

Adults Sunday School

Fall Salt & Light: The Soul of a Nation, Unit 2

Session 7: "God Works Through Ehud" Judges 3:15-23, 30

MYF

- **TODAY** – Bible Study, MYF Room, 6PM
- **Oct. 25** – Bible Study, MYF Room, 6PM

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: Larz Smith, Mark & Karen Garrett, Fenix Frazer, Jim Miller, and Toni Roth

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

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

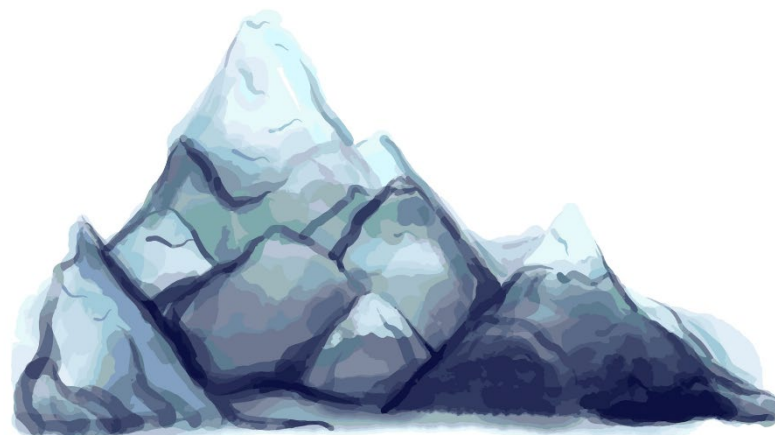
Pray for the leaders and youth involved in JYF and MYF. Pray for God to bless the leaders with wisdom, understanding, and love for the youth they lead. Pray for God to bless the children and youth with willing hearts and the chance to be examples to others.

CPMC Prayer Request Pray for Jim Shellenberger who is being licensed toward ordination at Bethel MC in Mountain Lake, MN. We pray for the ministry that Bethel and Jim will share.

MMN Prayer Request Joanne Speigel invited a group of her friends to join her on a Civil Rights Just Peace Pilgrimage, and they accepted. This week, the group will travel to the U.S. South with Mission Network to learn more about the Civil Rights Movement, racism and the ongoing work of racial justice. Pray for them as they learn together and come face to face with the difficult and heartbreaking realities of civil rights in the U.S.

LAST SUNDAY

Offering: Home Missions \$1,641; General Fund \$900



*Exalt the Lord our God
and worship at his holy hill;
for the Lord our God is holy.*

PSALM 99:9

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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
Live Stream: <https://tinyurl.com/SCMLiveStream>
<facebook.com/sugarcreekmennonitechurch>

Prelude/Offertory: Kathy Yoder
Worship Leader: Mike Roth
Song Leaders: Heather & Brian Herschberger

Gathering

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

Praising

Hymns of Praise

Hearing the Word

Scripture Reading: Psalm 99 (p. 429)
Message: Keith Zehr, "Holy"

Responding

Hymn of Response
Mission Moment: Rick Santos, CROP
Offering: Missions & Coins for CROP (10/25 Home Missions)
Sharing & Prayers

Sending

Benediction
Sending Hymn

Thank you to Garry & Lori Leichty for serving as ushers today.

The nursery is available for children two and under.

NEXT SUNDAY

- Susan Janzen

SUGAR CREEK NEWS

CROP: The 2026 WACO CROP Campaign runs through November 1. Local CROP Canvassers will be contacting you for a monetary donation and/or donations of crops, such as corn or soybeans. Please give generously when contacted by a CROP Canvasser. Thank you!

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

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY

- **9:00 AM:** Parkview Worship
- **11:30 AM:** Pastor Appreciation Potluck following worship

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21

- **9:00 AM:** Mennonite Women, Fellowship Hall
- **10:00 AM:** Freezer Meal Prep, Kitchen
- **11:30 AM:** Lunch Bunch, Fellowship Hall
- **6:00 PM:** Church Council Meeting, MYF Room

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26

- **6:00 PM:** Worship Planning, MYF Room

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4

- **11:00 AM:** Parkview Devotions, Gerald Freyenberger

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5

- **5:00 PM:** Crowded Closet Work Night with Wayland Mennonite, until 7PM. Meet at Wayland Mennonite parking lot at 4PM if you want to carpool!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8

- **11:30 AM:** MYF Chili Lunch, Fellowship Hall

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12

- **6:30 PM:** Game Night, Fellowship Hall

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AREA NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CPMC: Central Plains Mennonite Conference 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

Registration for Lunch & Lecture is now open! Join us on Saturday, October 24th at the Retreat Lodge to hear from Matt Miller about his bikepacking adventures. More information and registration on our website: crookedcreekcamp.org/lunch-and-lecture.html

Fall Craft retreat registration, November 6-8, is open. Register online: crookedcreekcamp.org/craft-retreat.html

Wood cutting day will be Saturday, November 7 at 8:00 am at the grassy field by the pool. Bring a chain saw and help cut fallen trees. You get some wood, we get the rest! Morning refreshments and sack lunch will be provided. Call the office to RSVP - 319-653-3611

The 7th annual online auction fundraiser will run November 24-29! We are currently looking for items for the sale, such as baked goods, meat bundles, honey, meals, gift baskets, etc. Contact Heather heather@crookedcreekcamp.org or Amanda amanda@crookedcreekcamp.org if you have an item to donate.

