

### Intergenerational Adult SS Class

*Led by Pastor Kent McDougal*

- **TODAY** – How the Church Can Recover its Politics
- **Dec. 4** – The Theological Foundations of Worship: The Trinity and Worship

### MYF News

- **Nov. 27** – OFF
- **Dec. 4** – Bible Study, DARE TO BE... 5-7 PM@SC Church

### JYF News

- **Nov. 30** – Lesson: Evil, 6:30-8 PM, Wayland Basement
- **Dec. 7** – Lesson: Christmas, 6:30-8 PM, Wayland Basement



**This week please remember in prayer** Emma & Travis Clemen and Anita Swartzendruber

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

**I cannot say thank you enough.** Through this difficult time I have been so blessed by all of you. Please keep me in your prayers. While I am gone, my address is: 3601 16<sup>th</sup> Ave. SW, Cedar Rapids, IA 63505. I would love to hear from you. ~ Carol Long

**CPMC Prayer Request** As the conference ministers for all area conferences of MC USA and MC Canada prepare to gather in San Francisco later this week, we pray for safe travels and formative conversations. We pray also for our sister and brother congregations across MC USA, each in their own unique ministry contexts. Help each of us to be faithful followers of Jesus.

**MMN Prayer Request** Austin Roberts, who is serving through Mennonite Mission Network, requests prayer for Northern Ireland, where Queen Elizabeth's death has fueled tensions between Catholics and Protestants. Inflation and the rise in heating oil prices and electricity, a result of Russia's war in Ukraine, add to the unrest. He asks us to join him in his plea for "a swift and peaceful end to this aggression," for the benefit of the people of Ukraine, all of Europe and the world.

### LAST SUNDAY

Offering: Home Missions \$1,325; General Fund \$825



**November 27, 2022**

***Advent: The Process of Restoration***

Restoration is a labor that happens over time through God's effort and our participation.

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 Graber

Song Leader: Heather & Brian Herschberger

Piano/Organ: Tamara Zechin

**Gathering**

Welcome

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

Advent Lighting Liturgy

**Praising**

*Here I Am to Worship*

Confession of Sin

*WB 567 How firm a foundation*

**Hearing the Word**

Children's Story: Russ Yoder

First reading: Isaiah 2:1-5 (OT p. 489)

Second reading: Romans 13:11-14 (NT p. 124)

Gospel reading: Matthew 24:36-44 (NT p. 21)

Message: Kent McDougal, "Let us walk in the Light of the Lord"

**Responding**

*STJ 54 Longing for Light (v. 1-3)*

Offering: Conference/LC (12/4 Parkview)

Announcements, Sharing & Prayers

**Sending**

Benediction

*This Little Light of Mine*

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

***Today we offer anointing for:***

***Healing –***

• *Physical, emotional, or spiritual brokenness and pain*

***Struggling with something in your life –***

• *Longing to be set free from something that seems to have you trapped*

• *Dealing with a difficult decision*

• *Dealing with relationships in your life that are causing you pain*

• *Difficult situation that you don't know how to deal with*

***Looking forward to something new in your life –***

• *New opportunity or relationship that you are excited about*

• *You feel God is calling you to try something and you need God's strength and wisdom for the task.*

***If you would like to be anointed, please go forward after the service.***

**NEXT SUNDAY**

• Kent McDougal, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent, Matthew 3:1-12

**SUGAR CREEK NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Fellowship Time:** Please use this link to sign up and provide cookies during Fellowship time – dates are available December–February! [signupgenius.com/go/4090e45aeab2da0fa7-sugar4](https://signupgenius.com/go/4090e45aeab2da0fa7-sugar4)  
You may also contact Michelle Meyer to sign up. Thank you!

**MCC Meat Canning:** There are several open shifts to volunteer for meat canning on December 8 & 9 in Kalona. See the north bulletin board in the foyer, and to sign up. Contact Larry Graber with any questions!

