

Intergenerational Adult SS Class

Continued discussion on "The Liturgical Characteristics of Worship: The Enduring Structure of Worship"

MYF News

- **TODAY** – OFF
- **Feb. 26** – Bible Study at SC Church, 5-7 PM

JYF News

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

- Mar. 1
- Mar. 22
- Apr. 5



This week please remember in prayer Nathan, Rachelle, Mattias, Keiran & Tristan Luitjens, and Dale Widmer

Pray for those dealing with medical issues: Martha Hernandez (CPMC - Ramiro's wife, pancreatic cancer), Jane Miller (hip surgery recovery), Carol Long (cancer treatments), Cindy Freyenberger Harms, Pauline Wyse, Thomas Bennett, Jean Letts, Martha Marsh

Pray for the leaders and youth involved in JYF and MYF. Pray for God to bless the leaders with wisdom, understanding, and love for the youth they lead. Pray for God to bless the children and youth with willing hearts and the chance to be examples to others.

CPMC Prayer Request Pray for the Encuentro Andino Anabautista, a gathering of Anabaptists from Mennonite conferences from across the Andean region. Please pray that this gathering would be inspirational and would be a time of good fellowship. Pray also for safe travel for Nathan Luitjens and Joel Beachy who are attending this gathering as CPMC's representatives in the Ecuador Partnership.

MMN Prayer Request Mennonite Mission Network's Service Adventure leaders are gathering this week at Camp Friedenswald in Michigan. Pray for them as they worship, fellowship and discern together how to enrich their ministries in the households and communities where they live and work.

LAST SUNDAY

Offering: Home Missions \$1,910; General Fund \$650; Parkview Home \$200; Missions \$30



"A Light for the Way"
February 19, 2023



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Elders Office Hours: Wednesday, 9-11AM

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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: Ledru Freyenberger

Song Leader: Vi Graber

Piano/Organ: Tamara Zechin

Gathering

Welcome & Announcements

Silent Worship – Lighting of the Christ Candle

WB 14 Come, we that love the Lord

Call to Worship & Opening Prayer

Praising

Create in me a clean heart

Confession

WB 53 God of the earth, the sky, the sea

Special Music: Kylie Miller, acc. by Abbey Shelman

Hearing the Word

First Reading: Exodus 24:12-18 (OT p. 55)

Second Reading: 2 Peter 1:16-21 (NT p. 185)

Gospel Reading: Matthew 17:1-9 (NT p. 14)

Message: Kent McDougal, "A Light for the Way"

Responding

What does the Lord require of you?

Offering: Home Missions/LC (2/26 Home Missions/LC)

Prayers of the People

Sending

Benediction

WB 418 Move in our midst

Thank you to Garry & Lori Leichty for serving as ushers today.

NEXT SUNDAY

● Kent McDougal, Matthew 4:1-11, 1st Sunday in Lent

SUGAR CREEK NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

Adult Sunday School: March 5 we will begin new material – Bereans/Pathfinders and Agape/Shalom will use Salt & Light, taught by Ledru & Connie Freyenberger in the south classroom by the sanctuary. Remaining classes will have discussion time led by Kent with a topic to be determined, meeting in the Fellowship Hall; however, you are welcome to attend either class.

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#/#/](https://signupgenius.com/go/4090e45aeab2da0fa7-sugar5/63243276#/)

Gifting and Calling of an Elder: Sunday, February 26th, we begin the nomination process to select a new Elder for our congregation. Continuing Elders are Lisa Graber and Matt Slagel. Maria Roth is not seeking a second term. 1 Peter 5 and 1 Timothy 3 provide some Biblical and practical things to consider as we make our choice. Please read these passages and spend some time in prayer asking for the Lord's leading on your nomination.

Virtual Viewing Audio: We're aware that the audio during parts of worship, specifically when we're praising with music, is not ideal for those joining virtually. However, we haven't figured out a sensible way to correct these issues without sacrificing the integrity of the audio for those attending in person. If you miss the pleasing sound of praising God with music, please feel free to join us in person! – The Sound Committee

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

● **Ash Wednesday, no service.** United Church of Crawfordsville will have a 9AM service in their fellowship hall; Ainsworth Community Church service will be at 7PM

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8

● **6:00 PM:** Elders Meeting

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22

● **7:30 PM:** Church Council Meeting, MYF Room

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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.

CPMC: Please think about young people in your congregation who have demonstrated Jesus's way of love and peacemaking. This year the Central Plains Peace and Justice Task Group is doing the Peace Mug Award a little differently. We are seeking young nominations for the Conference's Peace Mug. We are looking for an emerging peacemaker. This can be anyone in their teens and twenties that you have seen doing small acts of peacemaking and kindness or who has spoken out in the face of injustice. Whom do you see as an emerging peacemaker in your congregation? Send names and a brief description of why you are nominating them to Jane Y-S (wilmajane17@gmail.com). We need them by Wednesday, March 22!

CCCC: The Crooked Creek Christian Camp board welcomes Amanda Bleichty to join the CCCC staff as a co-director with Heather Bender so they can take a collaborative approach to managing the Camp. Both Heather and Amanda have unique skill sets and we are excited about them working together to further the Camp's mission. Amanda begins March 1. Please join us in welcoming her to Crooked Creek's staff.

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

Crowded Closet: "My FAVORITE thrift shop!!! Love this place so much!!" - Hope S., Crowded Closet Thrift Shop Google review. Every day Closet volunteers and staff share love and compassion in southeast Iowa City that reaches around the world. Learn more about volunteering at Crowded Closet where your service contributes to the relief, development and peace work of Mennonite Central Committee in 45 countries around the world. Contact crowdedcloset.volunteer@gmail.com to learn more!

Hillcrest: The *Goshen College Chamber Choir* featuring Hillcrest Academy alumna Sarah Miller '21, will be performing in Celebration Hall on Wednesday, March 1 during the morning chapel time at 9:55 AM. The public is encouraged to come listen to the tour performance built around the theme "Lead with Love." Visitors, please check in at the main office.

Join hosts the Hillcrest Academy Compassion Club for a *Skating Party* for 5th-8th graders on Thursday, March 2 6:30-8:30 PM at the Wellman Skating Rink. We'll provide skates, cookies and 1 ticket for a drink. Please bring money for additional snacks & drinks from the concession stand. Sorry, no water bottles allowed. Parents will need to pay for themselves if they stay. Please sign up:

docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdojQI8c8HmWGdYmxD9KqX-TydXTV_3dkv0JGFPox0wrR_few/viewform.

Save the date for the Hillcrest Academy spring production of *The Show Must Go On*. The original playscript written by Andrea K. Farrier will be performed in Celebration Hall on March 24 and 25. Look for more details soon.

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/1FAIpQLSfUvCdShW72sel6sFNZBVBtmjSGxFqKrNaQbrqHE5ZEBDBaWg/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: Cynthia Lapp, pastor at Hyattsville Mennonite Church in Maryland, writes about the challenges she has faced serving as a chaplain to the local police – and the impact this work has had in her community and in her own life. Read more: mennoniteusa.org/police-reform-hyattsville

Interested in volunteering at MennoCon23, Kansas City, Mo., July 3-6? Mennonite Church USA is seeking coordinators for special events, children's and junior youth programming, and more! Fill out a form here: mennoniteusa.org/mennocon-volunteer-form