



This week please remember the following people in prayer:

Kevan Zechin, Tamara Gill and Steve, Risa and Chance Kaufman

Pray for those dealing with cancer: Bob Hartzler (Orpha Yoder's brother), Nicky Goehring (Mary Jo Freyenberger's sister).

Pray for those dealing with medical issues: Sheldon Miller, Kole Hudson, Lela Miller, Mercedes Ellard, Denise Nebel,

Gerald Nebel, Kathryn Nebel, Gary Garton (April Eichelberger's father).

Pray for our missionaries, Jane and Jerrell Ross Richer and their children, Sierra, Naomi, Teresa, and Jordan. They are serving in the Pastaza Region of Ecuador. Pray for guidance as they support indigenous pastors and leaders in themes of creation care, economic justice, rights of women and children, and community development initiatives. The Ross Richers' home congregation is Waterford Mennonite Church in Goshen, Indiana. You can follow the Ross Richers at <http://twowaymission.net>.

Central Plains: Pray for Shana Peachey Boshart, conference minister for Christian formation, as she begins a three-month sabbatical this week. She will use the time for rest, practicing contemplative prayer and studying intercultural competence.

LAST SUNDAY

Attendance: 102 **Offering:** Home Missions \$2,599;
Elder's fund \$200; Missions \$25; Sounds System \$1,000; Conference \$50; Rent \$300; Loose Change \$46.94

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January 1, 2017

*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.*

10:00 a.m.: Worship

Worship Leaders: Paul & Annette Boshart VonTersch
Song Leader: Kathy Roth
Piano: Deb Roth

Happy New Year!

Gathering

This Baby by Steven Curtis Chapman
Call to Worship & Lighting of the Advent candle
Welcome & Announcements
Opening Prayer

Praising

WB 208 Love came down at Christmas
WB 218 As with gladness men of old

Hear the Word

Special Music by Tim Meyer
Scripture Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6 (OT pg. 535)
Matthew 2:1-12 (NT pg. 1)
Message: Bob Hartzler, "A Star for Everyone"

Response

WB 143 Amazing grace!
Offering: Conference & Coins for Camp (1/8/17 Home Missions)
Sharing and Prayers

We Are Sent

Benediction
WB 328 O God, our help in ages past

The oil lamp by the organ is a prayer reminder from the Committee on Peace and Social Concerns. It will be lit for every service as a reminder to pray for peace and for the people of our world who are caught in war and violence.

THIS WEEK

WEDNESDAY, January 4

Mennonite Women - The project is sewing kits. Please bring a sack lunch, dessert will be provided.

1 pm, Elder's Meeting at the church

6 pm, JYF Pudding Party! Bring or wear an OLD SHIRT!!

NEXT SUNDAY

SUNDAY, January 8

Message: Rachelle will be introducing a new series on the Sermon on the Mount. Scripture reading: Matthew 5:1-16.

6 pm, Peace & Social Concerns Discussion: Immigration

6 pm, MYF Bible Study

SUGAR CREEK NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Take Notice! The Bible Reading Challenge in the foyer is ready for 2017. Sign up today and work towards reading through the Bible in a year.

In order to better provide care for those in the hospital please contact one of the pastors or an elder if you or a family member are (or will be) hospitalized.

Service Trip Update: We currently have 13 people going to Calaveras County California with MDS from March 12-18. There is still opportunity to join the group if you are interested. Please let Nathan or Rachelle know as soon as possible.

AREA NEWS AND EVENTS

Sign-up for **Winterfest** at CCCC, January 13-15 NOW! See your sponsor for more information or contact the camp office. This is for grades 6-8.

It's January and **Coins for Camp** for Crooked Creek. This year *Make a Splash with Coins for Camp* to assist in updating the pool liner, pool steps and overhead lights. NEW this year, each coin is twice the splash **matching the first \$1,500** thanks to anonymous donors.

The WACO School District backpack program has need for meat to send home with children for weekends. The program has processing and freezer space lined up but need the meat. Right now a hog or half of beef would be appreciated.