

Adults Sunday School

- Discussion Class: Salt & Light session 5, "The Wisdom of the World versus the Wisdom of God"

MYF

- **TODAY:** Bible Study, 6:00-7:30 PM
- **5/4:** Scavenger Hunt/Bible Study wrap-up, 6-7:30 PM
- **5/11:** Graduation Breakfast, 8:30 AM

JYF

- **6/4:** Service project at Crowded Closet. Leaving Wayland Mennonite at 3:30 PM and will return around 9PM.



This week please remember Martha Widmer in prayer.

We pray for peace and comfort for Janet Conrad and family with the passing of her dad, and for Shirlyn Graber and family with the passing of her mom.

Pray for those dealing with medical issues: Warren Scarff, Larry Graber, Ryan Robertson, Kent McDougal, Lois Klopfenstein, Stephen Gill (Tamara's dad), Pauline Wyse, Rod & Kathy Roth, Dineal Armenta (Roni's sister), Opal Reschly

CPMC Prayer Request Pray for Royce Vogt who is being installed as the pastor of Pleasant Valley Mennonite Church in Harper, KS. Pleasant Valley is a provisional member of CPMC. Pray for God's blessing on the ministry that Royce and Pleasant Valley share.

MMN Prayer Request Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for the Kikubya Mennonite Church in Uganda, whose building was severely damaged by floods, and for the 15 families who lost their homes and/or crops. Bishop Simon Okoth asks for prayer and resources, as the church tries to carry on its ministries to its members, many of whom fled from violence in Rwanda generations ago. Despite their limited resources, Mennonites are also hosting people fleeing from violence in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

LAST SUNDAY

Offering: General Fund \$550; Education \$494

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REVELATION 1:8

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

Prelude/Offertory: Tamara Zechin
Worship Leader: Mark & Linda Boshart
Song Leader: Tamara Zechin
Accompanist: Kathy Yoder

Gathering

Welcome & Announcements
Call to Worship & Opening Prayer

Praising

WB 99 We praise thee, O God
WB 86 Now thank we all our God

Hearing the Word

Scripture Reading: Revelation 1:4-8 (p. 193)
Message: Keith Zehr, "Learning from the Future"

Responding

WB 336 When peace, like a river
Offering: Home Missions & Loose Change (5/4 Home Missions)
Sharing & Prayers

Sending

Benediction
MH 606 Praise God from whom all blessings flow

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

NEXT SUNDAY

- Connie Zehr

SUGAR CREEK NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

Education: As we enter the summer season, children's Sunday School will have one combined class June through August, with a rotation of volunteer teachers each week. Please use the signup: signupgenius.com/go/60B0E4FA8AC29A5FB6-56493628-childrens or contact Tawnya Achen or Katy Black. Anyone can help: parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and even our MYF youth are welcome to join in! Thank you for your continued support and dedication to helping our young ones grow in faith!

Fellowship: To provide cookies for fellowship time, please contact Mary Jo Richard or use the cookie signup link: signupgenius.com/go/4090E45AEAB2DA0FA7-50902927-sugar

Thank you: Thanks to the wonderful people who said to celebrate my birthday more than just one day, and to Jan Shelman for the wonderful cheesecake. I am grateful to everyone who did special things for my birthday! I love you all. ~Opal Reschly

TODAY

- **4:00 PM:** VBS Staff Orientation, Fellowship Hall

THURSDAY, MAY 1

- **11:00 AM:** Parkview Devotions for National Day of Prayer

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7

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

SUNDAY, MAY 11

- Mother's Day
- **8:30 AM:** Graduation Breakfast

MONDAY, MAY 12

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21

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

Waves of Wonder VBS

Bible school is 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> Help is still welcome!

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AREA NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CPMC: Freeman Academy (Freeman, SD) is seeking an interim Head of School to begin in summer of 2025. This individual will provide educational and spiritual leadership for a K-12 Mennonite school, which has a strong fine arts tradition and rich history of serving the church and community. To learn more about Freeman Academy, please visit freemanacademy.org. To apply or for more information, email SearchCommittee@freemanacademy.org.

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

Come Eat With Us - Join us on Sunday, May 4 at the pavilion from 11:30 AM-2:00 PM for our 1st annual mush fry! We will be serving mush, liverwurst, sausage, eggs, tomato gravy, and applesauce. Free will donation to benefit CCCC. Feel free to stay after for self-guided hikes, lawn games, and recreation at camp. We hope to see you all there!

