



**This week please remember the following people in prayer:** Corey, Renae, Madelyn, and Ryker Farmer.

**Pray for those dealing with cancer:** Gary Garton (April Eichelberger's father), Perry Rich (Vernon & Jean Roth's grandson), Michael Stauffer (Dareld Stauffer's son), Nicky Goehring (Mary Jo Freyenberger's sister) and Tim Detweiler.

**Pray for those dealing with medical issues:** Denise Nebel, Gerald Nebel, Royce Roth, Doris Nelson, Kathryn Nebel, Harold Miller, and Dareld Stauffer.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Odessa Theological Seminary is closed for four months during the winter to save on heating costs. Pray for Mary Raber of Mennonite Mission Network as she prepares courses for classes scheduled to resume in March.

**Central Plains Mennonite:** Pray for the workshop on Conflict Transformation Skills to be held next weekend in Freeman, South Dakota. Pray that many will learn valuable skills they can put to use in their relationships and congregational leadership roles.

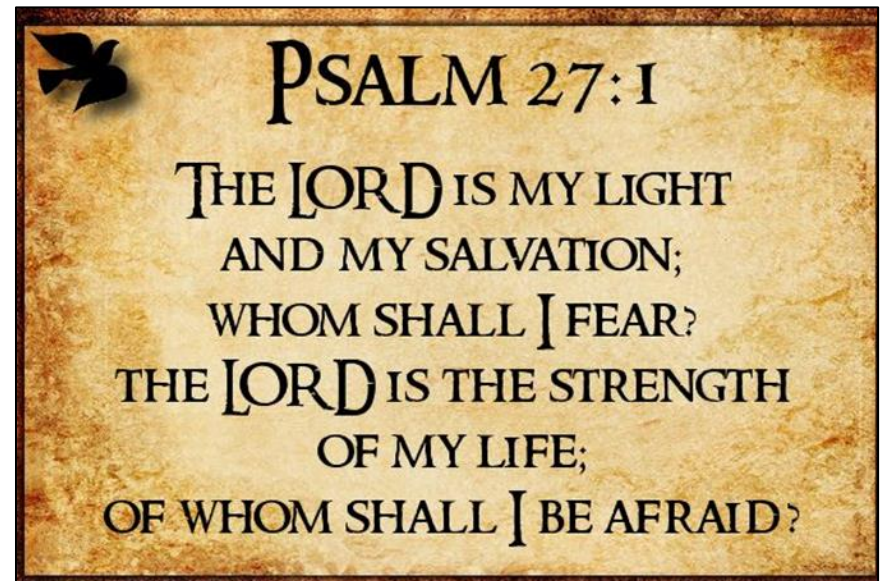
**Pray for Iglesia Menonita Centro Cristiana,** the Hispanic church plant in Washington, as they witness, preach, and teach the Word.

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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.*

8:45 a.m.: Prayer in the Prayer Room  
9:15 a.m.: Sunday School  
10:10 a.m.: Fellowship Time  
10:30 a.m.: Worship

Worship Leader: Doran & Cindy Conrad  
Song Leader: Kathy Roth  
Piano/Organ: Lori Graber

***Gathering***

We have come into his house  
Welcome & Announcements  
Call to Worship  
Opening Prayer

***Praising***

WB 558 When the storms of life are raging  
No longer slaves

***Hear the Word***

Children's Church  
Scripture Reading: Psalm 27 (pg. 535 of OT in pew Bible)  
Message: Nathan Luitjens "Don't Be Afraid – God is Present"

***Responding***

STJ 97 The Lord is my light  
Offering: Home Missions (1/17 Education)  
Sharing & Prayers

***We Are Sent***

Benediction  
STJ 105 Don't be afraid

**All interested 8th-grade** students (and transfers considering IMS) are invited to a visitation day on January 18. Special activities to commemorate the life of Martin Luther King, Jr. will take place throughout the day, and visitors will have the opportunity to visit classes, eat lunch on campus, and meet other potential students. Please contact the school with questions, or register online at [www.iowamennonite.org](http://www.iowamennonite.org).

**Brett Erickson, local director of Safe Families for Children**, will be speaking about Biblical hospitality and the ministry of Safe Families during the morning worship service at Lower Deer Creek Mennonite Church on Sunday, January 17, 2016, at 10:00 a.m. Anyone interested is invited to attend and to stay for a carry-in fellowship meal and informal question and answer time which will take place immediately following the service.

*Sermon Notes & Prayer Requests*



**The Crowded Closet Thrift Shop, Iowa City, is seeking a part time Furniture Assistant.** This position would involve organizing and assisting with deliveries and pickups, transporting inventory and other items to and from the storage building, managing recycling, among other duties. Applicant must be able to work in a fast paced environment, be on your feet, be able to lift 30-50 lbs., work both independently and as part of a team. Looking for three 8-hour days, ideal candidate would work two Saturdays a month. Excellent public relation skills are required. For more information or detailed job description contact the Crowded Closet at 319-337-5924 or email crowdedcloset.gm@gmail.com. Applications will be accepted until January 15 or until the position is filled.

**Central Plains Mennonite Conference and the Ecuador Partnership are planning a Fellowship and Learning Tour to Ecuador June 3-15, 2015.** The purpose of this trip is to support Mennonite churches in Ecuador, Indigenous churches in Ecuador, and Central Plains Mennonite Conference by developing relationships with the Ecuadorian churches and learning about mission in their context. The number of participants is limited to 8 people. If you are interested in going to Ecuador this spring, please see the information sheet on the pastor's bulletin board.

