

Adults Sunday School

- Discussion Class: Resuming Salt & Light with session 3, "Slave or Free: Who Will You Be?"

MYF

- **4/13:** Bible Study, 6:00-7:30 PM
- **4/26:** Can Sorting at the bin, 10AM
- **4/27:** Bible Study, 6:00-7:30 PM

JYF

- **Wednesdays:** 7th & 8th Grade JYF meets in the Wayland Mennonite Church Basement, 6-8 PM for food, games and Bible Study with the theme, "What's the Word."



This week please remember in prayer Crooked Creek Christian Camp. Pray for focus, safety, growth and sustainability, and for the camp to radiate the love of Jesus to everyone who visits!

Pray for those dealing with medical issues: Kent McDougal, Lois Klopfenstein, Stephen Gill (Tamara's dad), Pauline Wyse, Rod & Kathy Roth, Dineal Armenta (Roni's sister), Sheri Reeder Bachman, Opal Reschly

To better provide care for those in the hospital, please contact a Pastor or an Elder if you or a family member are (or will be) hospitalized.



The oil lamp is lit every service as a reminder to pray for peace and for the people of our world who are caught in war and violence.

CPMC Prayer Request We pray for our conference ministers Nathan Luitjens and Susan Janzen, as they travel to visit our congregations in Montana — and as they travel throughout the year to visit congregations all around the conference!

MMN Prayer Request Pray for wisdom for Michael Oyer with Service Adventure and unit leaders in Colorado Springs, Christian & Leigha Stoltzfus. Pray for participants growing in faith this year: Elisabeth Daudey, Alea Sagert, Sadie Sherman, Hannah Smith, and for their host congregation, Beth-El Mennonite Church.

LAST SUNDAY

Offering: Home Missions \$7,645; General Fund \$2,370; Missions \$2,000; Conference \$1,000, Cemetery Fund \$330



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Christ Collides with our Blinders

Blinders can be a hindrance to our perception and judgment.

What blinders must we remove to receive a clear understanding of truth, faith, and compassion?

What blinders may be keeping us from Christ's salvation?

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: Tamara Zechin

Worship Leader: Corey Oswald

Song Leader: Tamara Zechin

Accompanist: Kathy Yoder

Gathering

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship & Opening Prayer

Praising

WB 517 Open my eyes, that I may see

Come Away from Rush and Hurry

Jesus, Be the Center

Reconciling

Confession

Silent Reflection

Words of Assurance

Passing the Peace

Hearing the Word

Come and See/Children's Story: Sarah Leichty

Reader's Theater Scripture Reading: Luke 18:31-19:10

Message: Keith Zehr, "20/20 Hindsight"

Responding

Open the Eyes of my Heart

Offering: Missions (4/13 Home Missions)

Sharing & Prayers

Sending

Benediction

Seeds

Thank you to Sheldon & Lori Miller for serving as ushers today.

NEXT SUNDAY

- Connie Zehr, Palm Sunday: Luke 19:29-44

LENT VISUAL ARTS

During Lent, our focus is on the cross. Each week, we add items that focus on the weekly theme. So far, a sequin pillow reminds us how biases can change our views of the world. A gavel reminds us to be careful of how we might condemn others. A tablet and remote remind us to not let things take priority over God in our lives. Last week, we added a lockbox to remind us that we need to let go of our selfishness and share the gifts that God has given us.

SUGAR CREEK NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

Extension: If you can provide breakfast treats for the Getting Ahead class on April 26, please let Lori Miller know. Thanks!

