

**Adults Sunday School**

Spring Salt & Light: Sin, Salvation, and New Life  
Unit 1, Session 1: "The Symptoms of Affliction"  
Lamentations 3:1-20, 31-33, 43-48

**MYF**

● 3/22 – Bible Study in the MYF Room, 6-7:30 PM

**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!

**#KidsConnect VBS**

June 1 – June 5, 2026

Contact Abbey Shelman, Katy Black, Sidney Garrett or Sarah Leichty if you are willing to help with VBS in any way!



**Remember in prayer this week:** Renae Farmer, Kathy Yoder, Eivan Yoder and Mark Garrett

**Pray for those dealing with medical issues:** Mary Henderson, Lucinda Gill (Tamara's mom), Erika Leichty Seymore (breast cancer), Dick Yoder, Larry Graber,

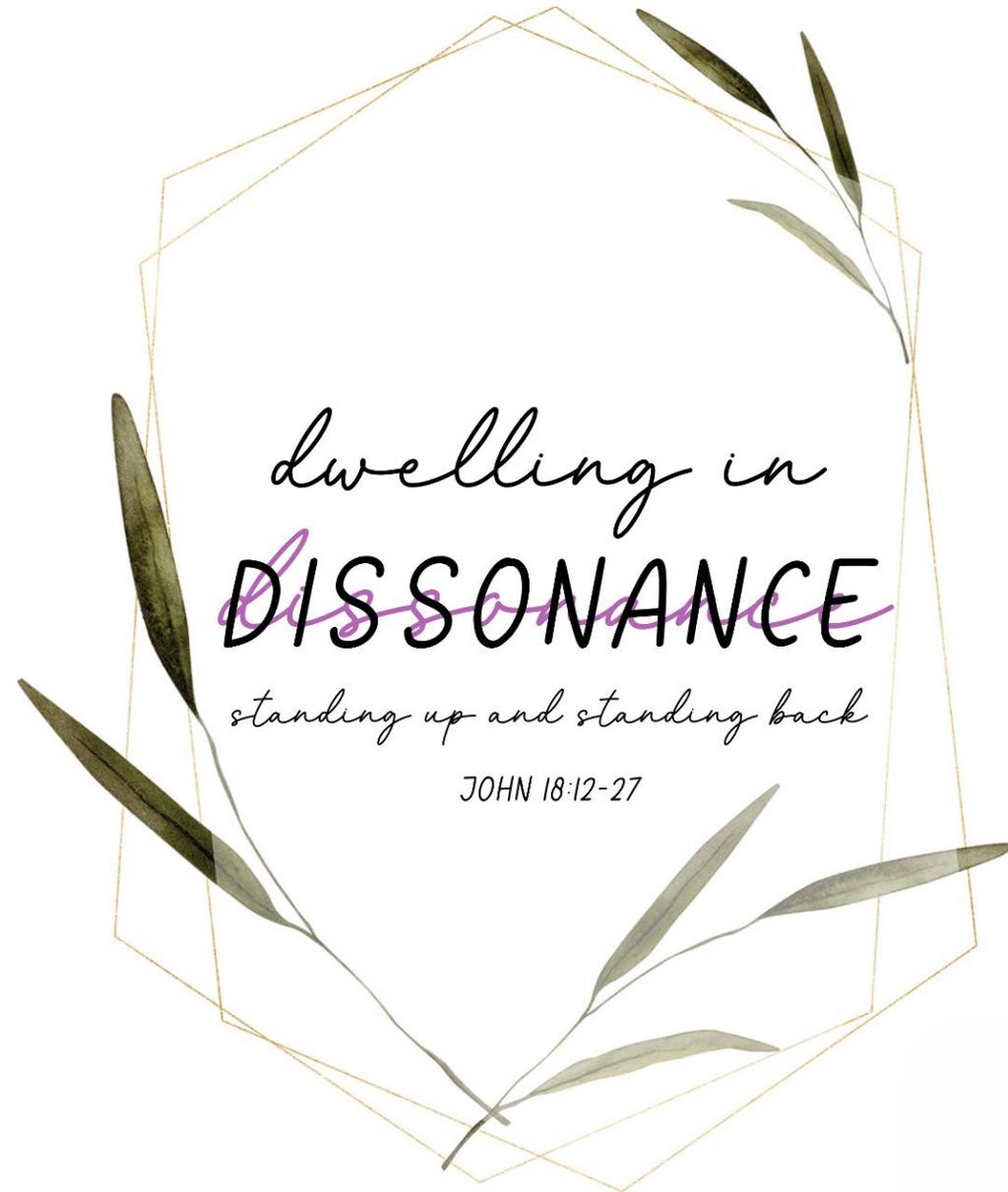
Roni Stowers (surgery recovery), Arlene Wenger, Sheldon Miller (surgery recovery), Roxanne Rogers (Kathy Yoder's sister), Cindy Freyenberger Harms, Keith Zehr (pancreatic cancer), Lois Klopfenstein, Opal Reschly

