

Adults Sunday School

Fall Salt & Light: Their Story, Our Story, and God's Message
Session 12, "Pray with Confidence," 1 John 5:13-21

MYF

- **TODAY** – Bible Study, 6-7:30 PM
- **11/30** – Bible Study, 6-7:30 PM

JYF

Fall JYF is coming to an end December 3. Until then, we will continue to meet Wednesdays from 6-8PM in the Wayland Mennonite Church Basement. December 3 will be our fall finale and Christmas Party. Thank you to everyone that has volunteered your time, food, or funds and we look forward to another season starting January 2026!



Remember in prayer this week: Rudy & Deb Roth and Gerald & Mary Jo Freyenberger

Pray for those dealing with medical issues: Cindy Freyenberger Harms, Jane Miller (breast cancer), Carmen Martinez (Maria's sister), Keith Zehr (pancreatic cancer), Dineal Armenta (Roni's sister), Lois Klopfenstein, Opal Reschly, Pauline Wyse

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 Anicka Fast, who serves with Mennonite Mission Network and Mennonite World Conference, is working on the first volume of the Global Anabaptist Forebears series, a joint effort between Boston University's Center for Global Christianity and Mission, Mission Network and Mennonite World Conference. Pray for inspiration and stamina as Anicka edits the series, conducts history-writing workshops and seeks funding.

LAST SUNDAY

Offering: Education \$2,002; General Fund \$1,000; Missions \$570; Home Missions \$400; Conference \$250

WINNING ISN'T EVERYTHING –
IT'S THE *only* THING.

November 23, 2025



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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
Livestream: <https://tinyurl.com/SCMLiveStream>
<facebook.com/sugarcreekmennonitechurch>

Prelude: Recorded Music

Offertory: Connie Freyenberger

Worship Leader: Connie Zehr

Song Leaders: Heather & Brian Herschberger

Gathering

Welcome & Announcements

Silent Preparation

Call to Worship & Opening Prayer

Praising

Praise Hymns

Hearing the Word

Children's Time: Connie Zehr

Scripture Reading: Colossians 1:11-20 (p. 155)

Message: Keith Zehr "Winning Isn't Everything – It's the Only Thing"

Responding

Hymn of Response

Offering: Home Missions (11/30 Conference)

Sharing & Prayers

Sending

Benediction

Sending Song

NEXT SUNDAY

- Pam Gerig Unruh, 1st Sunday of Advent

SUGAR CREEK NEWS

Baptism/Membership Class: Please speak with Pam if you are interested in baptism or becoming a member of our church!

Christmas Box: The WACO Elementary PTO has a box in the foyer for donations of new items to be used at their Santa Shop, where students are able to purchase presents for their family members. There is a list of suggested items on the box. Please have donations to the box by December 8. Thank you!

Fellowship: Please see the signup to provide cookies for fellowship time, or contact Lori Miller:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090E45AEAB2DA0FA7-50902927-sugar#/>

Turkey Grill: The Old Threshers Turkey Grill is distributing \$16,000 from proceeds and donations from the 2025 Turkey Grill. There were a total of 94.5 shifts worked, and for each shift \$169 (\$28/hr) was donated to the following: MYF \$5,136; Home Missions \$4,368; Zion Mennonite (filled a shift) \$2,032; CCCC \$1,824; Parkview \$1,824; Missions \$816

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30

- **9:15 AM:** Nathan, Keiran & Tristan Luitjens Ecuador Sharing during Sunday School, Fellowship Hall

MONDAY, DECEMBER 3

- **9:00 AM:** Mennonite Women, Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7

- **9:00 AM:** Parkview Worship
- **4:00 PM:** Christmas Program Play Practice, Sanctuary
- **5:00 PM:** Adult Choir Practice, Sanctuary

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14

- **9:15 AM:** Fellowship Time, no Sunday School
- **10:00 AM:** Joint Christmas Program with Wayland Mennonite, at Sugar Creek

Thank you to Mark & Linda Boshart for serving as ushers today.

NOVEMBER 23, 2025
AREA NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CPMC: *Save the Date!* CPMC and the Ecuador Partnership will host an 11-day service trip and learning tour to Riobamba and Quito, Ecuador, from March 13 - March 23, 2026. We are looking for up to 10 volunteers. The group will assist the Anabaptist Mennonite Christian Church of Ecuador (ICME) churches in Riobamba with building projects for their respective facilities. More details will be coming soon. If you have any interest, please complete the following Google Form: <https://forms.gle/N1HEzfSxKjs5Msb98> by November 23, so we can add you to the list and ensure you receive all future communications regarding the trip. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Joel Beachy (joel.beachy@eastunionmennonite.org).

Community Christmas Program: There are families in our community who struggle to provide Christmas gifts for their children. This program gives the community an opportunity to help families by purchasing gifts for the children. If you would like to participate by shopping for a child, please contact Chris Conrad or Karalee Martin at CommChristmas@gmail.com. Thank you!

Concert: Bad Angle Events is bringing back Authentic Unlimited for a Christmas concert. They were recently named the 2025 Bluegrass Vocal Group of the Year by the International Bluegrass Music Association. Come enjoy their rich harmonies and skillful instrumentation, Saturday, Dec. 13 at 6:30 p.m. in Celebration Hall on the campus of Hillcrest Academy. Tickets available at BadAngleEvents.org

CCCC: Online Auction – Our 6th annual online auction fundraiser begins on Tuesday the 25th at 11:00am at <https://mennoniteauctions.org/>. Items are ready to view now. We have so many great items perfect for Christmas gifts or for yourself! The auction closes on Sunday, November 30. Items will close at various times between 6:00 and 8:00pm, so be sure to note when your favorite items are closing to get your last minute bids in! Thanks for supporting Crooked Creek in this way!