Fellowship: Contact Mary Jo Richard or use the cookie signup: signupgenius.com/go/4090E45AEAB2DA0FA7-50902927-sugar

TODAY

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 10

- **7:00 PM:** Coffee & Conversation at Connie's

SUNDAY, APRIL 13

- Palm Sunday

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 17

- **6:00 PM:** Maundy Thursday Service & Seder Meal at Wayland Mennonite

FRIDAY, APRIL 18

- **6:00 PM:** Good Friday Service at Sugar Creek

SUNDAY, APRIL 20

- **6:15 AM:** Easter Sunrise Service at Wayland Mennonite

Waves of Wonder VBS

Please contact Katy Black, Sidney Garrett, Abbey Shelman or Audra Barnhart if you can help with Bible school June 2-6. See the bulletin board in the foyer for breakfast and snack signups. Be sure to register your kids! <https://bit.ly/scwmcvbs2025>

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AREA NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CPMC: Anabaptism at 500 Essay Contest offers College Scholarship Opportunities – Want to earn a scholarship for college? The Living Forward: Anabaptism at 500 Essay Contest is your chance to showcase your writing skills and win financial support for your education. Eligible students are invited to submit an essay to compete for a scholarship for the 2025-2026 academic year. The student with the best essay will receive a scholarship of \$1,000 and the first runner-up will receive a scholarship of \$500. Don't miss this chance to share your perspective, strengthen your writing, and invest in your future. Submit your essay today! Interested students should visit <https://www.mennomedia.org/living-forward-essay-contest/> to complete the application form and upload their essay. All applications must be submitted by April 19, 2025.

Cornerstone Community Church Kalona: Our church is putting on a Grief Share class this spring that we would like to offer to the community. Monday nights at 7pm, this 13 week course begins April 14 and ends July 14. Grief Share is a group to help navigate loss and grief. You'll receive valuable guidance and tips, leading you to relief, comfort and peace of mind. Visit cornerstonekalona.com/griefshare to register. For questions, contact Leon: 319-936-0691 or leon@cornerstonekalona.com.

CCCC: Visit our website now for Summer Camp registration and to see camp dates. crookedcreekcamp.org/

Come Eat With Us - May 4, 11:30 AM – 2:00 PM, CCCC Pavilion. Free-will donation to benefit CCCC; we're having Mush, Liverwurst, Tomato Gravy, Applesauce, Sausage & Eggs. Feel free to stay after for self-guided hikes, lawn games, and recreation at Camp!

Summer Camp Food Prep Days – Help us prepare for the summer by making cookies and browning hamburger for the summer. May 10, 8:30 AM – 12:00 PM and May 12, 8:30 AM – 12:00 PM, 1:00-4:30 PM, Pavilion. Sign up: crookedcreekcamp.org/summer-food-prep-days.html

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: shredded cheese, hotdogs, cut veggies, juice, marshmallows, cereal, ground beef, Ziploc bags in various sizes, 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.

Crowded Closet: Join the 2025 Spring Clean team event at Crowded Closet Thrift Shop on Thursday, April 10, 5-7pm to refresh our beautiful facility and make our beloved shop shine! All supplies provided. Volunteers eight years and older are welcome. Event volunteers will receive a coupon, Crowded Closet t-shirt, and the chance to go shopping afterhours! Sign up: tinyurl.com/ccspringclean. Questions, contact Christine, Volunteer Coordinator, 319-337-5924 ext 12 or crowdedcloset.volunteer@gmail.com.

Hillcrest: Touring Choir - The Hillcrest Academy Touring Choir is setting off on its spring tour, bringing their musical talents to audiences across the Midwest. The first stop on the tour will be at First Mennonite Church in Iowa City TODAY at 6:00 PM. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Kids Night at the Soccer Pitch - Join us Tuesday, April 22 at 4:30 PM for a double-header of Ravens soccer action! Watch our Middle School team play Holy Trinity and our High School boys take on Cedar Valley Christian. 4th-8th graders get in free with their passes (plus one guest), and we'll have exciting giveaways for kids of all ages. Plus, 4th-8th graders can enter to win some awesome larger prizes.

