

Adult SS Classes

- Book discussion led by Kent, *Life on the Vine: Cultivating the Fruit of the Spirit*; Fellowship Hall
- Salt & Light led by Ledru & Connie Freyenberger; southwest classroom by the sanctuary

MYF News

- **TODAY** – OFF
- **Mar. 26** – Bible Study @ SC Church, 5-7 PM
- **Apr. 2** – 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:

- Apr. 5
- Apr. 19
- May 3
- May 17



This week please remember in prayer Dave & Nancy Eichelberger and Jean Roth

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 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 CPMC's Partners in Mission, Philip Friesen and the Agape Peace Center. (You can find out more about each of them on the CPMC website)

MMN Prayer Request Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Elena and Freddy Satalaya and their toddler, Matías, as they transition, after five years of ministry in Peru, to Santa Cruz, Bolivia, where they are serving with Bolivia Mennonite Church. Pray for them as they engage in discipleship training and leadership training.

LAST SUNDAY

Offering: Home Missions \$2,140; Missions \$225

FOURTH
SUNDAY IN

Lent

CALLED TO THE LIGHT

JOHN 9 : 1-41

March 19, 2023



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Elders Office Hours: Wednesday, 9-11AM

March 19, 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: Matt Slagel

Song Leader: Vi Graber

Piano/Organ: Tamara Zechin

Gathering

Welcome & Announcements

Silent Worship – Lighting of the Christ Candle

[Video] 23 – *Girl Named Tom*

Call to Worship & Opening Prayer

Praising

WB 353 Lord, listen to your children

Confession

WB 356 Gentle Shepherd, come and lead us

Hearing the Word

First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1-13 (OT p. 202)

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14 (NT p. 150)

Gospel Reading: John 9:1-41 (NT p. 78)

Children's Story: Lori Miller

Message: Kent McDougal, "The Light of the World and the Man
formerly known as Blind"

Responding

In My Life, Lord Be Glorified

Offering: Home Missions (3/26 Home Missions)

Prayers of the People

Sending

Benediction

STJ 74 Now go in peace

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

NEXT SUNDAY

- Kent McDougal, John 11:1-45, 5th Sunday in Lent

SUGAR CREEK NEWS

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 TODAY. They will be used as sanctuary decorations and may be taken after the Easter service.

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#/

Women's Easter Choir: Contact Orpha or Kathy Yoder if you are interested in singing on Easter Sunday. Practices will be Sunday, March 26 at 6:30 PM and Wednesday, April 5 at 5 PM.

UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY

- **9:00 AM:** Parkview Worship, Tamara Zechin
- **6:30 PM:** SE Iowa Symphony Orchestra Concert, featuring Mattias Luitjens; Iowa Wesleyan Chapel Auditorium. Contact Lisa Graber if you would like a ride!

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 23

- **9:00 AM:** Book Study led by Lisa Graber, MYF Room. Books available in the foyer, or you can order your own

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 or Lisa Graber

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.*

MARCH 19, 2023
AREA NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

423 Worship Concert: Join us at Hillcrest's Celebration Hall (1421 540th St, Kalona) for a free concert for community youth, held on Saturday, April 8 at 6PM (doors open at 5:30 PM). 423 provides free worship concerts to the youth and families of the community, and is made up of people from various local churches coming together on purpose. All ages welcome! More information at 4twenty3.org.

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

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 hired Warren Yoder as the director of constituent engagement. In this new position, Yoder will help the denomination connect more fully with its member churches, organizations and individuals. Read more about his work here: mennoniteusa.org/news/director-of-constituent-engagement

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

Mennonite Church USA will host a webinar for more information about what to expect during MennoCon23 on March 30, 2023 at 7 pm ET/4 pm CT. Stay up to date on the latest convention news by subscribing to Peace Mail, the denomination's only news source here: mennoniteusa.org/peacemail

The word "home" is something that Christians talk about frequently. But what happens when someone is experiencing physical homelessness? Kyle Nye, author of "Grace Can Lead Us Home: A Christian Call to End

Homelessness,” the current CommonRead selection for the denomination, discusses topics around how Christians can respond to this call: mennoniteusa.org/grace-can-lead-us-home

Parkview: Sunday, March 26, Parkview Home will be holding a fundraiser lunch in the basement community meeting room from 11 AM – 2 PM. Lunch will include walking tacos, dessert and a drink. Free will donations will help pay for a handicap accessible transport bus and dining room chairs. Takeout orders available! Call 319-256-3525 with questions.