

Adults Sunday School

- Discussion Class: Salt & Light session 6, "Farmers and Builders: Images of Unity"

MYF

- **TODAY:** Scavenger Hunt/Bible Study wrap-up, 6-7:30 PM
- **5/11:** Graduation Breakfast, 8:30 AM

JYF

- **6/4:** Service project at Crowded Closet. Leaving Wayland Mennonite at 3:30 PM and will return around 9PM.



This week please remember Pauline Wyse in prayer.

Pray for those dealing with medical issues: Cynthia Hallet, Warren Scarff, Larry Graber, Ryan Robertson, Kent McDougal, Lois Klopfenstein, Stephen Gill (Tamara's dad), Pauline Wyse, Rod & Kathy Roth, Dineal Armenta (Roni's sister), Opal Reschly

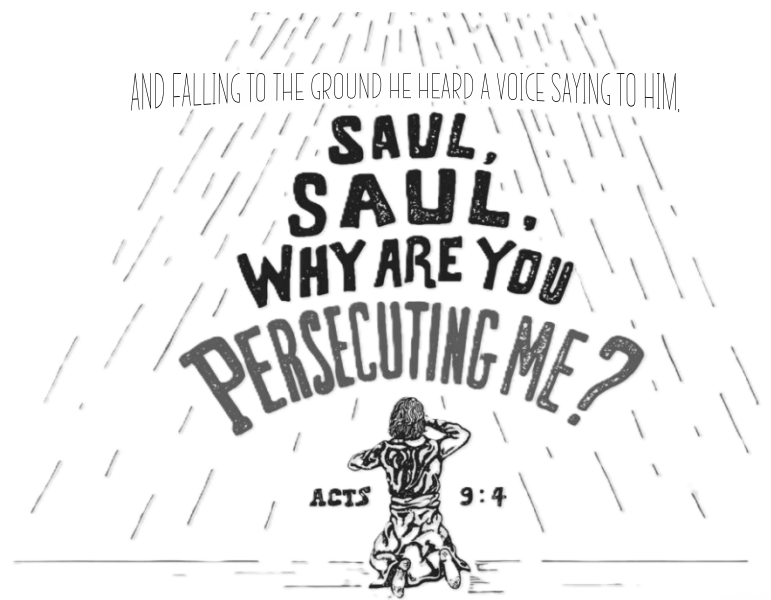
CPMC Prayer Request Pray for Jill Hofer, Pastor of the House Church of Freeman, in Freeman, SD, who is being ordained today. Pray for God's blessing on the ministry that Jill and The House Church of Freeman share.

The MST asks for your prayers as Peter travels to Durán, Ecuador with a Mennonite peace building team of Alexandra, Silvia, José and Patricia on May 16-17. Durán has been the epicenter of the violence in Ecuador for a few years and is now one of the most dangerous municipalities in the world. In the first 3 months of this year, 846 people were murdered in the district, twice that in the same time last year. The team will be working with Durán Mennonite and other churches in the area on a series of workshops on Shalom, Biblical ideas of peace and on conflict transformation skills. Please pray that God will bless the work and guide God's church in responding to the severe situation. And pray for safe travels to Durán for the team.

MMN Prayer Request MMN requests prayer for Laura and Nick Sharp, and their children, Jesse (8) and Brielle (5), as they prepare to begin a year-long assignment in La Mesa, Colombia, where they will serve alongside the Colombia Mennonite Church and its school, Colegio Americano Menno.

LAST SUNDAY

Offering total from last week will be reported at a later date.



May 4, 2025



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May 4, 2025

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>

Prelude/Offertory: Kathy Yoder
Worship Leader: Mark & Linda Boshart
Song Leader: Dana Oswald
Accompanist: Morgan Meyer

Gathering

Welcome & Announcements
Call to Worship & Opening Prayer

Praising

Jesus Messiah
Hallelujah

Hearing the Word

Scripture Reading: Acts 9:1-20 (p. 97)
Message: Connie Zehr, "Do You See What I See?"

Responding

STJ 56 Make me a channel of your peace
Offering: Home Missions (5/11 Missions)
Sharing & Prayers

Sending

Benediction
STJ 78 We will walk with God

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

NEXT SUNDAY

- Graduate Sunday

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.

