Adults Sunday School
Fall Salt & Light: The Soul of a Nation, Unit 3
Session 12: "Samuel: A King-Maker" 1 Samuel 16:1-13

MYF
- **Dec. 6 –** Bible Study, MYF Room, 6PM
- **Dec. 13 –** Christmas Party, TBD

JYF
Wednesdays from 6-8 PM, Wayland Mennonite Basement
6th-8th Graders: Join us for a meal, Bible study, and games!
To join, help out, or for more info, contact Pastor Josh Wenger
319-541-9307 or joshwenger88@gmail.com.



Remember in prayer this week: Vi Graber, Rudy & Deb Roth, Maria Roth, Lisa Graber, and Mary Jo Freyenberger

Pray for those dealing with medical issues: Tamara Zechin (upcoming surgery), Victoria Perez, Roni Stowers, Lois Klopfenstein, Erika Leichty Seymore, Toni Roth, Deb Roth, Sheldon Miller, Dick Yoder, Arlene Wenger, Roxanne Rogers (Kathy Yoder's sister), Cindy Freyenberger Harms

Pray for those at Parkview: Opal Reschly, Anita Swartzendruber, Mary Henderson and Earl Kempf

Pray for our Pastors and the Elders as they seek to lead our congregation in the way and mission of our Lord!

CPMC Prayer Request We give thanks for all the relationships in our congregations and in our conference that sustain us, guide us, and help us to see the Kingdom of God!

MMN Prayer Request As we enter into the holiday season, pray for the Mission Network service program participants and workers throughout the world who will be celebrating the holidays away from their homes and families. Praise God for the technologies that allow people to feel connected to their loved ones, even when it is not possible to spend time together in person.

LAST SUNDAY
Offering: Education $1,131; General Fund $980



November 22, 2026

Sugar Creek Mennonite Church

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November 22, 2026

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 Service
Live Stream:	https://tinyurl.com/SCMLiveStream
	facebook.com/sugarcreekmennonitechurch

Prelude/Offertory: Recorded Music
Worship Leaders: Russ & Eivan Yoder
Song Leader: Dana Oswald

Gathering
Welcome & Announcements
Preparation for Worship
Call to Worship & Opening Prayer

Praising
WB 94 Come, ye thankful people (v. 1-2)
WB 17 We gather together (v. 1)
WB 98 Sing to the Lord of harvest (v. 1)

Hearing the Word
Children's Story: Maria Roth, "The Thankful Bag"
Scripture Reading: Hebrews 1:1-4 (p. 170)
Message: Keith Zehr "Hollywood Doesn't Get It"

Responding
WB 86 Now thank we all our God (v. 1-3)
Offering: Home Missions (11/29 Conference)
Sharing & Prayers

Sending
Benediction
Doxology

Thank you to Jim & Jane Miller for serving as ushers today.

The nursery is available for children two and under.

NEXT SUNDAY
- Keith/Connie Zehr

SUGAR CREEK NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS
Bulletin: Next week's bulletin will be printed on Tuesday, November 24. Please have all items submitted to Katy by 9AM. There will be no office hours the rest of the week.

Christmas Choir: For anyone interested in participating in the adult choir for the Christmas Program on December 13, we will have practice today and December 6 at 5PM at Sugar Creek.

CROP: THANK YOU to each and every one who canvassed and/or donated to the 2026 CROP campaign. Together, we raised $46,911.35 between cash and commodity donations to help those in need within our own community as well as across the world. Our community is strong and generous, and we are so thankful to be a part of it. Thank you! -CROP Committee

Fellowship Time: To provide cookies for fellowship time, please use the link or contact Lori Leichty: bit.ly/4hvBEMt

Nursery: The nursery is available for children two and under during Sunday School and church. Helpers needed! bit.ly/4j6GyRd

Thank you: Crowded Closet would like to generously thank the group of volunteers from Wayland and Sugar Creek Mennonite churches that helped with a variety of projects on Thursday night, November 5th. Your time is valuable and we greatly appreciate it! Thank you!!

TODAY
- **11:30 AM:** Youth/Advocate Event, Fellowship Hall
- **5:00 PM:** Christmas Choir Practice (Adults), Sanctuary

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29
- First Sunday of Advent
- **9:00 AM:** Parkview Worship

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3
- **6:30 PM:** Game Night, Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6
- **5:00 PM:** Christmas Choir Practice (Adults), Sanctuary

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13
- **10:00 AM:** Joint Christmas Program with Wayland Mennonite. Fellowship time at 9:15. *No Sunday School*.

NOVEMBER 22, 2026
AREA NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CPMC: *You're Invited! Worship & Song Leaders' Retreat January 29-31:* "Sacred Encounters" is a special weekend at Crooked Creek Christian Camp for worship leaders, musicians, pastors, worship planners, committee members, and anyone in Central Plains Mennonite Conference interested in worship. This time of rest, renewal and resourcing will be led by Janeen Bertsche Johnson, Campus Pastor at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, and musician Ken Rogers. Register at tinyurl.com/SacredEncountersRetreat or go to centralplainsmc.org/sacred-encounters.html for the schedule and more details. For questions or help, contact ministry.coordinator@eastunionmennonite.org or stoddard.nicholas@gmail.com.

CPMC is looking for a Conference Minister for Ministerial Leadership. This position gives leadership to the credentialing, pastoral transitions, and leadership development and training in Central Plains and serves as a pastor to the ministering persons of the conference. Interested individuals should contact Michael Swartzendruber, Conference Moderator, at mswartzendruber@gmail.com.

