

Intergenerational Adult SS Class

Led by Pastor Kent McDougal

- **TODAY & Nov. 20** – How the Church Lost its Politics

MYF News

- **TODAY** – OFF
- **Nov. 20** – Bible Study, DARE TO BE... 5-7 PM @SC Church

JYF News

- **Nov. 16** – Lesson: Religions, 6:30-8 PM, Wayland Basement
- **Nov. 30** – Lesson: Evil, 6:30-8 PM, Wayland Basement



This week please remember in prayer Jacob, Kiley, Liam, Sutton and Vale Leichty

Pray for those dealing with medical issues: Dale Swartzendruber (declining in health), Carol Long (cancer treatments), Myndell Boshart, Cindy Freyenberger Harms (cancer treatments), Pauline Wyse, Thomas Bennett, Jean Letts, Martha Marsh

Best wishes to Bob & Karen Meyer in their new home! Their address is: 1700 Country Club Dr., Coralville, IA 52241

Pray for Iglesia Menonita Centro Cristiana, the Hispanic church plant in Washington, as they witness, preach, and teach the Word.

CPMC Prayer Request Pray for the Central Plains Mennonite Conference Council of Committees meeting next weekend as members of each of the committees from around the conference gather in Kalona to fellowship, study the Bible, dream, and plan together.

MMN Prayer Request Robin Gingerich serves at LCC International University in Klaipeda, Lithuania, through Mennonite Mission Network. This year, LCC has 780 students from 58 different countries, with many of the students coming from Ukraine. Pray for Robin and all the students, faculty, and staff as they work for peace on many levels.

LAST SUNDAY

Offering: Home Missions \$2,593; General Fund \$650; Missions \$125; Conference \$125



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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>

Worship Leader: Tim Meyer

Song Leader: Kathy Roth

Piano/Organ: Abbey Shelman, Kathy Yoder

Gathering

Welcome

Lighting the Christ Candle – Jr. Dept.

Jesus, Be the Center (v. 1-2)

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

Praising

STJ 13 My soul is filled with joy

Confession of Sin/Passing of the Peace

STJ 54 Longing for light

Hearing the Word

First reading: Isaiah 65:17-25 (OT p. 539)

Second reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 (NT p. 160)

Gospel text: Luke 21:5-19 (NT p. 64)

Message: Kent McDougal, "The Politics of Peace"

Responding

Come to the Table of Grace

Offering: Education (11/20 Home Missions)

Announcements, Sharing & Prayers

Sending

Benediction

May the Lord, Mighty God

Thank you to Gary & Maretta Conrad for serving as ushers today.

NEXT SUNDAY

- Kent McDougal, Christ the King Sunday, Luke 23:33-43

SUGAR CREEK NEWS

Calling all singers! Wayland Mennonite Church will join Sugar Creek to present a program of Christmas music at SC on Sunday morning, Dec. 18. This program will include all ages - the choir (MYF and adults) will be directed by Kathy Roth and Audra Barnhart; Tamara Zechin will lead the Primary/Jr Dept. children. There will be three practices for the MYF/Adult choir at 5PM on:

- Nov. 27
- Dec. 4
- Dec. 11 (will include children)

We need everyone who can sing to join us to make this wonderful opportunity a success! Please contact Orpha Yoder, Kathy Yoder or Dana Oswald by Nov. 15.

Community Thanksgiving Meal: Sugar Creek will provide the mashed and sweet potatoes again this year for the Thanksgiving meal held at WACO High School. Lisa and the WACO girls' basketball team will make all of the sweet potatoes, but donations are welcome to help cover the cost of ingredients. There are 9 pans in the foyer to be filled with mashed potatoes. Please sign up, take a pan, and return full, hot pans to the WACO HS between 7:30-10 AM on Thursday, November 24. Thank you!

Food Pantry: Our local food pantries are experiencing a meat shortage. If you are able to donate beef, chicken, pork, etc. please contact Jason Collier at 563-343-3390. Thank you for your generosity!

