Adults Sunday School
Fall Salt & Light: The Soul of a Nation, Unit 3
Session 9: "The Lord Calls Samuel" 1 Samuel 3:8-20

MYF
- **TODAY –** Bible Study, MYF Room, 6PM
- **Nov. 7 –** Setup for Chili lunch
- **Nov. 8 –** Chili lunch, SC Fellowship Hall, 11:30 AM

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: Lukah Miller, Anita Swartzendruber, Ermadine Boshart, and Benjie & Judy Roth

Pray for those dealing with medical issues: Mark (Julie) Messer, 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

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.

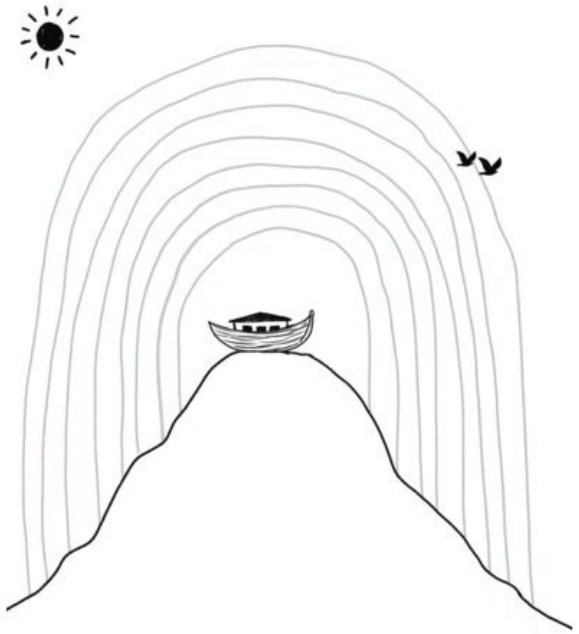


The oil lamp is lit every service as a reminder to pray for peace and for the people of our world who are caught in war and violence.

CPMC Prayer Request We pray for the work of the relief, mission and service organizations connected to our denomination and conference and for the many ways that we each find to live out our common call to serve the least and the most forgotten among us.

MMN Prayer Request Tuesday, the United States will hold a high-stakes midterm election that will determine the country's path forward for the next two-plus years. Pray for peace, regardless of the outcome of this election.

LAST SUNDAY
Offering: Home Missions $1,531; General Fund $1,200



November 1, 2026

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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 Leaders: Russ & Eivan Yoder
Song Leaders: Heather & Brian Herschberger

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

Praising
WB 156 All things bright and beautiful
WB 338 I know now why God's wondrous
WB 163 Obey my voice

Hearing the Word
Scripture Reading: Genesis 6:5-22; 8:6-12; 9:8-17 (p. 4)
Message: Pam Gerig Unruh, "Begin Again"

Responding
WB 553 I am weak and I need thy strength
Offering: Home Missions & Coins for CROP (11/8 Home Missions)
Sharing & Prayers

Sending
Benediction
STJ 73 The Lord lift you up

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

The nursery is available for children two and under.

NEXT SUNDAY
● Keith/Connie Zehr

SUGAR CREEK NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

Birthday: Ermadine Boshart will celebrate her 90th birthday on November 3rd and her family would like to honor her with a card shower! Address: 101 Pleasantview Circle, Kalona, IA 52247.

CROP: The WACO CROP Drive is wrapping up the 2026 campaign. Please consider making a monetary and/or grain donation. Your support helps those at home and around the world!

Crowded Closet: We will have a Crowded Closet work night with Wayland Mennonite on Thursday, November 5 from 5-7 PM. Meet at the WM parking lot at 4PM if you would like to carpool!

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

MYF Chili Lunch: Join us for chili and fellowship on Sunday, November 8 at 11:30 AM after church! Free will offering will help support our trip to convention in Cincinnati next summer. If anyone is willing to provide a pan of bars, it would be much appreciated! Please text/email Matt or Jen to contribute. Thank you!

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

Pastoral Search: A search committee will be formed as we look for a new Pastor. Please keep the Elders and those involved in your prayers as this process begins.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4
● **11:00 AM:** Parkview Devotions, Gerald Freyenberger

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5
● **5:00 PM:** Crowded Closet Work Night with Wayland Mennonite. Meet at WM 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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17
● **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

NOVEMBER 1, 2026
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

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.

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.

GriefShare: *Surviving the Holidays* seminar scheduled Tuesday, November 10, 2026, from 6-8 PM, in Manning Hall, at St. Alphonsus Catholic Church. This seminar is for those facing the holidays after a loved one's death. 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: *Blood Drive* - The Hillcrest Academy Compassion Club is hosting a blood drive on Mon, Nov 2 from 7:00 AM-12:00 PM in Hillcrest Union (gym). Plan now to donate blood by scheduling a donation time through the Hillcrest office at 319-656-2073 and thank you for helping your community in this special way.

Cinderella - Get ready for the enchanting story that proves dreams really do come true as Hillcrest Academy presents Rodgers & Hammerstein's Cinderella on Nov 6-7 in Celebration Hall. General admission tickets for all three performances should be purchased online at hillcrestravens.org/drama. Prices are higher for tickets purchased at the door, so please buy ahead and save. Doors open 45 minutes before each show.

The Cinderella Experience - Join us on stage after the 2:00 PM matinee of Cinderella on Nov 7 for a special meet & greet with Cinderella herself, have a photo opportunity, and get a pumpkin-shaped sugar cookie. Little princesses are invited to wear their favorite Cinderella dress and make the day extra magical! Tickets are $10, one ticket per family. Spaces are limited so get your ticket now at hillcrestravens.org/drama.

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! 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. Open enrollment begins Nov. 1, 2026. 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/4zUIaTg

MMN: *Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples Just Peace Pilgrimage* - Mennonite Mission Network invites you and your community to join a Just Peace Pilgrimage to Navajoland near Bluff, Utah, focused on contemporary Indigenous realities, the histories of Indigenous Peoples, and the complexities of Indigenous-settler relations. What might it mean for your community to stand in solidarity with Indigenous Peoples and actively contribute to the work of truth-telling and repair? Co-hosted with the Coalition to Dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery and led by Coalition Executive Director Sarah Augustine and Joe Hubbard of the Coalition. Dates: May 10-14, 2027. Registration deadline: March 1, 2027. Contact Stephanie Weaver at StephanieW@MennoniteMission.net or visit MennoniteMission.net/JustPeace to learn more!

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!

West Union Mennonite: All are welcome to join any or all of West Union's spiritual emphasis weekend, *Responding to Corporate Pain: Healing and Hope*. Sunday, November 15 in the morning: Sermon – "Pressing on Toward the Goal" Philippians 3:1-14, Sunday School Hour – Congregational Responses to Trauma. Afternoon: Noon – Lunch, After Lunch – *Where Do We Go from Here?* Discussion and Q&A with speaker Ed Kauffman.