

Intergenerational Adult SS Class

Discussion led by Matt on the YouTube video,
"Redeeming Ritual: Penance Takes Practice"

MYF News

- **TODAY** – Soup'er Bowl Lunch Fundraiser (8:30 AM-2 PM), serving 11:30 AM-1 PM
- **Feb. 19** – OFF

JYF News

Grounded: Wisdom for Real Life from Proverbs & James
JYF meets from 6:30-8PM in the Wayland Mennonite Church Basement. Upcoming dates:

- Feb. 15
- Mar. 1
- Mar. 22
- Apr. 5



This week please remember in prayer Steve & Heather Freyenberger, Bridgett and Larz, and Phil Kleese

Pray for those dealing with medical issues:

Jane Miller (hip surgery recovery), Carol Long (cancer treatments), Myndell Boshart, Cindy Freyenberger Harms (cancer treatments), Pauline Wyse, Thomas Bennett, Jean Letts, Martha Marsh

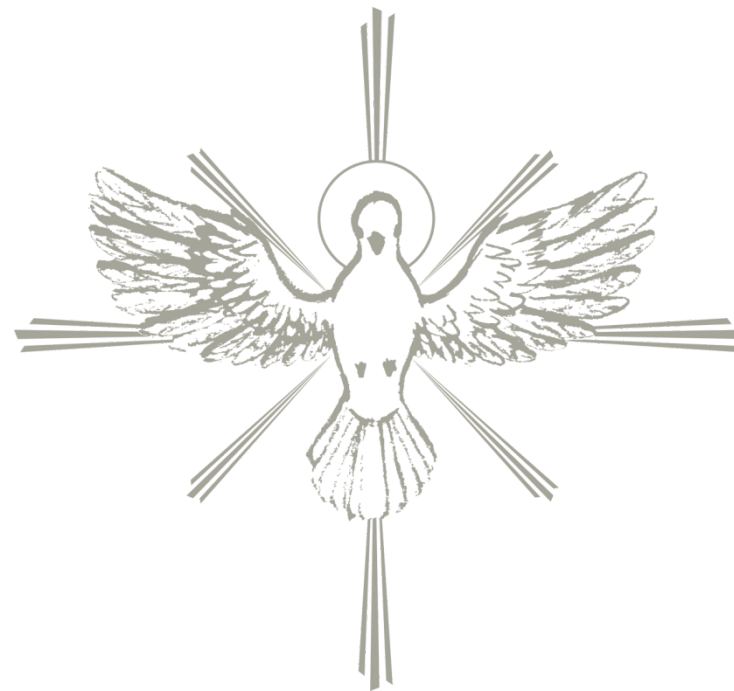
Pray for Iglesia Menonita Centro Cristiana, the Hispanic church plant in Washington, as they witness, preach, and teach the Word.

CPMC Prayer Request Pray for your sister churches in South Dakota: Sermon on the Mount in Sioux Falls and Bethany, Hutterthal, Salem, Salem-Zion and the House Church in Freeman.

MMN Prayer Request Christy Harrison and Peter Sensenig and their three children are engaged in ministry in Chad, jointly serving with Eastern Mennonite Missions (EMM) and Mennonite Mission Network. Pray for them as they share Jesus' love in their daily lives — Peter, as he teaches at Shalom Faculty of Evangelical Theology; Christy, as she works at a hospital; and their children, as they interact with classmates and neighbors.

LAST SUNDAY

Offering: Missions \$1,826; General Fund \$950; Home Missions \$350; Conference \$125



"The Holy Spirit: Working in Unexpected Places"
February 12, 2023



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Elders Office Hours: Wednesday, 9-11AM

February 12, 2023

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: Ledru Freyenberger

Song Leader: Kathy Roth

Piano/Organ: Abbey Shelman

Gathering

Welcome & Announcements

Silent Worship – Lighting of the Christ Candle

WB 26 Holy Spirit, come with power

Call to Worship & Opening Prayer

Praising

Create in me a clean heart

Confession

WB 46 I sing the mighty power of God

Hearing the Word

Scripture Reading: Acts 16:6-15 (NT p. 104)

Message: Nathan Luitjens, "The Holy Spirit: Working in
Unexpected Places"

Responding

WB 395 Here I am, Lord

Offering: Home Missions/LC (2/19 Home Missions/LC)

Prayers & Sharing

Sending

Benediction

What Does the Lord Require of You?