Turkey Grill Committee: The 2022 Old Threshers Turkey Grill is distributing \$21,000 from proceeds and donations. There were a total of 108 shifts worked, and for each shift \$194 (\$32/hr.) was donated to the following:

- Missions: \$1,336.40
- CCCC: \$1,527.30
- Home Missions: \$4,009
- MYF: \$11,454.50
- Parkview: \$1,336.40
- Student Aid (Campership): \$1,336.40

Thanks to those who worked and supported the Turkey Grill fundraiser in another successful year!

SUGAR CREEK UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY

- **9:00 AM:** Matt Slagel, Parkview Worship

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

- **8:30 AM:** Elders Meeting

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16

- COUNCIL MEETING CANCELLED FOR NOVEMBER

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23

- **11:00 AM:** Parkview Devotions

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24

- **11:00 AM-1:00 PM:** Community Thanksgiving Meal, WACO HS

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28

- **9:30 AM:** Worship Planning, MYF Room
- **2:00-6:00 PM:** Blood Drive, Fellowship Hall. Contact Lori Miller to donate

NEW LIBRARY BOOKS

SHALOM READERS

- *Be Kind* by Pat Zietlow Miller
- *Little Blue Truck Leads the Way* by Alice Schertle
- *Thank You, Omu!* By Oge Mora

- *Act* by Kayla Miller
- *Rez Dogs* by Joseph Burchac
- *Restart* by Gordon Korman

- *Breakout* by Kate Messner
- *The Only Road* by Alexandra Diaz

NONFICTION

- *Expecting Emmanuel: Eight Women Who Prepared the Way – An Advent Devotional* by Joanna Harader
- *Joel Obadiah Micah* by Daniel Epp-Tiessen (Believers Church Bible Commentary)

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AREA NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Community Christmas Gift Program: There are families in our community who struggle to provide Christmas gifts for their children. With this program we are able to help alleviate their stress by purchasing gifts for them. If you would like to participate by shopping for a child or if you have questions please contact Chris Conrad 319-217-0035 or conradsec@gmail.com by November 15.

Crowded Closet: Crowded Closet Thrift Shop continues record growth! With your support, Crowded Closet has achieved another new annual sales record in 2022! Our community of volunteers and staff is strong and ready for continued growth. We are thrilled to imagine the giving to Mennonite Central Committee that is possible for years to come. Learn more about Crowded Closet at crowdedcloset.org.

Everence will host its popular Medicare workshop in Kalona on Monday, Nov. 14 at 6:30 p.m. The workshop will be held at the Kalona Public Library: 510 C Avenue, Kalona. Specifics will include, signing up for Medicare, what Medicare covers, the various “parts” of Medicare and budgeting for healthcare in retirement. To register, or for more information, visit everence.com/kalona or contact Jennifer Freeman at 319-656-4242, 877-656-4242 or jennifer.freeman@everence.com.

Hillcrest: *Fall Visit Days* are days where 8th graders and transfer students are welcome to visit Hillcrest Academy for the day. Come shadow a student and see what we’re all about! Lunch will be provided. Upcoming Visit Days are on Wednesday, November 23 8:00 AM-1:55 PM and Monday, November 28, 8:00 AM-3:15 PM. Please sign up at hillcrestravens.org/5-8events.

The *Ravens Boys Basketball Jamboree* will tip off starting at 6:00 PM on Monday, November 21 at Hillcrest Academy. Come out and get a first look at the Ravens team along with other local teams. For schedule and ticketing information, check out hillcrestravens.org/jamboree2022.

The Ravens boys basketball teams will be hosting Regina Catholic on Saturday, November 26 in *The Achieve Challenge* (a statewide community service initiative for Iowa schools and their basketball programs). The JV game tips off at 4:30 PM with the varsity game to follow. Admission to the event is \$5 along with one non-perishable/canned food item, which will be donated to the local food pantries. The Kalona and Wellman food pantries are seriously low on items so your donations are very much needed and appreciated. An additional \$2 will be charged if no food item is brought in. Sorry no passes for this event.