**CPMC Prayer Request** Today Megan Wiebersch is being licensed toward ordination at Washington Mennonite Church for her ministry as a hospital chaplain. Pray for God's blessing on Megan's ministry as she walks with those who are suffering.

**MMN Prayer Request** On this International Women's Day, pray that women across the street and around the world feel empowered to live out their faith in meaningful ways, despite any negative pressures they may feel from the patriarchal systems in their communities, homes, churches and countries.

**LAST SUNDAY**

Offering: Home Missions \$1,202; General Fund \$550; Ecuador Trip \$100



**March 8, 2026**

*The Season of Lent:  
Dwelling in Dissonance*

May we dwell in dissonance together,  
grateful for the gifts that come by;  
lingering in Holy Week with the gospel of John,  
with God, and with the Spirit of Christ that connects us all.

9:15 AM: Sunday School  
10:10 AM: Fellowship Time  
10:30 AM: Worship Service  
Livestream: <https://tinyurl.com/SCMLiveStream>  
[facebook.com/sugarcreekmennonitechurch](https://facebook.com/sugarcreekmennonitechurch)

**Prelude/Offertory:** Kathy Yoder  
**Worship Leader:** Tim/Lisa Graber  
**Song Leader:** Nathan Luitjens

### **Gathering**

*Build My Life*  
*Lord, I Need You*  
*STJ 92 Just as I am, without one plea*  
Welcome  
Call to Worship  
Confession

### **Hearing the Word**

Children's Time: Maria Roth  
Scripture Reading: John 18:12-27 (p. 86)  
Message: Pam Gerig Unruh, "Standing Up and Standing Back"

### **Responding**

*WB 145 There's a wideness in God's mercy*  
Offering: Missions (3/15 Home Missions)  
Announcements, Sharing & Prayers

### **Sending**

Benediction  
*WB 439 I want Jesus to walk with me (v. 1)*

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

The nursery is available during worship for children 2 years of age and younger.

### **NEXT SUNDAY**

● 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent: John 18:28-40

### **SUGAR CREEK NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Addresses:** To send cards to Erika (Leichty) Seymore: 235 Sussex Dr. NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402.

Ermadine Boshart's new address is 101 Pleasantview Circle, Kalona, IA 52247 and you can reach her on her cell phone.

**Easter Choir:** You are WARMLY INVITED to join the Easter Choir at Wayland Mennonite Church on April 5th for our joint Easter service. Contact Marilyn Graber if interested: 319-750-6247.

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

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

**Nursery:** If you would like to assist with the nursery during worship, please use the signup link:  
[signupgenius.com/go/60B0E4FA8AC29A5FB6-62786804-nursery](https://signupgenius.com/go/60B0E4FA8AC29A5FB6-62786804-nursery)

### **TODAY**

● **6:00 PM:** Revelation Book Study, Fellowship Hall. Ch. 17-19

### **THURSDAY, MARCH 12**

● **6:00 PM:** Elders Meeting

### **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18**

● **9:00 AM:** Mennonite Women, Fellowship Hall  
● **11:30 AM:** Lunch Bunch, Fellowship Hall  
● **12:30 PM:** Membership Class  
● **6:00 PM:** Church Council, MYF Room

