

### Adults Sunday School

*Winter Salt & Light: Living God's Abundant Life*

Unit 2: A Model Church, Session 9

"The Relief of Good News"

1 Thessalonians 3

### MYF

- **TODAY** – Service Trip Parent Meeting (for parents & kids attending service trip in June) 5:30 PM  
– Bible Study, MYF Room, 6-7:30 PM
- **2/8** – Souper Bowl Fundraiser Lunch, SCMC FH, 11:30 AM

### JYF

*Wednesdays, 6-8 PM, Wayland Mennonite Church Basement.*

7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders: Join us for food, games and Bible Study!



**Remember in prayer this week:** Lori Miller, Dana Oswald and Logan Graber

**Pray for those dealing with medical issues:** Larry Graber, Roni Stowers (surgery recovery), Arlene Wenger, Sheldon Miller (surgery recovery), Dave Eichelberger, Roxanne Rogers (Kathy Yoder's sister), Bob (Jen's stepdad; pancreatic cancer), Cindy Freyenberger Harms, Keith Zehr (pancreatic cancer), Lois Klopfenstein, Opal Reschly

**CPMC Prayer Request** Pray for those who volunteer as leaders in our conference serving on various committees and boards such as the Conference Board, the newly formed Outreach and Discipleship Committee, Pastoral Leadership Committee, Stewardship Task Force, Shalom Readers, Peace and Justice Task Group and all other conference volunteers. We give thanks for those who are willing to serve!

**MMN Prayer Request** Pray for the people of Venezuela, and Mennonite Mission Network's partner Network of Mennonite Missions of Venezuela, amid the political instability caused by the forceful removal of Venezuela's president by the U.S. last month. Pray that the new governmental leaders will reflect the will of the Venezuelan people and bring peace to the country.

### LAST SUNDAY

Offering: Missions \$2,011; General \$550; Home Missions \$50



February 1, 2026



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## **February 1, 2026**

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  
Livestream: <https://tinyurl.com/SCMLiveStream>  
[facebook.com/sugarcreekmennonitechurch](https://facebook.com/sugarcreekmennonitechurch)

**Prelude/Offertory:** Recorded Music  
**Worship Leader:** Russ Yoder  
**Song Leaders:** Nathan Luitjens

### **Gathering**

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

### **Praising**

*Praise Songs*

### **Hearing the Word**

Scripture Reading: Micah 6:1-8 (p. 672)  
Message: Connie Zehr, "What Does the Lord Require of US?"

### **Responding**

*Responding Song*  
Offering: Home Missions & Coins for Camp (2/8 Missions)  
Sharing & Prayers

### **Sending**

Benediction  
*Sending Song*

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

## **NEXT SUNDAY**

- Nathan Ramer

### **SUGAR CREEK NEWS**

**CPMC Ecuador Service & Learning Tour:** Levi Bachman and Tristan Luitjens will be traveling to Ecuador in March for a service trip with Central Plains. This is a great opportunity for them. We invite you to pray for them as they leave on the trip, to keep them in your prayers as they travel and to consider a donation to help cover their costs. Offering checks may be marked "Ecuador Trip" and one check will be sent to CPMC.

**Coins for Camp:** Donate extra change during the month of February! We will collect coins for CCCC each Sunday this month. This year, money collected will go toward the playground ground-cover, new picnic tables and sports equipment.

**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#/)

**JYF:** For anyone looking to bless a local church ministry, the WACO JYF would be appreciative of meals or donations to cover food on Wednesdays. Contact Pastor Josh Wenger:  
[joshwenger88@gmail.com](mailto:joshwenger88@gmail.com).

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### **TODAY**

- **6:00 PM:** Book Study, "Revelation for the Rest of Us," by Scot McKnight, Chapters 9 – 11, Fellowship Hall

#### **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4**

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

#### **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8**

- **11:30 AM:** MYF Souper Bowl Fundraiser Lunch, Fellowship Hall. Free-will donations support their summer service trip.

