Adults Sunday School
Fall Salt & Light: The Soul of a Nation, Unit 3
Session 11: "Samuel: God's Prophet and Judge"
1 Samuel 7:3-17

MYF
- **TODAY –** Bible Study, MYF Room, 6PM
- **Dec. 6 –** 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: Jonah Miller and Levi Bachman

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

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

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 those who are most vulnerable in our communities. May God open our eyes to the possibilities for love and for protection of the least of these among us--and may we be willing to heed God's call.

MMN Prayer Request Colleen and Pablo Fast have been serving in Brazil since 1992. They are now contemplating what it would look like to retire in the next three to six years. Pray for them as they begin to prepare for this major life change and as they consider who might continue their ministry once they retire.

LAST SUNDAY
Offering: Home Missions $3,922; General Fund $700

STAND FIRM
and see

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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/Accompanist: Kathy Yoder
Worship Leaders: Russ & Eivan Yoder
Song Leaders: Dana Oswald, Bridgett Smith, Kylie Miller, Anitha Barrera, Carli Roth

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

Praising
Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing
Who You Say I Am
Goodness of God

Hearing the Word
Scripture Reading: Exodus 14:5–7, 10–14, 21–29 (p. 47)
Message: Pam Gerig Unruh "Stand Firm and See"

Responding
WB 419 Lead on, O cloud of Presence
Offering: Education (11/22 Home Missions)
Sharing & Prayers

Sending
Benediction
WB 582 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah (v.1)

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

The nursery is available for children two and under.

NEXT SUNDAY
- Keith/Connie Zehr

SUGAR CREEK NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

Christmas Choir: For anyone interested in participating in the adult choir for the Christmas Program on December 13, we will have practices on Sunday, November 22 and December 6 at 5PM at Sugar Creek.

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

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

Youth/Advocate Event: Join us for a time of fellowship on Sunday, November 22 after church in the Fellowship Hall. We'll eat lunch then play card and board games!

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16
- **5:30 PM:** Elders Meeting

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18
- **9:00 AM:** Mennonite Women, Fellowship Hall
- **11:30 AM:** Lunch Bunch, Fellowship Hall
- **6:00 PM:** Church Council, MYF Room

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19
- **2:00 PM:** Blood Drive, Fellowship Hall. Contact Lori Miller to sign up; slots are limited

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22
- **11:30 AM:** Youth/Advocate Event, Fellowship Hall
- **5:00 PM:** Adult Christmas Choir Practice, Sanctuary

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29
- First Sunday of Advent
- **9:00 AM:** Parkview Worship

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3
- **6:30 PM:** Game Night, Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6
- **5:00 PM:** Adult Christmas Choir Practice, Sanctuary

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13
- **10:00 AM:** Joint Christmas Program with Wayland Mennonite. Fellowship time at 9:15. *No Sunday School*.

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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.

Community Christmas Program: There are families in our WACO community who struggle to provide Christmas gifts for their children. This program gives our community an opportunity to assist 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!

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." For more info and to apply: crookedcreekcamp.org/year-round-employment-opportunities.html

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.

Please join us for a NEW event here at camp on Sunday, December 6. Christmas Crafts, Cocoa & Cookies and Carols! A fun afternoon of crafting, enjoying cookies, and singing carols. The perfect way to get into the Christmas spirit. Registration is required for the craft portion. RSVP crookedcreekcamp.org/christmas-fun.html

Treat your family to something delicious this holiday season! We will be offering take-and-bake lasagnas to help make your holiday season easier. For more information and to order, visit our website crookedcreekcamp.org/take-and-bake-order-form.html. Orders are due December 14.

Crowded Closet: Give back during the season of gratitude! Gather your family and join us Friday, November 27th for Family Volunteer Day at Crowded Closet. You'll foster a legacy of service while joining in our shared mission of helping others in the name of Christ. Flexible shifts offered 9am-12pm and 1-4pm. Volunteer roles are available for youth ages 8 and up; ages 8-15 should be accompanied by an adult. Reserve your shift now at tinyurl.com/ccfamilyvolunteerday! Questions? Contact crowdedcloset.volunteer@gmail.com or call/text 319-800-5574.

Share the sounds of the season at Crowded Closet! We're inviting musicians, soloists, duos, and small groups to share their musical gifts and help create a welcoming community filled with the joy of the season! Join us for Sounds of the Season, December 10–23, with 30-minute performance opportunities at 11 a.m. and noon on select days. Help us share Christ's love and compassion through music with our shoppers, volunteers, and staff. Interested in performing? Sign-up at tinyurl.com/ccsoundsoftheseason, or contact the Volunteer Office at crowdedcloset.volunteer@gmail.com or call/text 319-800-5574.