CCCC: *We are currently hiring* for a service oriented, highly motivated and dependable maintenance director to care for the grounds and facilities of our 300 acre camp. This role is a vital part of our mission of providing "Christ-centered programs, excellent facilities, and generous hospitality in a setting that celebrates God's creation." Visit our website for more information and how to apply: crookedcreekcamp.org/year-round-employment-opportunities.html

The 7th annual online auction fundraiser begins on Tuesday, November 24 at 11:00 am at https://mennoniteauctions.org/ and ends on Sunday, November 29 between 6:00-8:00 pm. We have a variety of exciting things, handmade items, meals in homes, gift certificates, and gift baskets!

Please join us for a NEW event here at camp on Sunday, December 6. Christmas Crafts, Cocoa & Cookies and Carols! A fun afternoon of crafting, enjoying cookies, and singing carols. The perfect way to get into the Christmas spirit. Registration is required for the craft portion. Visit our website for more information and to RSVP crookedcreekcamp.org/christmas-fun.html

Treat your family to something delicious this holiday season! We will be offering take and bake lasagnas to help make your holiday season easier. For more information and to order, visit our website crookedcreekcamp.org/take-and-bake-order-form.html. Orders are due December 14.

Crowded Closet: Give back during the season of gratitude! Gather your family and join us Friday, November 27th for Family Volunteer Day at Crowded Closet. You'll foster a legacy of service while joining in our shared mission of helping others in the name of Christ. Flexible shifts offered 9am-12pm and 1-4pm. Volunteer roles are available for youth ages 8 and up; ages 8-15 should be accompanied by an adult. Reserve your shift now at tinyurl.com/ccfamilyvolunteerday! Questions? Contact crowdedcloset.volunteer@gmail.com or call/text 319-800-5574.

Share the sounds of the season at Crowded Closet! We're inviting musicians, soloists, duos, and small groups to share their musical gifts and help create a welcoming community filled with the joy of the season! Join us for Sounds of the Season, December 10–23, with 30-minute performance opportunities at 11 a.m. and noon on select days. Help us share Christ's love and compassion through music with our shoppers, volunteers, and staff. Interested in performing? Sign-up at tinyurl.com/ccsoundsoftheseason, or contact the Volunteer Office at crowdedcloset.volunteer@gmail.com or call/text 319-800-5574.

Hillcrest: *Kalona Chocolates Fundraiser* - The Hillcrest Academy sophomore class are selling Kalona Chocolates until Nov 23 to be delivered in time for the Christmas holidays on Dec 19. See a sophomore student to buy chocolates or visit our website at hillcrestravens.org/kalonachocolates.

MCUSA: *Guyton to conclude role as MC USA executive director* - Mennonite Church USA Executive Director Glen Guyton will conclude his role on Dec. 31, 2026, and will not seek renewal for a fourth term. On Jan. 1, 2027, he will begin a new role as president and chief operating officer of the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center in Cincinnati, Ohio. The Executive Board will oversee the transition process and keep the church informed as plans develop. Read more here. mennoniteusa.org/news/guyton-complete

Successful appeal clears the way for MC USA to again seek protection for churches in "sensitive locations" lawsuit – MC USA and its 26 co-plaintiffs won an important ruling on Oct. 20, 2026, putting them on the path toward injunctive relief in the "sensitive locations" lawsuit, Mennonite Church USA et al., v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security, et al. The case will return to the lower court, where MC USA and its co-plaintiffs can again

ask for a preliminary injunction to protect their congregations while the lawsuit continues. Read more here. mennoniteusa.org/news/successful-appeal/

Leaders set three priorities for Reimagining MC USA - Board members and senior leaders from the MC USA Executive Board and its agencies, Mennonite Mission Network and MennoMedia, met near Philadelphia on Oct. 8, 2026, to identify three priorities for the next two years of Reimagining MC USA: equipping congregations for change, strengthening a united peace witness and building a more connected church. Read more here. mennoniteusa.org/news/priorities-for-reimagining-mc-usa/

Open enrollment for The Corinthian Plan - Did you know? MC USA offers comprehensive health coverage for pastors and staff. Review the plan, request a quote and join this mutual aid ministry. Learn more at www.TheCorinthianPlan.org

Where does hope grow? - Ingrid Friesen Moser, wellness coordinator for The Corinthian Plan, shares how an evening spent weeding a community garden reminded her that community dispels loneliness, renews hope and supports the well-being of pastors and congregations. Read "Community is where hope grows" here: mennoniteusa.org/community-is-where-hope-grows/. The Cultivating Pastor Wellbeing checklist is a tool all MC USA churches can use. Download it here. https://bit.ly/4zUlaTg

MMN: *Service Adventure and Mennonite Voluntary Service* - It's never too early to start thinking about the future. Registration for the 2027-28 service terms for Service Adventure and Mennonite Voluntary Service begins in October! Youth and young adults who are leaving high school, leaving college, or anywhere in between can find their place in one of these two Mennonite Mission Network programs. Visit MennoniteMission.net/Serve to learn more.

Swedesburg Lutheran: The 84th Swedesburg Lutheran Church Smorgasbord is on Thursday, December 3, 2026. Seating times are 5 p.m., 6 p.m., and 7 p.m. All proceeds go towards missions. Tickets are on sale! Smorgasbord Tickets:

- Tickets purchased from November 3rd through the 13th will be $20.00.
- Tickets purchased from November 14th through the 25th will be $25.00.
- Tickets purchased from November 26th through December 3rd will be $30.00.
- Tickets purchased at the door require exact change or a check.

Direct ticket orders to the Swedesburg Evangelical Lutheran Church (Tuesday through Friday) by phone at 319-254-2216, by exact cash or check only. Tickets are also available by cash, check or credit card at the Swedish Heritage Museum at 319-254-2317.