**Movie Night Lower Deer Creek Mennonite Church** (1408 540th St SW, Kalona) will be showing War Room on Sunday, January 17 at 6 pm. From the award-winning creators of Fireproof and Courageous, WAR ROOM is a compelling drama with humor and heart that explores the power that prayer can have on marriages, parenting, careers, friendships, and every other area of our lives. You are invited to this FREE event that also includes snacks and child care. To learn more about this powerful movie, visit [www.warroomthemovie.com](http://www.warroomthemovie.com).

**Dear Sugar Creek Church Family,**

Thank you so much for your prayers, cards, and food during this difficult time. You have blessed our family in so many ways. Our Dad received Christ as a young dad and served him faithfully all his life. He wanted everyone he met to know about Christ and how he had changed his life and could change theirs too.

God bless all of you  
In Christian love,  
Deb Leichty & family

SUGAR CREEK NEWS

**Sugar Creek MYF News**

**Today, January 10th, 6p.m.:** Bible Study. Jackson in charge of snacks and devotions.

**Sunday, January 17th, 6p.m.:** Movie Night & PJ.

**Rachelle is at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary** in Elkhart, Ind., studying this week. Please pray for safety as she travels.

**Office Hours** – The office will be closed on Monday. It will be open from 9 a.m.– noon on Tuesday-Friday.

**Pauline Wyse is looking** for someone to write the news for Sugar Creek for the Mennonite World Review. This person needs a computer. Please contact her if you are interested.

**MYF has volunteered to have the service of Valet Parking** for the Sugar Creek church on days when the conditions are snowy, icy, or below 0. The MYF will be available at 8:45 AM on those Sundays.

**Bible Reading Plans for 2016** are now available in the foyer. You can pick to read the whole Bible in a year or the New Testament in a year.

**Primary and Jr Department offering and loose change** will go to On His Path for the month of January.

**THIS WEEK**

**Today, January 10**

• **2:50 p.m. Promiseland and Xplore kids are singing at Parkview Home today!** Please meet at Parkview at 2:50 p.m. to be ready to sing at 3 p.m. Parents: please stay at Parkview so that your child can go home with you when we are done. No evening meeting.

• **5 p.m. Teacher's Meeting** tonight for Circle of Grace in the Fellowship Hall. This is for all who teach Kindergarten-MYF.

**NEXT WEEK**

**Thursday, January 21**

• 7 p.m. Church Council Meeting

**LAST SUNDAY**

**Attendance:** 140

**Offering:** Home Missions \$5,875; Conference \$3,630.02; Washington Hispanic Church \$300; Parkview Home \$150; Missions \$100; Iowa City Hispanic Church \$100; Loose Change December 27th \$91.23

### Office Manager

**New Office Manager** – We are very grateful to Katie for her service as our office manager over the last several months and we wish her well in her new opportunity. With her leaving we are beginning the process of looking for someone to take on the role of office manager for Sugar Creek.

- The job will be 12-15 hours/week over 2-3 days/week. This person will have to be able to work Fridays and the other days will be negotiable.
- Applicants will need to have computer skills with a working knowledge of Microsoft Office (Word, PowerPoint, Excel and Access). Any experience maintaining web pages and web design is a plus.
- The complete job description is posted on the pastor's bulletin board or available from the church office.
- Interested persons should turn in a resume to a member of the executive committee (Bob Meyer, Wendy Scarff, Pam Gerig Unruh, Rachelle Luitjens or Nathan Luitjens) by January 24, 2016.

**Church Office Hours** – As we are beginning the search for a new office manager for the church here is what you need to know about contacting the church office.

- Office Hours – 9 a.m. - noon Monday-Friday unless otherwise stated in the bulletin. If you need something from the church office outside of those hours please contact a pastor and we will set up a time to meet.
- Bulletin Announcements – email to [sugarcreekmc@farmtel.net](mailto:sugarcreekmc@farmtel.net) or call and leave a message on the answering machine.
- Church Rentals and Other Business – Contact the pastors during regular office hours, or leave a message on the answering machine and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

### PARKVIEW HOME

**Open House** – There will be an open house at the Widmer Duplex located at 201 N Lincoln in Wayland on Sunday January 10, 2016 from 2-5 PM. We will be accepting sealed bids until 1/25/16. Bids to be addressed to: Parkview Home ATT: Mary Quigley, Administrator PO Box 38 Wayland, IA 52654.

### CROOKED CREEK CHRISTIAN CAMP

**January 15-17, 2016, is WinterFest** for junior high students. Information packets are available from your church office or youth sponsor.

**Save the date: April 2-3, 2016, is a one night High School Retreat.** Details to come in January.

**Sunday afternoon open gym** at the Crooked Creek Camp Activity Center. Open gym will be the third Sunday at 3-5pm. Dates are: January 17, February 21, March 20, and April 17. Climbing wall available February 21.

**Monday morning open gym** at the Crooked Creek Camp Activity Center for parents and young children (Pre-Kindergarten and younger) from 10am-Noon. Dates are January 18, February 22, March 21, and April 18.

**Need an indoor project for the cold winter months?** Consider creating, crafting, making or building an item for this year's Iowa Mennonite Relief Sale general auction. Proceeds from the sale support the global work of Mennonite Central Committee; "relief, development and peace in the name of Christ." Contact auction chair Lynn Yoder at 319-325-3670 or [ey5840@netins.net](mailto:ey5840@netins.net) for more information.