de Santiago - In his Menno Snapshots blog, Marco Güete, MC USA's director of Hispanic Ministries, reflects on walking the Camino de Santiago with his wife, Sandra, and the hope he sees in God's work through Hispanic Ministries, theological education and a new generation of Hispanic pastors and church leaders. Read "Walking with hope: Seeing God at work along the way" here: mennoniteusa.org/walking-with-hope/

Finding courage on the road less traveled - Caleb Stoltzfus shares his grandfather's story as a conscientious objector during the Vietnam War and reflects on the courage it takes to walk a road less traveled — as a conscientious objector or as an LGBTQ+ person finding their place in the church. Stoltzfus will lead a related seminar at MC USA's upcoming Waging Peace Summit. Read the blog here: mennoniteusa.org/finding-courage/

MMN: *Apply now for Mennonite Voluntary Service and Service Adventure!* Secure your place early for the 2027-28 service term. Whether you are finishing high school, leaving college, or anywhere in between, these two programs offer young adults a meaningful way to serve, learn new skills, and grow. Visit MennoniteMission.net/Serve to learn more.

Parkview: Parkview Home is proud to announce that due to our current 5-Star rating and recent overall good surveys and operations, it has been approved to host an Upcoming Certified Nursing Assistant Class! The class is open to any and all applicants, age 16 and above, interested in becoming a CNA. Help is available with tuition costs. Please call and ask about this exciting educational opportunity - ask for Ron or Rebecca to find out more! The class will be forming in the next 3 months, so please get your names or those you know are interested on our class list.

Upper Deer Creek: A Soul Care Conference with Dr. Rob Reimer will be hosted at Upper Deer Creek Church on November 5-7, 2026. Dr. Reimer's book "*Soul Care*" and his conferences have helped thousands to lose lifelong pain and struggle, to gain a new life of freedom and fullness in Christ. More details and registration are found at renewalinternational.org/upcoming-events. The Early Bird price of \$130 is available until September 1, regular price is \$155. Three lunches are included in both prices. We hope you'll pick up his book to read, and join us at the conference.

WACO FFA: Join us for a night of supporting our WACO FFA Bluegrass Band before they depart for Nationals! You're invited to a soup supper at Fern Cliff Evangelical Free Church on Sunday, October 18 from 5-7PM. Free will donation, all money raised will help towards attending and competing at the National FFA Convention. Band will play at 5:30 and 6:30 PM.