T-Shirts - Our new t-shirt designs by Erin Ramer make great Christmas presents for \$25 each! The Heron pays homage to “Hank the Heron,” a beloved fixture around the pond, available in green or citrus. The Wildflowers t-shirt celebrates *Wetland Way* and the prairie at Crooked Creek, available in berry and navy. Order here: crookedcreekcamp.org/CCCC-t-shirts

Casseroles - Let us help you make your Christmas a bit easier this year! We're offering two kinds of take and bake breakfast casseroles, a hashbrown casserole and a cranberry french toast casserole. 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.html> Orders are due by December 8. Pick up dates will be December 15 and 16. Thanks for your support of Crooked Creek in this way!

Crowded Closet: Family Volunteer Day is coming Friday, November 28th at Crowded Closet! Gather your family together to foster a spirit of service through the shared mission of helping others in the name of Christ. Flexible shifts offered 9am-12pm and 1-4pm. Volunteer roles are available for age 8 and up; ages 8-15 should be accompanied by an adult. Reserve your shift now: tinyurl.com/ccfamilyvolunteerday! Questions? Contact the Volunteer Office at crowdedcloset.volunteer@gmail.com or call/text 319-800-5574. Plan now to give back during the season of gratitude!

Hillcrest: Kalona Chocolates Fundraiser - This is the last chance to get chocolates for the holidays! The Hillcrest Academy sophomore class will be selling Kalona Chocolates until Nov 24 to be delivered in time for the Christmas holidays on Dec 12. See a sophomore student to buy chocolates or visit our website at hillcrestravens.org/kalonachocolates.

Youth Open Gyms - On Sun, Nov 16, Dec 7, and Jan 11 from 3:00–4:30 PM, K-5th graders (only) will participate in a variety of activities led by Beau Risley (Hillcrest PE teacher). Please bring a water bottle and wear clean running shoes. Sign up at hillcrestravens.org/4-8events the Saturday before each open gym.

Fall Visit Days - Ever wondered what a day at Hillcrest Academy is like? Join us on Wed, Nov 26 8:00 AM -

1:55 PM and Mon, Dec 1 8:00 AM - 3:15 PM, when prospective students in 6th -11th grade are welcome to visit Hillcrest Academy for the day. Lunch will be provided. Incoming 6th graders will have a special visit days after Christmas. Sign up at hillcrestravens.org/4-8events.

EARLY BIRD Coffee - Start the holiday season right with a warm cup of Early Bird Coffee! This smooth, medium roast developed alongside Ambrosia Coffee Roasters, is available in 12oz bags (whole bean or ground) and makes an effortless and thoughtful Christmas present. Pair it with our classic Early Bird diner mug for the ultimate gift set. Place your order now at hillcrestravens.org/earlybirdcoffee.

Iowa MCC Meat Canning Event: Volunteers needed! December 8-9, 2025, City of Kalona Maintenance Building, 717A Avenue. Our goal is to raise \$38,000 to process 13,500 lbs. into 9,000 cans of meat. Please note that we will need volunteers for three days (setup is Saturday afternoon, canning Monday & Tuesday). Sign up today! signupgenius.com/go/30E044DAEAC28ABF58-59717906-2025 or contact Sylvan Schlabach 319-461-3417. Please send your contribution to: Iowa Mennonite MCC Relief, PO Box 234, Kalona, IA 52247

MCUSA: Rachel Ringenberg Miller, MC USA denominational minister for ministerial leadership, provides tips for growing intergenerational congregational connections. Read her Menno Snapshots blog here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/intergenerational-connections/>

Need a speaker for your worship service or event? MC USA would love to help! Are you planning a worship service, youth gathering, church assembly or special event — and looking for a speaker who can bring a message grounded in Anabaptist faith, peace, justice, and community? Request an MC USA speaker here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/request-a-speaker/>

MMN: Your congregation, Sunday school class and other groups are invited to join Mennonite Mission Network in a seven-day Civil Rights or Christ at the Borders Just Peace Pilgrimage to explore how God is weaving justice and reconciliation in U.S. and other communities. Engage firsthand with people, churches, and organizations who share how they pursue peace. Through group reflection, prayer, and worship, process these experiences and connect them to your faith; then return home as "changed people" who can inspire and lead change in your own community. For more information about a pilgrimage for your group, contact Stephanie Weaver, StephanieW@MennoniteMission.net. www.mennonitemission.net/JustPeace

Swedesburg: We are now selling tickets for this year's smorgasbord! "Smörgåsbord" is on Thursday, December 4, 2025 at the Parish Hall, 201 Academy Ave. Tickets are available from the Swedesburg Evangelical Lutheran Church office, or the Swedish Heritage museum office. For more details, contact the Church office at 319-254-2216 Tuesday-Friday or the museum at 319-254-2317. The museum will stay open late on smorgasbord night for tours and selling items in their gift shop. Be sure to visit the museum as well as the smorgasbord! Swedesburg looks forward to welcoming you!