

Intergenerational Adult SS Class

Finishing up discussion on "The Enduring Structure of Worship" and beginning "Sacramental and Active Participation"

MYF News

- **Feb. 26** – Bible Study at SC Church, 5-7 PM
- **Mar. 3 & 4** – IF Gathering for girls at Roth Retreat
- **Mar. 4** – Boys hang out at Oswalds

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 – Parent Invite Night
- Mar. 22
- Apr. 5



This week please remember in prayer Mary Jo Richard, Opal Reschly, and Don Eichelberger

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

CPMC Prayer Request Pray for the good and peace-filled work of the Agape Peace Center and the Minnesota Peacebuilding Leadership Institute, both in Minnesota.

MMN Prayer Request Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Iglesia Cristiana Menonita del Perú (Mennonite Christian Church of Peru), as they witness about the Prince of Peace during a time of national unrest.

LAST SUNDAY

Offering: Home Missions \$1,996; General Fund \$775



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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: Matt Slagel

Song Leader: Dana Oswald & MYF

Piano/Organ: Mattias Luitjens/Kathy Yoder

Gathering

Welcome & Announcements

Silent Worship – Lighting of the Christ Candle

Come Bless the Lord

Call to Worship & Opening Prayer

Praising

WB 353 Lord, listen to your children

Confession

WB 521 Come, thou fount

Hearing the Word

First Reading: Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7 (OT p. 2)

Second Reading: Romans 5:12-19 (NT p. 119)

Gospel Reading: Matthew 4:1-11 (NT p. 2)

Children's Story: Lori Miller

Message: Kent McDougal

Responding

In My Life, Lord Be Glorified

Offering: Home Missions/LC (3/5 Missions)

Prayers of the People

Sending

Benediction

WB 119 Praise God from whom

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, John 3:1-17, 2nd Sunday in Lent

SUGAR CREEK NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

Adult Sunday School: Beginning March 5, 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, 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#/

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1

• **9:00 AM:** Mennonite Women, Fellowship Hall. Casserole lunch provided

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.

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/1FAIpQLSdojQl8c8HmWGdYmxD9KqX-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: We'd love if you can join us March 3-4 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/1FAIpQLSfUvCdShW72sel6sFNZBVbtmjSGxqKfNaQbrqHE5ZEbDbaWg/viewform>

Iowa Mennonite Historical Society: The Mennonite and Kalona Historical Societies are hosting a soup supper (sit down or drive thru) on March 10th, 11-1 and 5-7:30 at the Kalona Village Welcome Center. Crackers, roll and dessert will be served along with your choice of chili, cheesy potato, or cheesy broccoli soup. Your free will donation will be much appreciated.

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March 31, 2023 will be an Appraisal Day for Quilts (for a fee) at the Kalona Historical Village Welcome Center. To schedule an appointment, please contact Charleen Richtsmeier at quilter47.cr@gmail.com or 641-847-2879. You can also direct questions to Nancy Roth at the Kalona Historical Village at 319-656-3232.

MCC: *MCC Central States Annual Meeting*, Saturday, March 4, 1-3 p.m. you are invited to hear from MCC SALT alum Jason Schmidt and current IVEP participant Naomi Kwanza share about their MCC experiences. Naomi, from Tanzania is working at Jason's Grazing Plains Farm in rural Kansas acquiring skills for making cheese and other dairy products to use back in her home country. Catch up with MCC Central States staff, find out about work happening across the region, check out the MCC building progress and enjoy some Grazing Plains cheese! Please RSVP to tinaschrag@mcc.org if you plan to attend. Thanks!

Put your faith in action by volunteering with SWAP this summer! MCC's SWAP (Sharing With Appalachian People) home repair program provides short-term service and learning opportunities for churches, school and university groups, families, other groups and individuals. Now is the time to make your summer plans and sign up! More information and registration at swap.mcc.org or (606) 634-4418.

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: During the first week of December 2022, the Executive Council of Mennonite World Conference (MWC) met to finish the business that they had begun in Indonesia in July. Linda Dibble, moderator for Mennonite Church USA and the MWC North American representative for the United States, shares about her experiences of connection with a diverse group of Anabaptists here: mennoniteusa.org/together-global-church

In celebration of the birthday of Anabaptism, which occurs on Jan. 21 each year, Mollee Moua, managing editor of the Anabaptism at 500 Project at MennoMedia, a Mennonite Church USA agency, shares about the work of making the Bible more accessible to all. Read her thoughts here: mennoniteusa.org/dangerous-work-scripture-together