Thank you to Tim & Michelle Meyer for serving as ushers today.

NEXT SUNDAY

- Kent McDougal, Matthew 17:1-9

SUGAR CREEK NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

Coins for Camp: The month of February, the kids will be collecting Coins for Camp during offering. Money raised from this fundraiser will be used to purchase new climbing wall equipment and swimming pool supplies for CCCC.

Fellowship: Please use the sign up link or contact Michelle Meyer to provide cookies for fellowship time beginning in March.
signupgenius.com/go/4090e45aeab2da0fa7-sugar5/63243276#/

Save the date! Vacation Bible School will be held June 5-9, 2023. More details to follow.

Sunday School: Beginning March 5, we will be offering two adult Sunday School options. The Bereans/Pathfinders and Agape/Shalom will be studying from Salt & Light. The remaining classes will be having a discussion time led by Kent with the topic to be determined. Please know if you prefer one option over the other; you are welcome to attend either class. We look forward to strengthening our community through increased participation in Sunday school. We'd love to have you join us. Details to come.

From Crowded Closet: Thank you to the remarkable group of over 40 youth and adults from Sugar Creek for their record setting service at Crowded Closet Thrift Shop! You were our largest ever Sunday work group and fastest group to complete the retail sale rotation. Your support of Crowded Closet makes relief, development and peace work of Mennonite Central Committee more possible around the world. With your help, wells are dug, children receive education, mothers have access to healthcare, and so much more. Thank you for supporting Crowded Closet during this exciting time of growth in our new location.

TODAY

- **11:30 AM – 1:00 PM:** MYF Soup'er Bowl Sundae Fundraiser Lunch, Fellowship Hall. Free will donation toward summer MYF trip to Kansas City for #MennoCon23 convention

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

- **6:00 PM:** Elders Meeting, MYF Room
- **7:00 PM:** Church Council Meeting, MYF Room

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27

- **9:00 AM:** Worship Planning, MYF Room

FEBRUARY 12, 2023
AREA NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cradle of Hope: The Annual Banquet is coming up! Tamara and Kevan Zechin are hosting a table at the banquet and would love if you could join them. The banquet is April 15 at FCOC. Seating begins at 5:30 PM and the banquet begins at 6PM. Tickets are free, but there will be an opportunity to give at the end. Cradle of Hope is a valuable ministry in our community and this banquet is especially important as they plan to open a Mother's Home. Please contact Tamara if you are interested in attending the banquet.

CCCC: As Crooked Creek Christian Camp prepares for future growth - both in the short and long term - we, the camp staff and board, are inviting our supporting churches, friends and families to have a voice in this process. We ask that each congregation assemble a group(s) of supporters to prayerfully and respectfully answer some survey questions. We invite small groups, Sunday school classes, etc. to be a part! The survey has been emailed to your camp rep, pastor, and church office, please reach out to one of them for the survey. We look forward to hearing from you during this process!

Coins for Camp is the month of February – bring your extra change for donation! The money raised from this fundraiser will be used to purchase new climbing wall equipment and swimming pool supplies. As an added incentive to collect coins, we are offering a free 2 hour pool party or 2 free hours in the Activity Center to your church if you can raise \$450 or more!

Craft Retreat will be held March 3-5. A super fun way to spend your weekend! Come craft with us. To register visit our website at www.crookedcreekcamp.org

Hillcrest: Pray for Us! It's an exciting time to be a part of the Hillcrest community and we thank you for considering to join us with purposeful prayer. Please pray for God's leading to fill faculty and staff positions, wisdom for the middle school team as they plan for new students and families, discernment for tuition and financial planning, and God's love and guidance for students, faculty, staff, and board members. Visit docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeUm1DUtO2txaLUdkiz1Y41cDKnoUcDYdTbufUENBrIq0ah0A/viewform to select prayer options. Questions, email hillcrestpto@hillcrestravens.org.

Open Gym for 5th-8th graders on Sunday, February 12 from 2:00-3:30 PM (please note time change). Activities include: basketball, volleyball, matball, dodgeball, etc. Mitchell Drey (Hillcrest Academy Girls Basketball Coach) will head up the activities. Please bring a water bottle. Sign up at hillcrestravens.org/5-8events to join in the fun.

