

Adult SS Classes

- Discussion led by Kent: "The Church Year and the Lectionary," Fellowship Hall
- Salt & Light led by Ledru & Connie Freyenberger; southwest classroom by the sanctuary

MYF News

- **Mar. 12** – Bible Study @ Wayland Menno Church, 5-7 PM
- **Mar. 19** – OFF
- **Mar. 26** – Bible Study @ 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. 22
- Apr. 5
- Apr. 19



This week please remember in prayer Tim, Michelle, Morgan, Cole & Blake Meyer, and Clarence Unternahrer

Pray for those dealing with medical issues: Karen Meyer, Garry & Lori Leichty (recovery from procedures), Martha Hernandez (CPMC - Ramiro's wife, pancreatic cancer), Jane Miller (hip surgery recovery), Carol Long (cancer treatments), 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 SE Iowa: First of Iowa City, West Union, Wellman, East Union, Kalona, Washington, Wayland, Sugar Creek, Pleasant View, and Zion Mennonite Churches.

MMN Prayer Request From her home in Burkina Faso, Anicka Fast serves with Mennonite Central Committee (MCC), Mennonite Mission Network and Mennonite World Conference. One of her ministries is to amplify the voices of African Christian historians. Pray for her as she helps facilitate a history-writing workshop for Congolese Mennonites in Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo, this month.

LAST SUNDAY

Offering: Home Missions \$4,100; General Fund \$3,500; Missions \$1,702

THIRD
SUNDAY IN

Lent

SHAPED THROUGH THIRST

JOHN 4:5-42

March 12, 2023



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Elders Office Hours: Wednesday, 9-11AM

March 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: Maria Roth

Song Leader: Kathy Roth

Piano/Organ: Kathy Yoder

Gathering

Welcome & Announcements

Silent Worship – Lighting of the Christ Candle

MH 7 God Himself is with us

Call to Worship & Opening Prayer

Praising

WB 353 Lord, listen to your children

Confession

WB 582 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah

Hearing the Word

First Reading: Exodus 17:1-7 (OT p. 49)

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-11 (NT p. 118)

Gospel Reading: John 4:5-42 (NT p. 72)

Children's Story: Lori Miller

Message: Kent McDougal, "Jesus and the Woman at the Well"

Responding

In My Life, Lord Be Glorified

Offering: Home Missions (3/19 Home Missions)

Prayers of the People

Sending

Benediction

WB 431 God be with you (v.1)

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

NEXT SUNDAY

• Kent McDougal, John 9:1-41, 4th Sunday in Lent

SUGAR CREEK NEWS

Adult Sunday School Book Study: The new class discussion led by Kent begins March 19, studying from the book, "Life on the Vine: Cultivating the Fruits of the Spirit." Copies are available in the foyer.

Bible Study: Lisa Graber will begin leading a Bible study on Thursday, March 23 at 9 AM in the MYF Room. Details to come!

Easter Lilies: Lilies in memory of a loved one may be purchased for \$10 each; a signup has been posted on the north bulletin board. Money may be given to Katy in the church office. Signup deadline is March 19th. They will be used as sanctuary decorations and may be taken after the Easter service.

Easter Choir: All women singers are invited to be a part of special music for Easter Sunday. We will practice on Sunday, March 26 at 6:30 PM and Wednesday, April 5 at 5 PM. Please text or call Orpha Yoder (319-750-0776) or Kathy Yoder (319-750-0696) to let us know we can count on you. Thanks!

Elder Nomination: Continue to pray for those considering the call in the continuation of the Elder selection process.

Fellowship: Please use the signup link or contact Michelle Meyer to provide cookies for fellowship time. Dates are available April-May. signupgenius.com/go/4090e45aeab2da0fa7-sugar5/63243276#/

Getting Ahead Meals: Please let Lisa Graber know if you are able to provide a meal for Getting Ahead classes on Mondays in April. They meet for supper at 5:45 PM in the Parkview basement. Meals should serve 5. Thanks!

SE Iowa Symphony Orchestra: Mattias Luitjens will perform with the SE Iowa Symphony Orchestra March 18-19. Three concert times are available, and tickets may be purchased in advance: seiso.us/upcomingperformances. Contact Lisa Graber if you would like a ride to attend the 6:30 PM concert on 3/19 at the Iowa Wesleyan Chapel Auditorium!