Bus Drivers - Hillcrest Academy is seeking dedicated bus drivers for the 2025-26 school year. With growing student numbers in Iowa City and Washington, we need reliable drivers to ensure safe transportation. We are also always in need of drivers for extracurricular activities. If you're interested in making a difference, please contact Rebecca Beachy Miller at rbeachymiller@hillcrestravens.org to learn what you need to do to become a driver.

Host Family - Hillcrest Academy is looking for a family to host a World Link foreign exchange student during the 2025-26 school year. Hosts can be single or married with young children, no children, teenagers, or grandchildren. Students are selected based on their leadership qualities and academic performance and the program provides the student's medical insurance, pays school fees and expenses, and gives the student a monthly allowance. Please contact the local coordinator Olivia Kahler at kahler727@gmail.com more information or if you are more comfortable contacting the school, please email Rebecca Beachy Miller at rbeachymiller@hillcrestravens.org.

Iowa Mennonite Historical Society: We invite you to our Pulled Pork Dinner fundraiser, April 25 from 11:00 AM – 7:00 PM! All proceeds will go towards our NEW Barn Project. Drive-through, sit down, or delivery to the Kalona area available (call 319-656-3232). Free will donation, suggested \$15. 715 D Ave, Kalona, IA 52247

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/>

MCUSA: Now is the time to register for MC USA's Follow Jesus '25 biennial convention in Greensboro, North Carolina, July 8-12, 2025! Register here: mennoniteusa.org/registration/

MC USA invites women from across the denomination to reclaim rest as resistance at the MC USA Women's Summit on July 8, 2025, a transformative one-day event immediately preceding the Follow Jesus '25 national convention in Greensboro, North Carolina. Read the news release here: mennoniteusa.org/news/womens-summit/ Register and learn more here: convention.mennoniteusa.org/registration/women-summit/

MC USA's Climate Justice Ministry has begun accepting applications for the Pam De Young Net Zero Energy Fund grant, due June 15, 2025. The Pam De Young Net Zero Energy Fund provides funds to assist MC USA congregations interested in forms of renewable energy. Learn more here: mennoniteusa.org/news/25-energy-grants

Matt Prichard, associate conference minister for emerging communities of faith in Central District Conference, shares his view that “to revitalize the church and effectively address global issues, Mennonite communities must focus on three key areas: deep community engagement, revitalized peacemaking and radical hospitality.” Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/good-time-to-be-mennonite

Dianne Garcia, pastor of the Iglesia Cristiana Roca de Refugio in San Antonio, Texas, reflects on what it means to celebrate Lent, even while being oppressed and experiencing injustice, in addition to offering Lenten challenges to those who experience privilege. Read her reflections here: mennoniteusa.org/lent-for-the-oppressed

Duncan Smith, director of The Corinthian Plan, MC USA's healthcare plan for pastors and church workers, addresses the measles outbreak and MC USA's position on vaccines and medical exemptions. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/mennonites-measles

MMN: *Just Peace Pilgrimages* - Mennonite Mission Network has spaces still available for our transformative Just Peace Pilgrimages this summer and fall. 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. Visit MennoniteMission.net/ServiceAdventure or MennoniteMission.net/MVS for more information and to register.

Mennonite Mission Network is seeking a Training and Resources Facilitator - This full-time position can work from the Elkhart, IN or Newton, KS offices, remotely from anywhere in the country, or a hybrid of the two. They 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. For more information and to apply, visit MennoniteMission.net/Employment.

The Room Upstairs: *A Passover/Seder Feast “Dinner Theater”* – Thursday, April 17, 6:30 PM, First United Methodist Church, Mt. Pleasant. Come share in the full dinner production of the “Last Supper” as you watch Christ and his 12 disciples lead you through the traditional Passover meal. Discover how the things that Jesus did and said during that Last Supper might have fit into the Passover celebration. If you would like to attend, tickets are free, but space is limited. Tickets available at First United Methodist Church or Brown's Shoe Fit in downtown Mt. Pleasant.