Holiday Concert: The Ted Yoder Band will be performing a holiday show on December 17, 2022 in Celebration Hall on the campus of Hillcrest Academy. Ted is a national champion on the hammered dulcimer and will be accompanied by marimba, bass, and percussion. Come and experience this refreshingly unique show. Tickets at badangleevents.org

MCC: *MCC’s Buckets of Thanks* are filling up, but keep the supplies coming, we’ve got A LOT of buckets to fill! After making your donation of relief kit supplies to MCC, make sure you sign up to track MCC’s next shipment of relief kits as it travels the world! You will receive updates at each check point, including when the kits reach their final destination to be distributed by an MCC local partner in Jordan to Syrian refugee families and vulnerable Jordanians. Donate all the items in a relief kit or pick just a few items to donate – all items are helpful and necessary to complete a relief kit bucket. Kit supplies can be dropped off or shipped to: MCC Central States, 121 E. 30th St., North Newton, KS 67117. Find out more at mccbuckets.org.

MCC Material Resources Center in North Newton critically low on inventory: An MCC kit cannot be shipped until every single item for the kit is assembled, but some supplies are so low that kits cannot be processed for shipping. You can help by helping to fill the following needs: New infant onesies and sleepers (3-12 month sizes); shampoo (20 oz or more), thin sanitary pads (28 count minimum) and dark colored bath and hand towels. Buy online and ship it to MCC or bring item to MCC in North Newton (121 E. 30th St, North Newton, KS 67117). Questions are always welcome, please contact katemast@mcc.org or 316.283.2720. A full list of MCC kit contents can be found at mcc.org/kits.

Free resource: *Learning about generosity with MCC!* Make talking about generosity with your children easy by using this free resource. The printable worksheets help kids explore the basics of generosity at an elementary school level. The resource contains downloadable worksheets, activity ideas, a story about how generosity makes a difference, make-your-own bookmark craft and alternative Christmas gift ideas. Click here to sign up: mcc.org/free-resource-learning-about-generosity-mcc.

MCC Sale: On January 23 at 7pm at the Kalona Mennonite Church, a special meeting will be held to hear the ideas that come from you for a new avenue to raise funds for Relief. If you don't plan to attend in-person please share your thoughts with a board member or your congregational representative and encourage their attendance at the meeting. Please remember that our current sale was started by people who used what they were passionate about to raise funds for others. How passionate are we to help others? We will see you on January 23!

MCUSA: The Executive Board of Mennonite Church USA gathered in San Antonio, Texas, Sept. 29-Oct. 1, 2022, for its first meeting since the Special Session of the Delegate Assembly this spring. Executive Board members adopted a new resolutions process, responded to the actions of the Delegate Assembly and proposed a new three-year cycle for future Delegate Assemblies. Read about more of their actions here: mennoniteusa.org/executive-board-takes-action

Open enrollment for the Corinthian Plan is from Nov. 1-Dec. 31. All Mennonite Church USA-affiliated congregations can enroll their eligible staff for coverage. For more information, please visit mennoniteusa.org/tcp

When Anneli Loepp Thiessen of Anabaptist Worship Network took another look at submissions for Voices Together, the new Mennonite hymnal, she made an exciting discovery. This resulted in the birth of the song "Still My Soul," No. 603 in Voices Together. Read more about her process here: mennoniteusa.org/tune-finds-words

Painting a full picture of mass incarceration in the United States requires a reckoning with how Indigenous peoples in the U.S. are disproportionately arrested and sentenced in comparison to the broader population. "The inequities within our legal system are evident not only in statistics but also in comparison of specific cases," writes Lorraine Stutzman Amstutz, Mennonite Church USA's denominational minister for peace and justice. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/indigenous-mass-incarceration

Duncan Smith, director of Mennonite Church USA's The Corinthian Plan, reflects on his time as a pastor and what it felt like to be recognized and appreciated. "Take a moment and thank your pastor and other church staff members in your congregation." Read more in his blog here: mennoniteusa.org/thank-your-pastor