Hillcrest: *Kalona Chocolates Fundraiser* - The Hillcrest Academy sophomore class are selling Kalona Chocolates until Nov 23 to be delivered in time for the Christmas holidays on Dec 19. See a sophomore student to buy chocolates or visit our website at hillcrestravens.org/kalonachocolates.

MCC: *MCC's 'Seek Peace' poster contest* - MCC invites participants of all ages to design a poster interpreting the theme “Seek peace” through one of three scripture verses. The purpose of the contest is to motivate our communities to continue to strive for peace and to have hope in the daily actions each person can take to make their corners of the world more peaceful. MCC will print and distribute the winning poster! Contest closes November 20. Visit mcc.org/seek-peace for full contest details.

MCUSA: *Guyton to conclude role as MC USA executive director* - Mennonite Church USA Executive Director Glen Guyton will conclude his role on Dec. 31, 2026, and will not seek renewal for a fourth term. On Jan. 1, 2027, he will begin a new role as president and chief operating officer of the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center in Cincinnati, Ohio. The Executive Board will oversee the transition process and keep the church informed as plans develop. Read more here. mennoniteusa.org/news/guyton-complete

Successful appeal clears the way for MC USA to again seek protection for churches in “sensitive locations” lawsuit – MC USA and its 26 co-plaintiffs won an important ruling on Oct. 20, 2026, putting them on the path toward injunctive relief in the “sensitive locations” lawsuit, Mennonite Church USA et al., v. U.S. Department of

Homeland Security, et al. The case will return to the lower court, where MC USA and its co-plaintiffs can again ask for a preliminary injunction to protect their congregations while the lawsuit continues. Read more here. mennoniteusa.org/news/successful-appeal/

Leaders set three priorities for Reimagining MC USA - Board members and senior leaders from the MC USA Executive Board and its agencies, Mennonite Mission Network and MennoMedia, met near Philadelphia on Oct. 8, 2026, to identify three priorities for the next two years of Reimagining MC USA: equipping congregations for change, strengthening a united peace witness and building a more connected church. Read more here. mennoniteusa.org/news/priorities-for-reimagining-mc-usa/

Open enrollment for The Corinthian Plan - Did you know? MC USA offers comprehensive health coverage for pastors and staff. Review the plan, request a quote and join this mutual aid ministry. Learn more at www.TheCorinthianPlan.org

Webinar: "Beyond Early Ministry: Surviving to Thriving" – Nov. 17 @ 3 p.m. ET - Moving beyond the early years of pastoring requires a shift from day-to-day survival to long-term sustainability. Join MC USA via Zoom for a practical 90-minute panel discussion with four experienced pastors who will share honest hindsight, practical strategies and lived wisdom on building a sustainable, joyful ministry. The panelists will explore what sustains their love for congregational work, unvarnished truths they wish they had known earlier and effective approaches to leadership alongside church governing bodies. Register here. https://bit.ly/4BzmhLe

Where does hope grow? - Ingrid Friesen Moser, wellness coordinator for The Corinthian Plan, shares how an evening spent weeding a community garden reminded her that community dispels loneliness, renews hope and supports the well-being of pastors and congregations. Read "Community is where hope grows" here: mennoniteusa.org/community-is-where-hope-grows/. The Cultivating Pastor Wellbeing checklist is a tool all MC USA churches can use. Download it here. https://bit.ly/4zUlaTg

MMN: *Zoom Q&A about Service Adventure and MVS* - Curious about what a year of Service Adventure or Mennonite Voluntary Service (MVS) could look like? Join us November 17 at 8 p.m. EST for an informational Zoom session. Learn more about both of these Mennonite Mission Network programs, hear what to expect and ask any questions you have. We look forward to connecting with you! Visit ow.ly/4NAo50ZZLYG to register.

Swedesburg Lutheran: The 84th Swedesburg Lutheran Church Smorgasbord is on Thursday, December 3, 2026. Seating times are 5 p.m., 6 p.m., and 7 p.m. All proceeds go towards missions. Tickets are on sale! Smorgasbord Tickets:

- Tickets purchased from November 3rd through the 13th will be $20.00.
- Tickets purchased from November 14th through the 25th will be $25.00.
- Tickets purchased from November 26th through December 3rd will be $30.00.
- Tickets purchased at the door require exact change or a check.

Direct ticket orders to the Swedesburg Evangelical Lutheran Church (Tuesday through Friday) by phone at 319-254-2216, by exact cash or check only. Tickets are also available by cash, check or credit card at the Swedish Heritage Museum at 319-254-2317.

United Church of Crawfordsville: Join us November 21 from 4:30-6:30 PM for a free-will offering Harvest Supper of creamed chicken and biscuits, beef burgers and homemade desserts. Help us celebrate a busy harvest season with a hearty meal complete with amazing homemade desserts! After the meal and fellowship, the fun continues with a live auction where many goodies will be sold including baked goods, handmade décor, quilts, business coupons and more!