

### Adults Sunday School

Spring Salt & Light: Sin, Salvation, and New Life  
Unit 1, Session 2: "The Depths of Desperation"  
Lamentations 4:3-10, 14-19, 21-22

### MYF

- 3/22 – Bible Study in the MYF Room, 6-7:30 PM
- 3/29 – Game Night at Wayland Mennonite, 6-7:30 PM



**Remember in prayer this week:** Blake Meyer, Clarence Unternahrer and Dave & Nancy Eichelberger

**Pray for those dealing with medical issues:** Mark Boshart (surgery recovery), Deb Roth (Rudy's), Mary Henderson, Lucinda Gill (Tamara's mom), Erika Leichty

Seymore (breast cancer), Dick Yoder, Larry Graber, Roni Stowers (surgery recovery), Arlene Wenger, Sheldon Miller (surgery recovery), Roxanne Rogers (Kathy Yoder's sister), Cindy Freyenberger Harms, Keith Zehr (pancreatic cancer), Lois Klopfenstein, Opal Reschly

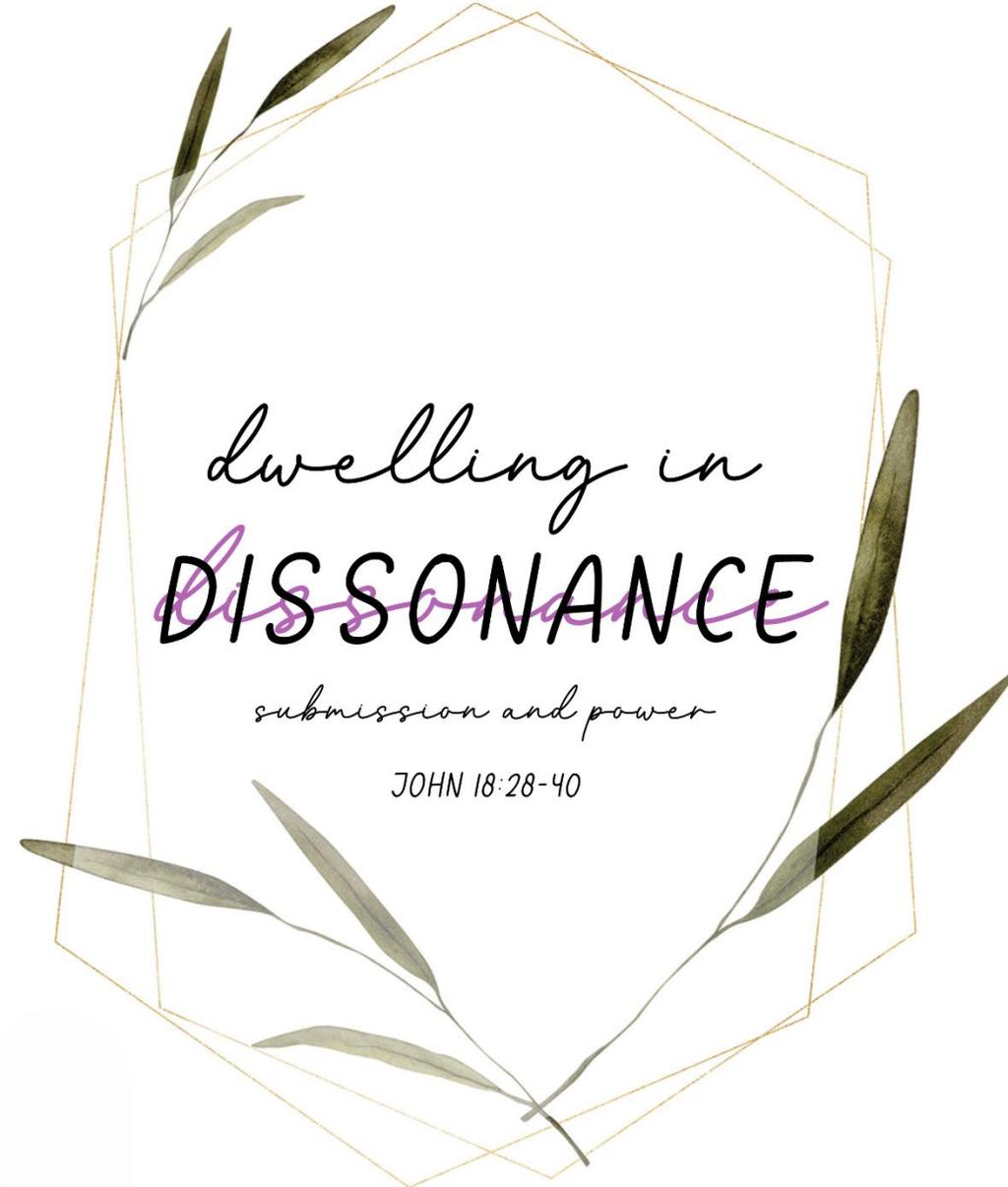
**Pray for the leaders and youth involved in JYF and MYF.** Pray for God to bless the leaders with wisdom, understanding, and love for the youth they lead. Pray for God to bless the children and youth with willing hearts and the chance to be examples to others.