### **THURSDAY, MARCH 26**

● **5:30 PM:** VBS Planning, Library

### **SUNDAY, MARCH 29**

● Palm Sunday  
● Communion & Footwashing  
● **9:00 AM:** Parkview Worship

**MARCH 8, 2026**  
**AREA NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

*We are excited to be hosting the Mennonite Camping Assoc. gathering here at CCCC this year, March 23-26.* The Soil and The Seed Project will be our worship leaders for the week. Please join us at the Pavilion on Tuesday, March 24 at 7:00 for a community concert by The Soil and The Seed Project or join us for worship Monday and Wednesday evenings at 7:00 featuring Marc Schlegel-Preheim and The Soil and the Seed Project. The Soil and The Seed Project (TSATSP) is a community-supported ministry of the church working for spiritual renewal--in individuals, families, and communities--through beautiful, creative resources that help us together turn toward Jesus in the ordinary moments of life.

*Summer Camp registration is now open!* For camp dates, information, and to register visit our website <https://www.crookedcreekcamp.org/summer-camp.html>

**Crowded Closet:** EXCITING NEWS: Crowded Closet has paid off our mortgage! When we purchased our building in 2019, we took out a loan of just over \$3 million, and through the generosity of our donors, shoppers, volunteers, and staff, that loan is now officially paid in full! We are so excited about what this means for increasing our giving to Mennonite Central Committee. Thank you to everyone who played a role in making this possible! Stay tuned for celebrations to come.

**Hillcrest:** *March issue of The Bridge:* [hillcrestravens.org/alumni/thebridge/](https://hillcrestravens.org/alumni/thebridge/)

*Bus Drivers Needed* - Hillcrest Academy is seeking a full-time bus driver for the 2026–27 school year. With more students than ever needing transportation from Washington, we're expanding our team. We also welcome part-time drivers to support after-school extracurricular activities and to join our substitute driver list. Interested? Please contact Rebecca Beachy Miller at [rbeachymiller@hillcrestravens.org](mailto:rbeachymiller@hillcrestravens.org) to learn more about the requirements and next steps to become a driver.

*Host Family Opportunity* - Hillcrest Academy is seeking a host family for a World Link foreign exchange student for the 2026–27 school year. Host families may be single or married and can include families with young children, no children, teenagers, or grandchildren. Students are carefully selected based on their leadership qualities and academic performance. The World Link program provides: student medical insurance, some school fees and related expenses and a small monthly allowance for the student. For more information, please contact the local coordinator, Olivia Kahler at [kahler727@gmail.com](mailto:kahler727@gmail.com). If you prefer to contact the school directly, please email Rebecca Beachy Miller at [rbeachymiller@hillcrestravens.org](mailto:rbeachymiller@hillcrestravens.org).

**MCC:** *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 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).

**MCUSA:** Mennonite Church USA responded to the deadly violence in January in Minneapolis with a statement calling for peacemaking and urging faith-based action rooted in justice, nonviolence and the teachings of Jesus Christ. Read the statement here: [mennoniteusa.org/minneapolis-statement/](https://mennoniteusa.org/minneapolis-statement/)

“What is the most important skill of a competent pastor?” This is the central question answered by pastors across Mennonite Church USA during “The Competent Pastor” podcast, hosted by MC USA’s Michael Danner and Rachel Ringenberg Miller. Listen to new episodes every month on Spotify, Apple podcasts or on the MC USA website: [mennoniteusa.org/the-competent-pastor/](https://mennoniteusa.org/the-competent-pastor/)

The deadline for MC USA’s 2026-27 BIPOC Scholarship applications is April 1. 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>

**MDS:** *Now Hiring: Director of Resource Development (Full-Time, Exempt)* Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) is seeking a mission-driven leader to guide our Resource Development team and strengthen relationships with donors, volunteers, and partners across the U.S. and Canada. If you have experience in nonprofit leadership, a heart for service, and a commitment to Anabaptist values, we invite you to apply. Please submit resume and cover letter to North Group at (<https://northgroupconsultants.com/jobs/#jobs>).

**MMN:** *Service Adventure:* Can a gap year change your life? Only if you're up for adventure! Applications are now open for the 2026-27 term. Service Adventure is a 10-month volunteer experience for young adults ages 17-20. Live in community with peers and unit leaders, serve with local nonprofit agencies, and grow in your faith with a supporting church congregation! Learn more and apply at [MennoniteMission.net/ServiceAdventure](https://MennoniteMission.net/ServiceAdventure).