Leave the childcare to us on Valentine's Day! On February 14 from 5:00-8:00 PM, drop your kids off at Highpoint Church while you enjoy the evening. We will provide activities and snacks for children ages 1-12. Suggested donation of \$25 per child will benefit the Hillcrest Academy (Service And Learning Term) mission trip to Costa Rica. Please RSVP to Sierra at scheney@hillcrestravens.org.

The annual *Chili Supper* 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 18 from 4:30-7:00 PM in Hillcrest Union (gymnasium). Cost per meal is Adults \$10, Seniors 65+ \$9, Children age 4-12 \$5, age 3 and under free. Tickets can be purchased ahead of time from ANY Hillcrest Academy student or at the door. Takeout is available.

IF:Gathering Women's Conference is just under two months away! We'd love if you can join us March 3rd thru 4th at the Burlington Capitol Theater. This year, we're going to remind each other that we have what we need, because the Lord is our Shepherd. We're going to bring each other back to the basics, rallying around the fact that God made us, equipped us, and prepared us for good works. We're going to recognize there's a cost to this way of living, but prove that it's still worth it. And we're going to walk away really clear on our mission to serve God and disciple those around us. We are excited to be preparing for you all & praying you are able to gather with us! Register here: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfUvCdShW72sel6sFNZBVbtmjSGxFqKrNaQbrqHE5ZEEDbaWg/viewform>

MCC: Mennonite Central Committee is accepting donations to support people affected by the Feb. 6 earthquake in Türkiye (Turkey) and Syria. MCC is working with long-term partners in Aleppo and surrounding areas to provide emergency food, shelter, hygiene, sanitation supplies and trauma counseling. In a country already vulnerable from years of conflict, this was a devastating blow. You can share God's love and

compassion with our global neighbors by providing a gift online at mcc.org/earthquake, by calling (888) 563-4676 or by sending a check earmarked for "Syria and Türkiye earthquake" to MCC, PO Box 500, Akron PA 17501.

MCC and MCUSA are partnering in a new webinar series, *Beyond incarceration: A hard look at dismantling the prison system and building healthy communities*. Join us to learn about the ways the faith community is actively understanding and working against these complex systems of confinement. The webinars will take place on Feb. 7, Feb. 21, March 7, and March 21 at 6:30 p.m. CST/5:30 p.m. MST. They will be followed by learning tour opportunities in different parts of the U.S. Registration link: mcc.org/beyond-incarceration-webinars

MCC is seeking a Donor Relations Associate: This role is responsible for assisting in the implementation of the donor relations strategy for MCC Central States by stewarding major donors involving face-to-face contact to meet the budgeted income goals and generate the necessary resources to accomplish the mission of MCC. This is a full-time position; office location is flexible. Apply online by February 24 at mcc.org/donor-relations-associate. For more information contact Amber Falcón at 574-534-4133 or amberfalcon@mcc.org.

MCC Sale: Because we are not having an MCC Sale, the quilt committee has found a way to get quilts to the Kansas or Nebraska MCC sales. Quilts are needed by March 1st so they can be processed and advertised. Collection points and contacts will be arranged. MARK them well. Must have name of quilt, history if any, donor name. For more information call: Donna Rinner 319-256-3961, Karalee Martin 319-461-3018, or Karen Mast 319-256-7651. Thank you for supporting MCC.

MCUSA: What happens when you hold a Mennonite Church USA conference ministers retreat in San Francisco, California? Lots of chocolate (Ghirardelli, of course), conversation and connection! Connie Zehr, moderator and acting conference minister of New York Mennonite Conference, reflects on her experience at her first conference minister's retreat. Read more of her reflections here: mennoniteusa.org/connections-chocolate

For Frank Scoffield Sánchez, a speaker at Mennonite Church USA's recent Hope for the Future conference for BIPOC leaders, his example of faith as he was growing up was full of contradictions. When he and his wife became Mennonite, about seven years ago, he began to ask questions about these contradictions. Read more of his thoughts here: mennoniteusa.org/time-as-this

Mom Café: The next meeting of Mom Café will be tomorrow, Monday, February 13 from 6-7:30 PM at St. Alphonsus Catholic Church. Come enjoy snacks and drinks, games, conversations and prayer/worship time together. All moms are invited and welcome. At this time, we do not have childcare provided. If you have questions, give Tamara (319-217-2456) or Amy (507-696-0838) a call or text. You can also join our Facebook group - Mom Cafe. Invite your friends!