Thank you: We would like to thank our church family for all the food, text messages, and visits during the time that Jane was laid up. God bless you all, it helped a lot. ~Jim & Jane Miller

UPCOMING EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15

- No Elders office hours

SUNDAY, MARCH 19

- **9:00 AM:** Parkview Worship

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22

- **7:30 PM:** Church Council Meeting, MYF Room
- **9:00-11:00 AM:** Elders Office Hours

MONDAY, MARCH 27

- **9:30 PM:** Worship Planning, MYF Room

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29

- **11:30 AM:** 70's+ Lunch, Fellowship Hall. Rides available – contact Maria Roth

THURSDAY, MARCH 30

- **5:30 PM:** AMOS Class Meeting, Fellowship Hall. Supper and childcare provided!

FRIDAY, APRIL 7

- **7:00 PM:** Good Friday Service

SUNDAY, APRIL 9

- **8:30 AM:** Easter Worship Service; fellowship time and Sunday School to follow. *No 10:30 AM worship service.*

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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: Crooked Creek Wild annual challenge-course mud run is coming up May 6, 2023. A free-will donation lunch will follow the event. The purpose of CCW is to raise money for the Summer Camp Fund which provides funds for families who may not otherwise be able to afford the cost of camp, summer staff stipends, and other special summer camp activities. Register before April 14 to secure your official CCW t-shirt!
crookedcreekcamp.org/ccw.html

Crowded Closet: Crowded Closet Thrift Shop in Iowa City is bursting with anticipation of spring! Help is needed with the generous growth in material donations and bustling customer service. Volunteers transform thrift items into global relief, development, and peace. Sign up to serve this week where needed most: <https://tinyurl.com/5n7cpwkz>. To learn more, contact Christine Maust Beachy, Volunteer Coordinator, 319-337-5924 or crowdedcloset.volunteer@gmail.com.

Hillcrest: The Hillcrest Academy Compassion Club is hosting a blood drive on Monday, March 20 from 7:30-11:30 AM to benefit ImpactLife. Each donation saves 3-4 lives! Appointments are required. New donors, as well as regular donors, are welcome. To set up an appointment, please call the office (319-656-2073), email Leanne Bender (lbender@hillcrestravens.org), or sign up online at: login.bloodcenter.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/111985

The Hillcrest Academy spring production of *The Show Must Go On*, an original playscript written by Andrea K. Farrier, will be presented Friday, March 24 at 7:00 PM and Saturday, March 25 at 3:00 PM. We will be receiving a freewill donation for a local charity in lieu of ticket sales. Doors will open 30 minutes before each show. Check out hillcrestravens.org/drama for more details.

Iowa Mennonite Historical Society: 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: *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.

MCUSA: Mennonite Church USA has hired a climate justice intern, Sarah Werner, as part of an effort to provide a continual emphasis on creation care. This internship is funded by a Schowalter Foundation charitable funding distribution awarded to MC USA in late 2021. Read more about her work here: mennoniteusa.org/news/climate-justice-intern

"What time is it in the Mennonite Church?" Keynote speaker Frank Scoffield Sánchez posed this question at Mennonite Church USA's 10th Hope for the Future conference on Feb. 3-5. More than 70 Black, Indigenous and people of color gathered for "Such a Time as This," which was the weekend's theme. Read more about the conference here: mennoniteusa.org/news/hope-for-the-future Read more about the honorees here: mennoniteusa.org/news/hope-for-the-future-honorees

Mennonite Church USA is proud to acknowledge Clara Weybright's peacebuilding work with the 2022 #BringthePeace Young Peacemaker award, sponsored by the denomination's Church Peace Tax Fund. Clara is a graduate of Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Virginia, where she studied environmental science. She is currently a Juris Doctor candidate at Temple University Beasley School of Law, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. See her interview here: mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/clara-weybright

As one of the two keynote speakers for the Pastors and Leaders Conference: Reimagining Ministry, that took place on Feb. 13-16, 2023, April Yamasaki is imagining a way forward for ministry in the church. Her congregation was challenged by the many adaptations of living during a pandemic, and she reflects on what she learned through their unimagined time of change. Read more of her thoughts here: mennoniteusa.org/reimagining-ministry

In March 2022, members from Central District Conference visited Americus Mennonite Fellowship, as part of the Sacred Listening Project, and the story of Nashua "Nash" Chantal stood out as epitomizing the Mennonite imperative to live a life that works to bring love and justice to a hurting world. Learn more about The Sacred Listening Project and "Nash's" story here: mennoniteusa.org/want-to-make-difference