**CPMC Prayer Request** We pray for the members of CPMC and IMCOL who are traveling on an Ecuador Partnership Learning Trip. We pray for a fruitful time of learning and deepening faith for Nathan and Tristan Luitjens and Levi Bachman (SCMC), Nick and Eli Detweiler-Stoddard (Washington MC), Greg Yoder, Warren Yoder and Joel Beachy (East Union MC), Dave and Sofiya Nickel, and Sabrina Mukuna (First MC of Lincoln), Hilary Bechtel (Bethesda MC), and Zarai Gonzlaia (IMCOL).

**MMN Prayer Request** Laura Schlabach served in Mongolia with JCS International for 32 years. She concluded that ministry at the end of 2025 and this month will mark the end of her work with Mission Network. Pray for her as she moves into retirement and re-establishes her life outside of Mongolia.

### LAST SUNDAY

Offering: Missions \$1,685; General Fund \$550; Home Missions \$300; Ecuador Trip \$100



**March 15, 2026**

*The Season of Lent:  
Dwelling in Dissonance*

May we dwell in dissonance together,  
grateful for the gifts that come by;  
lingering in Holy Week with the gospel of John,  
with God, and with the Spirit of Christ that connects us all.

9:15 AM: Sunday School  
10:10 AM: Fellowship Time  
10:30 AM: Worship Service  
Livestream: <https://tinyurl.com/SCMLiveStream>  
[facebook.com/sugarcreekmennonitechurch](https://facebook.com/sugarcreekmennonitechurch)

**Prelude/Offertory:** Recorded Music

**Worship Leader:** Tim Graber

**Song Leader:** Mattias Luitjens

**Gathering**

*Praise Songs*

Welcome

Call to Worship

Confession

**Hearing the Word**

Reader's Theater: Pilate's Story

Scripture Reading: John 18:28-40 (p. 86)

Message: Keith Zehr, "Cognitive Dissonance"

**Responding**

*Responding Song*

Offering: Home Missions (3/22 Conference)

Announcements, Sharing & Prayers

**Sending**

Benediction

*WB 439 I want Jesus to walk with me (v. 1)*

Thank you to Josh & Stephanie Miller for serving as ushers today.

The nursery is available for children 2 years of age and younger.

**NEXT SUNDAY**

- 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent: Orlando Redekopp, John 19:1-16a

**SUGAR CREEK NEWS**

**Easter Choir:** You are WARMLY INVITED to join the Easter Choir at Wayland Mennonite Church on April 5th for our joint Easter service. Contact Marilyn Graber if interested: 319-750-6247.

**Fellowship:** Please see the signup to provide cookies for fellowship time, or contact Lori Miller or Lori Leichty:  
[signupgenius.com/go/4090E45AEAB2DA0FA7-50902927-sugar#](https://signupgenius.com/go/4090E45AEAB2DA0FA7-50902927-sugar#/)

**Nursery:** If you would like to assist with the nursery during worship, please use the signup link:  
[signupgenius.com/go/60B0E4FA8AC29A5FB6-62786804-nursery](https://signupgenius.com/go/60B0E4FA8AC29A5FB6-62786804-nursery)

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**TODAY**

- **6:00 PM:** Revelation Book Study, Fellowship Hall. Ch. 20-22

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18**

- **9:00 AM:** Mennonite Women, Fellowship Hall
- **11:30 AM:** Lunch Bunch, Fellowship Hall
- **12:30 PM:** Membership Class
- **6:00 PM:** Church Council, MYF Room
- No JYF due to Spring Break

**THURSDAY, MARCH 26**

- **5:30 PM:** VBS Planning, Library

**SUNDAY, MARCH 29**

- Palm Sunday
- Communion & Footwashing
- **9:00 AM:** Parkview Worship

**#KidsConnect VBS**

*June 1 – June 5, 2026*

Contact Abbey Shelman, Katy Black, Sidney Garrett or Sarah Leichty if you are willing to help with VBS in any way!