#### **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9**

- **3:00 PM:** Worship Planning, MYF Room

#### **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18**

- **11:30 AM:** Lunch Bunch, Fellowship Hall
- **6:00 PM:** Church Council, MYF Room

**FEBRUARY 1, 2026**  
**AREA NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Book:** Tamara Zechin was invited to write a chapter about Toban Josiah Zechin in a new book about pregnancy and infant loss. In the book "Celebrating Angels," around forty families share their personal stories. If you know a family who could benefit from realizing that they are not alone and there are other families who understand their grief journeys, please consider purchasing a copy of "Celebrating Angels" on Amazon. These stories are filled with hope, love, joy and faith.

**CCCC:** Check under your couch cushions and clean out your coin purses because February is coins for camp month! This year's projects are new picnic tables, sports equipment, and new ground cover at the playgrounds. Coins for Camp is one of the ways we begin preparing for summer camp, so we appreciate your generosity. Thanks for your support in this way.

*Let us take care of your Easter lunch!* We will be offering take-and-bake ham balls and a cheesy potato casserole. For more information and to order, visit our website [crookedcreekcamp.org/take-and-bake-order-form.html](https://crookedcreekcamp.org/take-and-bake-order-form.html) Orders due by March 9.

*Our spring craft retreat* is happening March 6-8 and registration is open! Visit our website for more information and to register. [crookedcreekcamp.org/craft-retreat.html](https://crookedcreekcamp.org/craft-retreat.html)

*Join us on Tuesday, March 10 for a Lenten Quiet Day pilgrimage.* A light lunch will be provided. For more information and to register, visit our website [crookedcreekcamp.org/lenten-quiet-day.html](https://crookedcreekcamp.org/lenten-quiet-day.html)

**Crowded Closet:** Looking to join us in service this year? Start your Crowded Closet experience at a 90-minute Volunteer Orientation. You'll meet staff, tour the shop, and learn how to get involved. Orientation is required for our regular volunteers and recommended for anyone who volunteers in our shop. Join our next Volunteer Orientation on Thursday, Feb. 5 from 2:00-3:30 p.m. Sign-up: [tinyurl.com/ccvolunteerorientation](https://tinyurl.com/ccvolunteerorientation). We look forward to seeing you!

**GriefShare:** Anyone who has experienced the death of a family member or friend is invited to attend our new GriefShare series. The 13-week session will be held on Tuesdays, beginning on February 24, 2026, and will conclude on May 19. We will meet in the library of St. Alphonsus Catholic Church. Information about the weekly topics can be found at [griefshare.org](https://griefshare.org). While you are on the website, we also encourage you to sign up for the free daily email encouragements. You will find them informative and comforting. For additional information or questions, feel free to contact Morgan at Olson-Yoder Funeral Home at 319-385-1998.

**Hillcrest: Head of School** - The board-appointed Search Committee has collected applications for the Hillcrest Academy Head of School position and is beginning to interview qualified candidates. Please keep the committee and all applicants in your prayers, asking for God's wisdom and guidance in this process and the final decision.

**6th Grade Visit Days** - On February 5 and 6 from 12:30-3:15 PM, prospective students currently in 5th grade are invited to visit Hillcrest Academy for the afternoon. Each visitor will shadow a current 6th grader giving them the opportunity to experience a typical day as a Hillcrest student. Sign up at [hillcrestravens.org/4-8events](https://hillcrestravens.org/4-8events).

**The Chili Supper** - The annual event is hosted by the Hillcrest Academy senior class and has been a tradition since 1960. The historic menu of chili, cheese sandwiches, potato salad, and pie or other dessert varieties, along with the Mexican soup, Pozole [po'sole], will be served on Saturday, February 14 from 4:30-7:00 PM in Hillcrest Union (gymnasium). Tickets can be purchased from a Hillcrest Academy senior or at the door. Takeout is available. Details at [hillcrestravens.org/chilisupper](https://hillcrestravens.org/chilisupper).

