

Adults Sunday School

- Discussion Class: Salt & Light – Session 13, “A Treasured Life”

MYF

- **3/2:** Bible Study, 6-7:30 PM

JYF

- **Wednesdays:** 7th & 8th Grade JYF meets in the Wayland Mennonite Church Basement, 6-8 PM for food, games and Bible Study with the theme, “What’s the Word.”



This week please remember in prayer Keiran and Tristan Luitjens as they travel to Ecuador for their service & learning trip with CPMC.

Pray for those dealing with medical issues: Lois Klopfenstein, Stephen Gill (Tamara’s dad), Pauline Wyse, Rod & Kathy Roth, Dineal Armenta (Roni’s sister), Sheri Reeder Bachman, Opal Reschly

Dineal Armenta’s address to send cards of encouragement for her healing: 44335 Date Avenue, Lancaster, CA 93534.

CPMC Prayer Request Pray for the group of nine from Central Plains (and one from Colombia) who will be traveling to Ecuador next week for the Ecuador Partnership Service and Learning Tour. Pray for a fruitful time of learning and deepening faith.

MMN Prayer Request Terrorists continue to attack peaceful populations in Burkina Faso, as the citizens work in their fields and worship in churches, placing the country at the top of the Global Terrorism Index. Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for an end to the violence and for healing for the thousands of people who have been traumatized by seeing loved ones murdered. Pray, also, for the witness of the Evangelical Mennonite Church of Burkina Faso in this time of crisis.

LAST SUNDAY

Offering: Home Missions \$1,491; General Fund \$550



at **FIVE
HUNDRED**

RENEWAL AT THE LORD’S TABLE

February 23, 2025



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Today's Anabaptism at 500 Focus Statement:

The Lord's table offers a space to gather, to be fed and nourished, and to renew ourselves both as individual believers and as communities as we remember the ongoing invitation from Jesus. As we engage in communion and experience renewal at the table, may we be attentive to the continued work that the Holy Spirit is doing among and through us.

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: Tamara Zechin

Worship Leader: Larry Graber

Song Leader: Dana Oswald

Accompanist: Kathy Yoder

Gathering

Welcome & Announcements

Silent Preparation

Call to Worship

Offering: Home Missions & Coins for Camp (3/2 Missions)

Sharing & Prayers

Praising

Goodness of God

Jesus Messiah

Hearing the Word

Come & See - Children's Story: Connie Zehr

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 (p. 133)

Message: Keith Zehr, "When Believing is Only Half Right"

Responding

Service of Communion and Love Feast

WB 472 I am the bread of life

Footwashing

Sending

Benediction

WB 478 Sent forth by God's blessing

Thank you to Garry & Lori Leichty for serving as ushers today.

NEXT SUNDAY

- Keith Zehr

SUGAR CREEK NEWS

Coffee and Conversation with Connie: Women of all ages are invited to join Connie Zehr for coffee (or tea!) and conversation on Tuesday, February 25, at 7:00 p.m. The address is 302 B South Washington, Wayland.

Extension: Sugar Creek is signed up to provide meals for JYF for the next few weeks. Open dates are February 26, and March 5. Please contact Lori Miller if you can provide a meal. Thank you!

We will be making casserole freezer meals for use in our church and community! Our first day will be during Mennonite Women on Wednesday, March 5. We'll make two kinds, in 8x8 pans. Please join us, and check out the MW sewing projects!

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

signupgenius.com/go/4090E45AEAB2DA0FA7-50902927-sugar

Join Us for a Hymn Sing! You are invited to a Hymn Sing at Sugar Creek Mennonite Church on Sunday, February 23, 2025, at 4:00 pm. Music has a unique way of uniting us in praise and glorifying God. Bring a friend. We look forward to seeing you!

VBS: It's that time of year again where we ask for VBS volunteers! This year's theme is "Waves of Wonder" and will be held June 2-6. Please contact Katy Black, Sidney Garrett, Abbey Shelman or Audra Barnhart if you are able to help in any way!

UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY

- Communion & Footwashing
- **4:00 PM:** Hymn Sing, Sanctuary

SUNDAY, MARCH 2

- **9:00 AM:** Parkview Worship
- Elder Nominations: Absentee ballots will be accepted if you are unable to be present and may be given to Klinton Garrett, a Pastor or an Elder

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5

- **9:00 AM:** Mennonite Women, Fellowship Hall
- Making casserole freezer meals

FEBRUARY 23, 2025
AREA NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brighton First Church of God: In 2025, for 25 hours, the Global Church will gather across six continents for a time of prayer, worship, repentance, and commissioning. Every time zone. Every language. Every denomination. Every generation. You're invited to be part of *Gather25*, a historic moment for the Global Church, beginning March 1 at 10AM, 403 S Mechanic St, Brighton, IA 52540. Will you join us? For more information and to RSVP: <https://www.brightonfirstchurch.com/events/event-one-zbzt7>

CPMC: 2025 Peace Mug Nominations: Please think about people in your congregations who have demonstrated Jesus's way of love and peacemaking. The Peace and Justice Task Group is seeking nominations for the annual Peace Mug Award. This can be anyone you have seen doing small acts of kindness or someone who has spoken out in the face of injustice. Who do you see as a peacemaker in your congregation and your community? Send names and a brief description of why you are nominating them to Jane Y-S (wilmajane17@gmail.com). We need them by Wednesday, April 2.