**TODAY**

• **5:00 PM:** Christmas Choir practice in the sanctuary

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28**

• **9:30 AM:** Worship Planning, MYF Room

• **2:00-6:00 PM:** Blood Drive, Fellowship Hall

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7**

• **9:00 AM:** Mennonite Women, Fellowship Hall. Visitation Day; each bring 2 dozen cookies. Bring a sack lunch – dessert is cookies! Devotions: Sisterhood of Vulnerability

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18**

• **10:30 AM:** Christmas Program, with Wayland Mennonite

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25**

• No Sunday School

• **10:00 AM:** Christmas Day Worship Service

**NOVEMBER 27, 2022**  
**AREA NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Community Christmas Gift Program:** The Christmas season is here and this year there is a great need in our community. The Community Christmas Program helps struggling families by providing gifts for their children. This year we've had a greater number of families reach out for help. We need people who are willing to help us with this endeavor. If you would be willing to shop for a child or a family please contact Chris Conrad at 319-217-0035. Thank you for your generosity.

**Crooked Creek Christian Camp:** The CCCC Online Auction is coming soon! Items will be on display for preview at the CCCC Retreat Lodge, December 2 and 5 from 9AM-4PM and December 3 from 10AM-2PM. Bidding for the auction opens December 6 at 11AM and closes December 11 at varying times; each item will have its ending time listed, and will display a countdown to closing.

**Hillcrest:** Are you a teacher who has a passion for working with middle school aged children and through critical thinking, collaboration, and creativity can create a joyful learning environment where all students feel known, loved, and respected? Maybe this is you? Or maybe this is a teacher you know? Either way, we are excited for you to check our *6th Grade Teacher job description* at [hillcrestravens.org/joinourteam](http://hillcrestravens.org/joinourteam).

*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](http://hillcrestravens.org/5-8events).

**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](http://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](http://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](mailto:katemast@mcc.org) or 316.283.2720. A full list of MCC kit contents can be found at [mcc.org/kits](http://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](http://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 worship planning committee for Mennonite Church USA's *MennoCon23* convention has officially begun preparing for the event, which will take place at the Kansas City (Missouri) Convention Center, July 3-8, 2023. The committee spends the year prior to the event organizing the worship services for MennoCon. Read more here: [mennoniteusa.org/news/mennocon23-worship-planning-committee](http://mennoniteusa.org/news/mennocon23-worship-planning-committee)

Save the date! *Hope for the Future*, an annual gathering of Black, Indigenous and people of color leaders from across Mennonite Church USA, will be held February 3-5, 2023, in Atlanta, Georgia. Learn more here: [mennoniteusa.org/hopeforthefuture](https://mennoniteusa.org/hopeforthefuture)

Dirt and composting are powerful tools for learning how to serve. Just ask Melissa Marquez Weaver of Immanuel Mennonite Church, who was recently inspired to dig through mud. “At the bottom of my muck pile was the brown gold I’d been searching for. Soft and rich and ready to help our plants and flowers thrive.” Read more in her *#BeTransformed* blog here: [mennoniteusa.org/compost-canned-goods](https://mennoniteusa.org/compost-canned-goods)

Cincinnati Mennonite Fellowship artist Christian Dallas painted a mural that makes a powerful statement to the church’s neighborhood. Titled (by a church vote) “*The Beauty of Peace*,” the approximately 500 sq. ft. mural spans three walls. See a photo and learn more here: [mennoniteusa.org/peaceful-scene](https://mennoniteusa.org/peaceful-scene)

This *Giving Tuesday*, Mennonite Church USA thanks you for your support and gifts throughout the year. Every gift to the General Fund helps to support the work and ministries of the Mennonite Church USA Executive Board and staff, which in turn, supports area conferences, congregations and members. Learn more here. [mennoniteusa.org/give/](https://mennoniteusa.org/give/)