**MCC: CALLING FOR 2026-2027 MCC SALT PARTICIPANTS!** MCC's Serving and Learning Together (SALT) program is a year-long cross-cultural experience for young adults ages 18-30. It's a chance to immerse yourself in another culture and grow in ways you never imagined. Whether your interest is in a specific region of the world, specific country, type of work or a language, there are numerous possibilities waiting to be explored. There is no cost to participate and there is student loan assistance available. You'll grow. You'll experience the world, find purpose, and you will Serve and Learn Together. Dates: August 12th, 2026 – July 17th, 2027. Visit [mcc.org/salt](https://mcc.org/salt) for more information, applications due Feb. 15.

*Celebrating 50 years of More-with-Less!* Herald Press and Mennonite Central Committee invite you to share

stories of food, joy, and resilience to help celebrate the 50th anniversary of the *More-with-Less* cookbook. This beloved cookbook's call to thrift, Christian compassion and abundant living is just as urgent and relevant today as it was in 1976. To learn more and to submit stories, blessings or ideas for simple approaches to sharing food and fellowship: [docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdjJ3FfJC6wzorA3-G6k5mLslKc59l8KJdRjZ0ltZn8Wlplnw/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdjJ3FfJC6wzorA3-G6k5mLslKc59l8KJdRjZ0ltZn8Wlplnw/viewform). Please share your story by Feb. 15 for a chance to be featured in the 50th anniversary edition or additional digital resources—and receive a chocolate oatmeal cake recipe as thanks!

**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<sup>th</sup> OR until position is filled. Apply online at [mcc.org/careers](https://mcc.org/careers). For more information, call 1-888-563-4676 or email [marilypeters@mcc.org](mailto:marilypeters@mcc.org).

**MCC Central States annual meeting** – You are invited to the MCC Central States annual meeting on Saturday, March 7 at 11 a.m. at MCC Central States, 121 E. 30<sup>th</sup> St, North Newton, KS 67117.

**MCUSA:** Mennonite Church USA is requesting prayer for the hearing for injunctive relief in the “sensitive locations” lawsuit, *Mennonite Church USA et al., v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security, et al.* Oral arguments will be heard on Feb. 5, 2026, in the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit in Washington, D.C. Representatives from MC USA leadership will attend the hearing. Please note that no further action is requested at this time. Read the opening brief here: <https://bit.ly/3M0LtVN>

If you are a Mennonite working or teaching in a public-school setting, you are invited to join the upcoming Mennonite Public Educators Zoom meeting on Monday, Feb. 2 at 4 p.m. PT/7 p.m. ET. The topic will be student behavior, discipline and restorative justice within your classroom and your school as a whole. Register here: <https://forms.gle/CdbeMF1kKfroTfft8>

This Black History Month, explore “Black History in the Mennonite Church” — MC USA’s timeline of remarkable firsts, leaders and milestones in African American Mennonite history. Visit the timeline online and deepen your understanding of our shared story: <https://bit.ly/4r8ZLCP>

**MDS:** Mennonite Disaster Service is hiring, help us spread the word:

- **Region 3 Volunteer Development Coordinator** – MDS is seeking a creative, energetic individual to engage volunteers and develop leadership across the Plain states. Remote position with regional travel. If you’re passionate about service and skilled at building relationships, we’d love to hear from you!
- **Director of Administration** – MDS in Lititz, PA is seeking a strategic leader to oversee all operational functions of our Administration Department. If you have experience in nonprofit management, team leadership, and a heart for service, join us in making a lasting impact.

Learn more or apply online: [mds.org/employment](https://mds.org/employment)

**MMN:** Mennonite Mission Network is hiring! We are seeking passionate people to join our team in two full-time roles:

- **Development Representative** — Remote, hybrid, or in-office in Elkhart or Northern Indiana, Southern Michigan or NW Ohio areas.
- **Care Specialist** — Remote, hybrid, or in-office in Elkhart or Newton

You can find all Mission Network’s job openings on our website at [MennoniteMission.net/Employment](https://MennoniteMission.net/Employment).