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: Crowded Closet Thrift Shop is hiring for the position of Volunteer Manager (full-time), to lead our volunteer community. Manage our committed and engaged volunteer team of more than 400 active volunteers. Recruit volunteers and communicate with constituents and the community to power the thrift shop and our mission to share love and compassion in the name of Christ. Interested applicants should contact Amy Hospodarsky, Director, for more information, crowdedcloset.director@gmail.com or 319-337-5924.

Hillcrest: Touring Choir – The Hillcrest Academy Touring Choir is on its spring tour, bringing their musical talents to audiences across the Midwest. You will have two more opportunities to hear them in local churches. Join them at Kalona Mennonite Church on Sun, April 27 and at East Union Mennonite Church on Sun, May 4. Both concerts are at 6:00 PM and everyone is welcome to attend.

Junior/Senior Banquet – This year's Banquet is on Sat, May 10. The Promenade will begin at 6:15 PM at Cornerstone Community Church in Kalona. The school and community are invited to see students drive up and take pictures. Please park on the west side of the church and gather on the sidewalk in front of the church.

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.

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/>

Register today for the MCC Immigration Learning Tour in South Texas, October 4-9. This immigration-focused learning tour presents a unique opportunity to engage directly with organizations making a positive impact on our neighbors. Find out more at mcc.org/learning-tour-texas.

MCUSA: The refrain, “We have been here before,” echoed throughout the Hope for the Future Conference at Goshen College, held Feb. 28–Mar. 2, 2025. This annual gathering for Black, Indigenous and other People of Color (BIPOC) leaders within MC USA celebrated resilience, honored the past and envisioned a future grounded in justice and hope. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/news/hfft25-30-years-anti-racism

MC USA honored seven community elders during a gala at its 12th Hope for the Future Conference, Feb. 28–Mar. 2, 2025, in Goshen, Indiana. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/news/elders-honored/

Watch the webinar recording about how to best equip your MC USA youth for the Follow Jesus '25 convention in Greensboro, North Carolina, July 8-12, 2025! View it here: mennoniteusa.org/webinar/fj25-guiding-youth

View the full playlist of MC USA Safe Church ministry’s abuse prevention webinars on MC USA’s YouTube channel here: mennoniteusa.org/webinars-safechurch

Michael Danner, associate executive director for Church Vitality in MC USA, discusses the theological rationale for why Mennonite Church USA joined the “sensitive locations” lawsuit as part of a broad faith coalition. Read his reflections here: mennoniteusa.org/free-exercise-of-faith

Karla Stoltzfus Detweiler, an ordained minister and former pastor in Central Plains Mennonite Conference, kicks off the “Learn, Pray, Join: Undoing Patriarchy” series by sharing a prayer for women. Read the prayer here: mennoniteusa.org/prayer-for-women

MMN: Just Peace Pilgrimages –

- **South Africa Racial Justice Pilgrimage:** This pilgrimage will explore the long history and legacy of settler colonialism and apartheid, and will focus on the social constructs created around race, land dispossession and how they so thoroughly defined, and continue to define, South African society.
- **Underground Railroad Racial Justice Pilgrimage:** Explore the role of faith and faith communities that helped enslaved people escape their bonds. This chapter of the Racial Justice pilgrimage series delves deeper into the struggle for freedom, exploring the ways – both literal and figurative – people took in search of their emancipation.

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. Service Adventure is a 10-month long program for ages 17-20 that invites its participants to live in community with their peers and unit leaders as they spend a year investing in faith formation and developing leadership skills. Visit MennoniteMission.net/MVS for more information and to register.

Full-Time Positions – These full-time positions can work from the Elkhart, Indiana, or Newton, Kansas, offices, remotely from anywhere in the country, or a hybrid of the two.

- **Regional Director for Latin America:** 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.
- **Training and Resources Facilitator:** Will provide leadership for Mennonite Mission Network’s ministries in the region, oversee partnerships, mission strategies, and international service workers.

For more information and to apply, visit MennoniteMission.net/Employment.

United Church of Crawfordsville: We are looking for volunteers to help during our Impact Kids after-school program happening at the WACO Elementary every Wednesday from 3:45-5:00pm. Our last day for Impact Kids this school year is April 30th. If you are able to help weekly or monthly, we would love to have you. Adults will meet under the carport of the United Church of Crawfordsville at 3:15 for a prayer before heading to the school. If you are interested, please email uccraw@gmail.com to sign up. Thank you!