

Adults Sunday School

- Discussion Class: *Meet in the MYF Room due to the graduation breakfast.* Salt & Light session 7, "Lawsuits in a Pagan Context"

JYF

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

Waves of Wonder VBS

We are still in need of breakfast items for VBS morning staff meetings. Please see the signup in the foyer.

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



This week please remember our graduates in prayer. Pray for blessings on their future endeavors; may they be filled with joy, peace, and success.



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



Thank you, mothers and mentors! You are loved, appreciated, and admired for your role in raising children and instilling a love of God.

CPMC Prayer Request Pray for the work of the Pastoral Leadership Committee of Central Plains Mennonite Conference. We pray for wisdom and courage as they develop and walk alongside both new and experienced pastoral leaders.

MMN Prayer Request Mennonite Mission Network joins First Mennonite Church of San Francisco (California) this year in celebrating its 50th anniversary and its 50th year of hosting a Mennonite Voluntary Service (MVS) unit. Pray for current MVS participants — Conrad Liechty, Ana Esperanza Neufeld Weaver and Sav Roth Walter — as they help the congregation extend its outreach in the city.

LAST SUNDAY

Offering: Home Missions \$3,190; General \$550; Conference \$500

DO YOU UNDERSTAND
WHAT YOU ARE READING?
AND HE SAID, "HOW CAN I,
unless someone guides me?"

ACTS 8:30-31

May 11, 2025



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May 11, 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: Elyssa Graber & Keiran Luitjens
Worship Leader: Connie Zehr
Song Leader: Nathan Luitjens & MYF

Gathering

Welcome & Announcements
Call to Worship & Opening Prayer

Praising

Come, Now is the Time to Worship
Romans
You are Holy (Prince of Peace)

Hearing the Word

Scripture Reading: Acts 8:26-39 (p. 96)
Message: Rachelle Luitjens

Responding

STJ 79 As I went down to the river
Offering: Missions (5/18 Home Missions)
Sharing & Prayers

Sending

Senior Bible Presentations & Commissioning
Benediction
Seeds Sending Song

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

NEXT SUNDAY

- Guest Speaker

SUGAR CREEK NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

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.

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

TODAY

- **8:30 AM:** Graduation Breakfast, Fellowship Hall (Adult SS meets in the MYF Room. No cookie time.)

MONDAY, MAY 12

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14

- **7:00 PM:** WACO Baccalaureate, HS Main Gym. Come for worship, and to encourage and celebrate the graduating class of 2025. Help send out this year's seniors with a special blessing from their home churches!

SATURDAY, MAY 17

- **7:30 PM:** WACO Graduation, football field. Rain location: HS Main Gym

MONDAY, MAY 19

- **7:00 PM:** Coffee & Conversation with Connie, Zehr home

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21

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



CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES

Go be great. Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.

Joshua 1:9

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AREA NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CPMC: Freeman Academy (Freeman, SD) is seeking an interim Head of School to begin in summer of 2025. This individual will provide educational and spiritual leadership for a K-12 Mennonite school, which has a strong fine arts tradition and rich history of serving the church and community. To learn more about Freeman Academy, please visit freemanacademy.org to apply, or for more information, email SearchCommittee@freemanacademy.org.

Cradle of Hope: Cradle of Hope has many valuable opportunities for expecting and new parents to learn skills that build strong and healthy families. From Mother's Day until Father's Day, we encourage you to take home a baby bottle and collect change or cash to fill it up. Bring bottles back to the display in the foyer. If you prefer writing a check, make it out to Cradle of Hope. Thank you!

CCCC: *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: juice, marshmallows, ground beef, 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.

Summer Kitchen Volunteers Needed! We have really wonderful kitchen staff who would LOVE to work with you! To sign up: signupgenius.com/go/10C0C45A9A729A3FDCF8-56369971-2025#

Give our Counselors Some Love Our Counselors and Summer Staff are awesome and deserve snacks! Sign up for a week to support them: signupgenius.com/go/10C0C45A9A729A3FDCF8-56656610-2025#

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: *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.

Graduation Activities – Hillcrest Academy joyfully announces its 78th Graduation Activities, on May 24 and 25, 2025, in Celebration Hall. Both the Baccalaureate and Commencement services will begin at 6:00 PM each evening. This year's Baccalaureate address will be given by English teacher and senior parent, Bryan Neuschwander, while alumna Rose Bender Cook '87, a senior great-aunt (twice), will deliver the Commencement address.

Iowa Mennonite Action: Welcoming the stranger calls us to cultivate an openhearted spirit and offer a sense of "home" to others. How does this look in today's world? Join Iowa Mennonite Action, IMA, as we hear stories of embracing a variety of neighbors. Candi Schmieder comes with rich experiences of being a loving, welcoming presence. Come, be inspired. Join Iowa Mennonite Action, Wednesday, May 14, 2025, at First Mennonite Church, 405 Myrtle Ave., Iowa City. Come at 6 pm for a finger foods potluck and a time of fellowship. Schmieder will share at 7 pm from her varied experiences of welcoming the stranger.

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 countdown is on! Register now for MC USA's Follow Jesus '25 biennial convention in Greensboro, North Carolina, July 8-12, 2025! Save \$100 by registering before May 31! Register here: mennoniteusa.org/registration/

Check out the MC USA checklist for youth leaders to help faith formation leaders prepare their youth for Follow Jesus '25, MC USA's national convention, here: convention.mennoniteusa.org/the-experience/program-documents/

MC USA is seeking award nominations for its 2025 Bring the Peace initiative. The denomination grants the award to a Legacy Peacemaker and a Young Peacemaker each year. Submit your recommendations for nominees by May 23: mennoniteusa.org/btp-nominations-2025

The Worship Planning Team for Follow Jesus '25, MC USA's national convention, shares the benediction litany ahead of convention. Read the full litany here: mennoniteusa.org/spirit-upon-me

Ana Alicia Hinojosa, senior executive for Ventures at Mennonite Mission Network, has fought against the patriarchy and a hyperproductive world to find her rightful place in society, while also finding rest. Her blog is part of MC USA's "Learn, Pray, Join: Undoing Patriarchy" educational campaign. Read more about Hinojosa's experiences here: mennoniteusa.org/weight-patriarchy

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.