Education: As we enter the summer season, children's Sunday School will have one combined class June through August, with a rotation of volunteer teachers each week. Please use the signup: <signupgenius.com/go/60B0E4FA8AC29A5FB6-56493628-childrens> or contact Tawnya Achen or Katy Black. Anyone can help: parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and even our MYF youth are welcome to join in! Thank you for your continued support and dedication to helping our young ones grow in faith!

Fellowship: To provide cookies for fellowship time, please contact Mary Jo Richard or use the cookie signup link: <signupgenius.com/go/4090E45AEAB2DA0FA7-50902927-sugar>

UPCOMING EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7

- **9:00 AM:** Mennonite Women, Fellowship Hall. Lunch provided.

SUNDAY, MAY 11

- Mother's Day
- **8:30 AM:** Graduation Breakfast

MONDAY, MAY 12

- **7:00 PM:** Worship Planning, MYF Room

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21

- **9:30 AM:** Freezing casseroles, kitchen
- **11:30 AM:** Lunch Bunch, Fellowship Hall
- **7:00 PM:** Church Council, MYF Room

Waves of Wonder VBS

Bible school is June 2-6! See the bulletin board in the foyer for breakfast and snack signups. Be sure to register your kids! <https://bit.ly/scwmcvbs2025> Help is still welcome!

Please collect your empty water bottles for VBS crafts. You can put them in the labeled basket in the foyer. Thank you!

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AREA NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CCCC: Visit our website now for Summer Camp registration and to see camp dates. crookedcreekcamp.org/

Come Eat With Us - Join us TODAY, May 4, at the pavilion from 11:30 AM-2:00 PM for our 1st annual mush fry! We will be serving mush, liverwurst, sausage, eggs, tomato gravy, and applesauce. Free will donation to benefit CCCC. Feel free to stay after for self-guided hikes, lawn games, and recreation at camp. We hope to see you all there!

Summer Camp Food Prep Days – Help us prepare for the summer by making cookies and browning hamburger for the summer. May 10, 8:30 AM-12:00 PM and May 12, 8:30 AM-12:00 PM, 1:00-4:30 PM, Pavilion. Sign up: crookedcreekcamp.org/summer-food-prep-days.html

Become a Food Sponsor! We go through a LOT of food during Summer Camps. Would you consider sponsoring one of our most-used items? Items we'd love to have sponsored for the 2025 summer camp season include: shredded cheese, hotdogs, cut veggies, juice, marshmallows, cereal, ground beef, Ziploc bags in various sizes, Java Kickstart (for counselors), biscuits and a salad bar. Contact Amanda at amanda@crookedcreekcamp.org to sign up as a sponsor or with any questions about Food Sponsorships.

Crowded Closet: Crowded Closet Thrift Shop is hiring for the position of Volunteer Manager (full-time), to lead our volunteer community. Manage our committed and engaged volunteer team of more than 400 active volunteers. Recruit volunteers and communicate with constituents and the community to power the thrift shop and our mission to share love and compassion in the name of Christ. Interested applicants should contact Amy Hospodarsky, Director, for more information, crowdedcloset.director@gmail.com or 319-337-5924.

Hillcrest: Link to *The Bridge*: hillcrestravens.org/alumni/thebridge/

Touring Choir – The Hillcrest Academy Touring Choir is on its spring tour, bringing their musical talents to audiences across the Midwest. Join them at East Union Mennonite Church on Sun, May 4, at 6:00 PM. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Junior/Senior Banquet – This year's Banquet is on Sat, May 10. The Promenade will begin at 6:15 PM at Cornerstone Community Church in Kalona. The school and community are invited to see students drive up and take pictures. Please park on the west side of the church and gather on the sidewalk in front of the church.

Spring Music Concert – The concert will be held on Sun, May 18 at 3:00 PM in Celebration Hall, under the direction of Mikayla Tackaberry and Adam Voth Unruh and features captivating performances by the high school Touring Choir and instrumental ensembles, as well as the energetic middle school band and choir.

Bus Drivers - Hillcrest Academy is seeking dedicated bus drivers for the 2025-26 school year. With growing student numbers in Iowa City and Washington, we need reliable drivers to ensure safe transportation. We are also always in need of drivers for extracurricular activities. If you're interested in making a difference, please contact Rebecca Beachy Miller at rbeachymiller@hillcrestravens.org to learn what you need to do to become a driver.