CCCC: Let us help you with your Easter meal this year! We're offering 12 and 24 count pans of ham balls and 9x13 pans of party potatoes. We will prepare and freeze the casseroles, all you need to do is pick up and bake them. Pricing and order form is on our website: <https://www.crookedcreekcamp.org/take-and-bake-order-form.html>. Orders are due by April 1. Pick up dates will be April 16 and 17.

Hillcrest: Skating Party - All 4th-8th graders are invited to join the Hillcrest Y-Co (student body government) on Thursday, February 27 6:30-8:30 PM for an evening of skating at the Wellman Skating Rink. We'll provide skates, cookies and 1 ticket for a water or slushy. Please bring money for additional snacks & drinks from the concession stand. Sorry, no water bottles or outside food allowed but there is a water fountain. Parents will need to pay for themselves if they stay. Sign up hillcrestravens.org/4-8events.

Blood Drive - The Hillcrest Academy National Honor Society is hosting a blood drive on Wednesday, March 3 from 7:30-11:30 AM in Hillcrest Union (gymnasium). Plan now to donate blood and schedule a donation time by emailing Nate Miller (nmiller@hillcrestravens.org) or LeeAnn Chalupa (lchalupa@hillcrestravens.org).

MCC: Please pray for MCC staff and the communities in Kentucky and West Virginia that are experiencing catastrophic flooding. Torrential rain Feb. 15-16 filled creeks and rivers, causing significant flooding. MCC staff report that most residents lost power and water. Appalachia Build staff are working with partner churches at our sites in Kimball, West Virginia, and Elkhorn City, Kentucky, that are serving as temporary shelters. Support MCC's efforts in the region: mcc.org/donate-appalachia Learn more about MCC Appalachia Build: mcc.org/appalachia-build

The MCC Central States annual meeting will feature guest speaker Ken Rodgers on Saturday, March 1 from 2-3:30 p.m. at MCC Central States in North Newton, KS. Ken will share about his journey in learning about the Doctrine of Discover and how he and his family has worked to come to terms with it. Mitch Stutzman from Menno Media will have Anabaptist Bibles available. All are welcome to attend. Please email tinascrag@mcc.org if you would like the Zoom link to join us virtually.

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/>

CANNER JOB OPENING: Do you know a hands-on person looking for a unique opportunity? MCC is seeking two Canner Operators for its mobile meat canner beginning the Fall 2025 Canning season. The Canner operates from October through April by traveling to 30 different locations in the U.S. preserving hundreds of thousands of cans of beef, turkey, chicken and pork for communities in need across the globe. Canner responsibilities include operating steam and pressure vessels, coordinating volunteers, maintaining and communicating USDA regulations, and the maintenance of all machinery in the canning process. MCC is accepting applications until March 3rd <https://mccglobal.my.site.com/MCCJobs/s/vacancy-details?vacancyId=a2SIV000000E4Rx2AK>, or contact marilypeters@mcc.org, or 1-888-563-4676.

Young adult Peace Camp, Akron, PA March 10-15 "If we are silent, then these stones will cry out!" (Luke 19:40). Are you a young adult (ages 18-30) concerned about the global threats of climate change and forced

migration, and eager to join a collective cry for positive change? Register now for the *Stones cry out Peace Camp*: <https://mcc.org/events/stones-cry-out-peace-camp>. MCC covers all costs of travel, lodging and meals beyond the \$250 registration fee. Together, participants will delve into alternative visions for a society rooted in hospitality and share these powerful messages in person with members of Congress on a day trip to Washington, D.C.

MCUSA: The Climate Justice Ministry of MC USA has just published “Installing Electric Vehicle Charging Stations: A Guide for Congregations” to help congregations of all sizes determine whether they should pursue installing electric vehicle charging stations. Learn more here: mennoniteusa.org/news/car-charge

Beryl Jantzi, Everence's director of stewardship education, shares why it is important for churches and other organizations to say thank you to their donors. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/thank-you-is-important

MMN: Mennonite Mission Network invites you to join a Just Peace Pilgrimage this spring! Individuals, small groups, and large groups are invited to explore what God is doing to bring about justice and peace in the world and ways in which we can participate in such movements. Embark on one of many life-changing learning experiences! To see a complete listing of possible Just Peace Pilgrimages and to sign up, visit MennoniteMission.net/JustPeace or contact Stephanie Weaver at StephanieW@MennoniteMission.net.

Olson-Powell: Anyone who has experienced the death of a family member or friend is invited to attend our new GriefShare series. The 13-week session will be held on Tuesdays, beginning on March 4, 2025, and will conclude on May 27. We will meet in the library of St. Alphonsus Catholic Church. Information about the weekly topics can be found on the GriefShare website at griefshare.org. You can register for the group by calling Olson-Powell Chapel & Crematory at 319-385-1998 or at griefshare.org/findagroup. While you are on the website, we also encourage you to sign up for the free daily email encouragements. You will find them informative and comforting. For additional information or questions, feel free to contact Olson-Powell Chapel & Crematory at 319-385-1998.

Upper Deer Creek Church is hosting a *Soul Care Conference* with Dr. Rob Reimer on April 3-5, 2025. 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. Registration is open online at renewalinternational.org/upcoming-events. Registration price is \$160 with three lunches included. We hope you'll pick up his book to read and join us at the conference.



United Church of Crawfordsville: *Volunteers needed!* We are looking for volunteers to help during our Impact Kids after-school program happening at the WACO Elementary every Wednesday from 3:45pm-5:00pm. If you are able to help weekly or monthly, we would love to have you. If you are interested, please scan the QR Code or email uccraw@gmail.com to sign up. Thank you!