**MARCH 15, 2026**  
**AREA NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CCCC:** *We are excited to be hosting the Mennonite Camping Assoc. gathering at CCCC this year, March 23-26. The Soil and The Seed Project (TSATSP) will be our worship leaders for the week. Please join us at the Pavilion on Tuesday, March 24 at 7:00 for a community concert by TSATSP or join us for worship Monday and Wednesday evenings at 7:00 featuring Marc Schlegel-Preheim and TSATSP. TSATSP is a community-supported ministry of the church working for spiritual renewal--in individuals, families, and communities--through beautiful, creative resources that help us together turn toward Jesus in the ordinary moments of life.*

*Summer Camp registration is now open! For camp dates, information, and to register visit our website <https://www.crookedcreekcamp.org/summer-camp.html>*

**Crowded Closet:** Save the Date: Crowded Closet Mortgage Payoff Celebrations

- *Exclusive Shopping Night at Crowded Closet* - The mortgage is "Paid in Full" and we're saying "thank you"! Crowded Closet volunteers and staff, past and present, are invited to join us to celebrate Thursday, March 26th from 5:30-7:30 pm with 30% off shopping on the retail floor, a brief reception, refreshments, music and drawing for prizes. Park in customer parking lot and enter front retail door.
- *Annual Association Meeting & Reception* Monday, April 20, 5:30 p.m. at Crowded Closet.

**Hillcrest:** *Senior Class Trip* - Next week, during spring break, seniors at Hillcrest Academy will go on an amazing learning adventure in Washington DC. As they fly to DC and navigate the city's historic sites, please join us in prayer for their safety, for God's presence, and for them to have a memorable experience.

*Touring Choir 2026* - The Hillcrest Academy Touring Choir is embarking on their *All Things New Tour*, featuring local concerts as well as a stop in Goshen, IN on the way to the MSN Choral Festival in Kitchener, Ontario, Canada. Check out the full schedule at [hillcrestravens.org/touringchoir2026](http://hillcrestravens.org/touringchoir2026).

*We Want You!* - We want you (or someone you know) to join our thriving grades 6-12 school community. We are looking for talented and dedicated individuals to fill High School Math and English teaching positions along with a new Director of Stewardship role. Check out [hillcrestravens.org/joinourteam](http://hillcrestravens.org/joinourteam) for all the details.

**MCC:** *MCC is recruiting Canner Operators* to join its mobile meat canning team, which prepares about 600,000 cans of meat annually for global communities in need. These operators travel to 30 U.S. locations from October to April, managing machinery, operating steam and pressure vessels, coordinating volunteers, and ensuring compliance with USDA regulations. Make new friends while participating in a unique service adventure! Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until April 25 OR until position is filled. Apply online at [mcc.org/careers](http://mcc.org/careers). For more information, call 1-888-563-4676 or email [marilypeters@mcc.org](mailto:marilypeters@mcc.org).

**MCUSA:** Mennonite Church USA hosted a special, smaller-scale Hope for the Future 2026 gathering in San Antonio, Texas, which brought together BIPOC leaders for deep discernment, spiritual renewal and strategic visioning. Read about their call for greater interdependence and collective liberation, as well as where they are finding hope in challenging times, here: [mennoniteusa.org/news/hope-for-the-future-2026/](http://mennoniteusa.org/news/hope-for-the-future-2026/)

Spiritual director Marlene Kropf invites congregations to plan a Lenten Quiet Morning as a contemplative practice rooted in Jesus' desert retreat, encouraging prayer, reflection and spiritual renewal amid life's chaos. Read her Menno Snapshots blog and download her free planning resource here: [mennoniteusa.org/lenten-quiet-morning/](http://mennoniteusa.org/lenten-quiet-morning/)

**MDS:** *Now Hiring: Director of Resource Development (Full-Time, Exempt)* Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) is seeking a mission-driven leader to guide our Resource Development team and strengthen relationships with donors, volunteers, and partners across the U.S. and Canada. If you have experience in nonprofit leadership, a heart for service, and a commitment to Anabaptist values, we invite you to apply. Please submit resume and cover letter to North Group at (<https://northgroupconsultants.com/jobs/#jobs>).

**MMN:** *Mennonite Voluntary Service* - Live out your faith through service! Applications are open for the 2026-27 term. This one-year volunteer experience is open to individuals age 20+, with the option to extend placements for an additional one to two years. Serve with nonprofits addressing critical community needs, such as health, education, immigration and more. You won't do it alone, though! By living with peers in a unit house and growing with a local faith community, MVSers join in the global movement to work for peace and a more just world. Ready to jump in? Go to [MennoniteMission.net/MVS](http://MennoniteMission.net/MVS) to learn more and apply. Placements are available in the following locations: Alamosa, CO; Chicago, IL; San Francisco, CA; and Tucson, AZ.