

Adults Sunday School

- Discussion Class: Salt & Light session 9, "Dealing with Idols: Look Out for Each Other"

JYF

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



This week please remember Garry & Lori Leichty and Arlene Wenger in prayer.

Pray for those dealing with medical issues: JaNan Peterson (Tamara's friend), Cynthia Hallet, Warren Scarff, Larry Graber, Ryan Robertson, Kent McDougal,

Lois Klopfenstein, Pauline Wyse, Rod & Kathy Roth, Dineal Armenta (Roni's sister), Opal Reschly

Congratulations to Trevor & Tiana Schlatter on the birth of Tinsley Angella, who was born May 10. We wish God's blessing on Tinsley and her family and pray that she grows loving, strong, and healthy. The rose on the pulpit is for Tinsley.

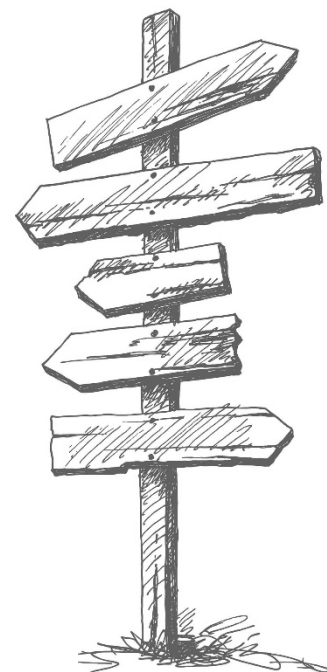
Pauline Wyse is no longer able to attend our services in-person, but would love to have visitors. Please contact Jeanie Wyse to make arrangements.

CPMC Prayer Request We pray for the graduating seniors in our local public and private high schools and colleges. In the midst of seasons of busyness and uncertainty, we pray for good endings and even better new beginnings. May the young adults in our midst know that they are loved and supported by the congregations and people of Central Plains Mennonite Conference.

MMN Prayer Request Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for a Youth Venture team of 11 young adults and two leaders, who are visiting sites in Germany and Switzerland in commemoration of the 500th anniversary of Anabaptism. Pray that their faith will grow, as they begin to understand more about the historical foundations of the church and build global relationships through attending Mennonite World Conference's Young Anabaptist Global Youth Summit.

LAST SUNDAY

Offering: Home Missions \$1,156



May 25, 2025



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May 25, 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: Mattias Luitjens
Worship Leader: Elyssa Graber
Song Leader: Heather & Brian Herschberger

Gathering

Welcome & Announcements
Call to Worship & Opening Prayer

Praising

WB 41 Come, thou Almighty King
WB 338 I know not why God's wondrous
WB 553 I am weak and I need thy strength

Hearing the Word

Scripture Reading: Acts 16:6-15 (p. 104)
Message: Tamara Zechin, "Stop! Regroup! Start Again!"

Responding

WB 420 Heart with loving heart united
Offering: Home Missions & Loose Change (6/1 Education)
Sharing & Prayers

Sending

Benediction
WB 119 Praise God from whom

Thank you to Keiran & Tristan Luitjens for serving as ushers today.

NEXT SUNDAY

- Connie Zehr

SUGAR CREEK NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

Children's Summer Sunday School: There are still a few open dates to sign up to teach the combined children's class this summer - please use the link or contact Tawnya Achen or Katy Black to sign up. Thank you!

<signupgenius.com/go/60B0E4FA8AC29A5FB6-56493628-childrens#/>

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

Meal Train: Please join us in celebrating the birth of Tinsley Angella, daughter of Tiana & Trevor Schlatter, sister to Taelynn and new granddaughter to Roni Stowers. Let's show our support by providing meals or snacks to the Schlatter family! Use this link or contact Katy to sign up: <https://mealtrain.com/gvvv28>

There is still space available to provide meals for the Shelman Family, following the birth of Leo! Use this link or contact Katy to sign up: <https://mealtrain.com/owy874>

SUNDAY, JUNE 1

- **2:00 PM:** VBS setup

JUNE 2-6

- **8:30-11:30 AM:** VBS

SUNDAY, JUNE 8

- **9:00 AM:** Fellowship & light breakfast (*no Sunday school*)
- **10:00 AM:** VBS Program

SUNDAY, JUNE 15

- **9:00 AM:** Parkview Worship

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18

- **11:00 AM:** Parkview Devotions
- **11:30 AM:** Lunch Bunch, Fellowship Hall
- **7:00 PM:** Church Council, MYF Room

Waves of Wonder VBS

We still need breakfast items for VBS morning staff meetings and our program breakfast. Please see the signup in the foyer.

It's not too late to register! <https://bit.ly/scwmcvbs2025>

MAY 25, 2025
AREA NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CPMC: Central Plains Annual Meeting isn't just for delegates and pastors! Register to attend Annual Meeting where you can worship, fellowship, discern and learn with your brothers and sisters from across CPMC! This is the last week for early-bird pricing! See our website to learn more and to register: centralplainsmc.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. Through 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. Our total collected so far is \$21.55. 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? Contact Amanda at amanda@crookedcreekcamp.org to sign up as a sponsor or with any questions about Food Sponsorships. You could buy enough of the items for a few weeks or the whole summer and drop them off at camp; donate money to the camp to go toward the purchase of the item you'd like to sponsor; or, instruct the camp to buy the item for the summer and invoice you for the cost.