Host Family - Hillcrest Academy is looking for a family to host a World Link foreign exchange student during the 2025-26 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 Olivia Kahler at kahler727@gmail.com more information or if you are more comfortable contacting the school, please email Rebecca Beachy Miller at rbeachymiller@hillcrestravens.org.

MCC: *Exciting Summer Internship Opportunities with MCC!* Mennonite Central Committee is offering exciting 2025 summer internship opportunities designed to provide hands-on experience while making a meaningful impact. Over the course of 10–12 weeks, interns will gain valuable skills, explore their interests, and contribute to meaningful projects in areas like human resources, historical exhibit development, immigration, climate communications, global service learning, and the sewing room. This is a unique opportunity to grow professionally while engaging in work that matters. Don't miss out—learn more and apply today! <https://mccglobal.my.site.com/MCCJobs/s/>

Register today for the MCC Immigration Learning Tour in South Texas, October 4-9. This immigration-focused learning tour presents a unique opportunity to engage directly with organizations making a positive impact on our neighbors. Find out more at mcc.org/learning-tour-texas.

MCUSA: The MC USA Delegate Assembly is Friday, July 11, at the Koury Convention Center in Greensboro, North Carolina. Delegate resources, including the agenda, bylaws, previous minutes and proposed resolutions will be posted on MC USA's Delegate Assembly website as they are available. See the web page here: mennoniteusa.org/2025-delegate-assembly-resources/ Register for Delegate Assembly here: mennoniteusa.org/registration/

Visit the MC USA Follow Jesus '25 Congregation Kit for ways to help share convention details with your church! The kit includes easily shareable logos, social media posts and other materials to make keeping your congregation up to date a breeze. Learn more here: convention.mennoniteusa.org/follow-jesus-25-press-kit/

The Mennonite Education Agency board of directors and the MC USA Executive Board recently approved an integration plan to better address the needs of the denomination by bringing the ministry of MEA into the governance and operational structure of MC USA. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/news/mea-integration/

MC USA's Climate Justice Ministry is accepting applications for the Pam De Young Net Zero Energy Fund grant, due June 15, 2025. The Pam De Young Net Zero Energy Fund provides funds to assist MC USA congregations interested in forms of renewable energy. Learn more here: mennoniteusa.org/news/25-energy-grants

Rachel Ringenberg Miller will be the worship speaker during the opening worship session at MC USA's Follow Jesus '25 convention. Read here for a sneak peek into what "Follow Jesus" means to her: mennoniteusa.org/follow-jesus-expectations

Leah Hoffner, executive assistant for MC USA, shares her experience of choosing to step away from the career she built to rest and live a slower life after becoming a mother. Read more about her experience here: mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/rest-in-motherhood/

MMN: Just Peace Pilgrimages –

- **South Africa Racial Justice Pilgrimage:** This pilgrimage will explore the long history and legacy of settler colonialism and apartheid, and will focus on the social constructs created around race, land dispossession and how they so thoroughly defined, and continue to define, South African society.
- **Underground Railroad Racial Justice Pilgrimage:** Explore the role of faith and faith communities that helped enslaved people escape their bonds. This chapter of the Racial Justice pilgrimage series delves deeper into the struggle for freedom, exploring the ways – both literal and figurative – people took in search of their emancipation.

For more information on the Just Peace Pilgrimages, to sign up, or to inquire about scheduling a trip for you and your group, visit MennoniteMission.net/JustPeace or contact Stephanie Weaver at StephanieW@MennoniteMission.net.

Service Opportunities – There are still placements available for Service Adventure and Mennonite Voluntary Service for the 2025-26 service term. Service Adventure is a 10-month long program for ages 17-20 that invites its participants to live in community with their peers and unit leaders as they spend a year investing in faith formation and developing leadership skills. Visit MennoniteMission.net/MVS for more information and to register.

Full-Time Positions – These full-time positions can work from the Elkhart, Indiana, or Newton, Kansas, offices, remotely from anywhere in the country, or a hybrid of the two.

- **Regional Director for Latin America:** Will support church planting efforts within Mennonite Church USA by developing leaders, providing training and coaching, managing projects, and fostering networks for new and missional congregations.
- **Training and Resources Facilitator:** Will provide leadership for Mennonite Mission Network's ministries in the region, oversee partnerships, mission strategies, and international service workers.

For more information and to apply, visit MennoniteMission.net/Employment.