GriefShare: *Surviving the Holidays* seminar scheduled Tuesday, November 10, 2026, from 6:00 - 8:00 PM, in Manning Hall, at St. Alphonsus Catholic Church. This seminar is for those facing the holidays after a loved one's death. Featuring video interviews with top Christian experts on grief and recovery topics as seen from a biblical perspective and personal testimonies from people who have experienced the holidays after bereavement. The video seminar is combined with support group discussion of the materials presented during the video, and those who attend will receive a Survival Guide filled with practical tips, encouraging words, a gospel presentation, journaling ideas, and exercises for daily help through the holiday season. There is no cost to attend, but we do ask that you RSVP to ensure we have plenty of materials for everyone. For more information, call Morgan Yoder at 319-385-1998 or email morgan@olsonyoderfh.com

Hillcrest: *Fall Concert* - The concert will be held on Tuesday, October 20 at 7:00 PM in Celebration Hall, under the direction of Mikayla Tackaberry and Adam Voth Unruh. The high school performances will feature both vocal and instrumental ensembles.

Harvest Party - On October 24 from 4:30-7:00 PM, the Hillcrest FFA will be hosting a Harvest Party for 4th-8th Graders. There will be a light supper, games, and other goodies. We'll be outside for the entire time so please dress accordingly. Sign up at hillcrestravens.org/4-8events by Oct 18.

MCUSA: *Special Offering for MC USA Historical Archives* -This October, we give thanks for the stories that connect us to those who came before us and help shape our faith today. The Mennonite Church USA Historical Archives preserves photographs, manuscripts and audiovisual records that tell the story of Mennonites following Jesus, witnessing to God's peace and living out their faith. Your gift helps keep these stories accessible for generations to come. Please prayerfully consider supporting the MC USA Historical Archives by mailing a check to MC USA (noting "EB 265" in the memo line), 718 N. Main St., Newton, KS 67114 or donating through our secure online portal: MennoniteUSA.org/give.

MC USA honors 2026 Bring the Peace award recipients - Mennonite Church USA has named Weldon Nisly and Fernando Daza-Jabian as its 2026 Bring the Peace award recipients. The award honors individuals who embody Christ-centered peacemaking in their communities and beyond. Read the news release here: mennoniteusa.org/news/2026-peacemakers/

Resolution guidelines for 2027 Delegate Assembly - The MC USA Executive Board has appointed a new Resolutions Committee and published guidelines for developing resolutions ahead of the 2027 Delegate Assembly, to be held July 9 in Cincinnati, Ohio. Congregations and area conferences wishing to submit a resolution have until Nov. 11. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/news/resolution-guidelines-2027/

Walking with hope on the Camino de Santiago - In his Menno Snapshots blog, Marco Güete, MC USA's director of Hispanic Ministries, reflects on walking the Camino de Santiago with his wife, Sandra, and the hope he sees in God's work through Hispanic Ministries, theological education and a new generation of Hispanic pastors and church leaders. Read here: mennoniteusa.org/walking-with-hope/

Finding courage on the road less traveled - Caleb Stoltzfus shares his grandfather's story as a conscientious objector during the Vietnam War and reflects on the courage it takes to walk a road less traveled — as a conscientious objector or as an LGBTQ+ person finding their place in the church. Stoltzfus will lead a related seminar at MC USA's upcoming Waging Peace Summit. Read the blog here: mennoniteusa.org/finding-courage/

MMN: *Looking for a meaningful way to use your gifts while building new friendships?* Want a truly different kind of family vacation? Mennonite Mission Network's SOOP program is for you! Service Opportunities with Our Partners (SOOP) offers flexible service terms at 60 locations for individuals ages 25+ and families of all ages. Housing and meals are sometimes provided. Discover the joy of working together, growing in faith, and creating lasting memories! Visit MennoniteMission.net/SOOP to learn more.

Parkview: Parkview Home is proud to announce that due to our current 5-Star rating and recent overall good surveys and operations, it has been approved to host an Upcoming Certified Nursing Assistant Class! The class is open to any and all applicants, age 16 and above, interested in becoming a CNA. Help is available with tuition costs. Please call and ask about this exciting educational opportunity - ask for Ron or Rebecca to find out more! The class will be forming in the next 3 months, so please get your names or those you know are interested on our class list.

Upper Deer Creek: There is still room to register for the Soul Care Conference hosted at Upper Deer Creek Church on November 5-7, 2026. Dr. Reimer's book "*Soul Care*" and his conferences have helped thousands to lose lifelong pain and struggle to gain a new life of freedom and fullness in Christ. Registration is found online at renewalinternational.org/upcoming-events and closes on November 2, so sign up soon! Contact Karla (319.328.8733) with any questions. We hope you can join us!

WACO FFA: Join us for a night of supporting our WACO FFA Bluegrass Band before they depart for Nationals! You're invited to a soup supper at Fern Cliff Evangelical Free Church on Sunday, October 18 from 5-7PM. Free will donation, all money raised will help towards attending and competing at the National FFA Convention. The band will play at 5:30 and 6:30 PM.