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: *Students: Make your summer count!* Invest in yourself and your community as a Crowded Closet volunteer. You'll gain skills, build your resume, serve locally and make an impact globally! Plus earn Silver Cord hours. Flexible shifts available. Learn more at crowdedcloset.org/volunteer1, or contact the Volunteer Engagement Assistant at crowdedcloset.schedule@gmail.com or call 319-337-5924 x24.

Hillcrest: *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.

Host Family Opportunities – Hillcrest Academy is seeking two host families to welcome international students for the 2025–26 school year. This is a meaningful opportunity to share your home, learn about another culture, and make a lasting impact on a student's life. (1) WorldLink - We need one family to host our WorldLink exchange student. The family will work with WorldLink and can choose a student from a few profiles. The student will be here for one year and will receive a small allowance to help cover some of the costs. (2) International - We are working with a Chinese female student in 11th grade to enroll this fall. The family has the option to host for one year or two. The family will work with the school and will receive a monthly income to cover living expenses for the student. Please consider one or both of these wonderful opportunities. Email Rebecca Beachy Miller at rabeachymiller@hillcrestravens.org for more information.

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.

MCC Central States is hiring for the following positions:

- Do you thrive completing a variety of tasks while connecting with people? MCC Central States is seeking a Volunteer Coordinator for the Material Resources Center in North Newton, KS. This half-time position involves working with volunteers to prepare humanitarian aid for those in need around the world. View the full job description and apply online at mcc.org/cs-volunteer-coordinator by June 2. Questions? Contact brociamueller@mcc.org.

- The Peace and Justice Practice Coordinator is responsible for planning and coordinating activities that articulate the vision of a holistic, biblical, Anabaptist vision of peace and justice ministry to staff, board, conferences, and churches of MCC Central States. This is a full-time position and is offered in these locations: the MCC office in North Newton, KS or remotely in these states: Kansas, Texas, Colorado, Montana, Minnesota, New Mexico, or Oklahoma. View the full job description and apply online at mcc.org/cs-pjp-coordinator by June 4. Questions? Contact andrewwright@mcc.org.

MCUSA: The Follow Jesus '25 worship planning committee has announced the worship speakers for MC USA's national convention in Greenville, North Carolina, July 8-12, 2025. The convention's overall theme, "Follow Jesus," is rooted in MC USA's Renewed Commitments, which call for the denomination to follow Jesus, witness to God's peace and to be transformed by the Holy Spirit. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/FJ25-meet-worship-speakers

The Big Dove is here! MC USA has launched an online storefront featuring hats, sweatshirts, mugs and more. Check out the selection of merch that displays Follow Jesus, The MC USA dove and a retro line of gear from past conventions. Every sale helps support MC USA ministries! bonfire.com/store/mc-usa-gear/

Stay up to date on all things Follow Jesus '25, MC USA's national convention, by subscribing to the weekly convention newsletter! Subscribe here: mennoniteusa.org/fj25-newsletter

Olivia Krall, archives coordinator for MC USA, shares how the stories of Mennonite women included in the Mennonite Church USA Archives have inspired her to push for a better future. This blog is part of MC USA's "Learn, Pray, Join: Undoing Patriarchy" educational campaign. Read more about Krall's findings here: mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/women-of-the-archives/

Chris Hoover, panelist for the July 8 MC USA Women's Summit, reflects on the divine feminine voice and how it seems to be missing from the world today. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/the-wild-feminine-voice/

MMN: *Just Peace Pilgrimages* –

- **South Africa Racial Justice Pilgrimage:** This pilgrimage will explore the enduring scars of settler colonialism and apartheid focusing on the raw realities of race and land dispossession and their grip on South African society — past and present. **Date: September 16-28, 2025;** the optional safari extends the trip by three days.
- **Underground Railroad Racial Justice Pilgrimage:** Step into the courage of faith communities that defied oppression to guide enslaved people to liberation. This chapter of the Racial Justice pilgrimage series explores the literal and spiritual journeys of emancipation. Join us to honor the past and inspire action for justice. **Date: July 13-20, 2025**

To register for these pilgrimages or to inquire about scheduling a trip for a group, email Stephanie Weaver at StephanieW@MennoniteMission.net. To learn more about these and six more pilgrimages, visit MennoniteMission.net/JustPeace

Calling all bold change-makers! – Want to learn to transform weapons into symbols of hope? Service Adventure is seeking passionate participants for the 2025-2026 term (August to July). One placement, RAWtools in Colorado Springs, brings the idea of turning swords into plowshares to our current context by turning guns into garden tools, art and jewelry. As a participant, you'll dive into hands-on blacksmithing and woodworking, designing and creating garden tools, art, and jewelry from destroyed guns. Experience valued but not required. Visit MennoniteMission.net/ServiceAdventure to learn more and to register.

Visionary leaders needed – 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: Answer the call to guide Mission Network's ministries across Latin America. This full-time position based in Elkhart, IN, or Newton, KS offices; remotely; or hybrid, will challenge you to forge partnerships, shape innovative mission strategies, and uplift international service workers. For more information and to apply, visit MennoniteMission.net/Employment.

Training and Resources Facilitator: Build vibrant, missional congregations! This full-time role based in Elkhart, IN, or Newton, KS offices; remotely; or hybrid, will support church planting within Mennonite Church USA by developing leaders, training, coaching, and weaving networks for new and existing missional congregations. For more information and to apply, visit MennoniteMission.net/Employment.