



This week please remember the following people in prayer: Cary, Nancy, Taylor, Lindsey, and Meredith Roth.

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: Janet Stucky of Mennonite Mission Network and her colleague, Rigobert Sossa, are working with a nutrition program in Benin. Pray for safety in their travels to train 400 community leaders in 100 villages about food health and hygiene.

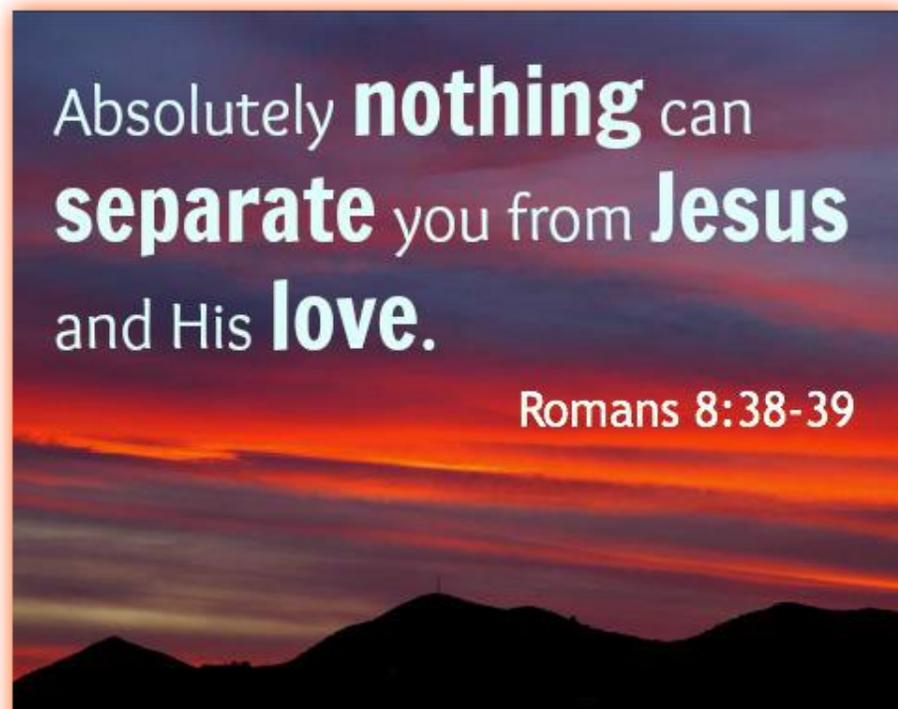
Central Plains Mennonite Pray for those planning Youth Escape 2016, the weekend retreat for all Central Plains youth to be held July 15-17, 2016 at a camp in central Iowa. Pray that many youth will participate and deepen their relationship with Christ.

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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: Kathy Yoder

Gathering

We have come into His House
Welcome & Announcements
Call to Worship
Opening Prayer

Praising

WB 332 Blessed Assurance
No longer slaves

Hear the Word

Come and See Children's Story
Scripture Reading: Romans 8:12-39 (pg. 120 of NT in pew Bible)
Message: Nathan Luitjens "Don't Be Afraid – God has Adopted Us"

Responding

WB 616 Children of the Heavenly Father
Offering: Education (1/24 Home Missions & Loose Change)
Sharing & Prayers

We Are Sent

Benediction
SJ 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.

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.

"Pleasantview Home" Do you want to be a person of influence? Are you willing to provide quality service with compassion and integrity? Please consider joining our team! Your mission? Enabling our residents to live life to the fullest! Available positions and shifts are:

CNA: 2nd shift (2 p.m. – 10 p.m.) full-time & part-time. Also available 3rd shift (10 p.m. - 6 a.m.) part-time.

RN/LPN Charge Nurse: 1st shift (5:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.) part-time & full-time. Another option 3rd shift (9:30 p.m. - 6:30 a.m.) part-time.

All full-time employees are eligible for benefits. Applications available on line at www.pvhome.org and in our main lobby M –F 8:00 a.m. – 4:300 p.m. Interested but not certified? I will be happy to answer your questions, Karen Schrock. KarenSchrock@pvhome.org or 319-656-2421 Ext. 121"

Thank you Cory and Renae Farmer for serving in the nursery today.

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.

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.

Sermon Notes & Prayer Requests



SUGAR CREEK NEWS

Thank you for all of the prayers, cards, phone calls and visits during my recent surgery and recovery. They were greatly appreciated. Ron Miller

Office Hours will be **closed on Tuesday** this week, but will be open from 9 a.m.– noon on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and 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 17

• 6-7 p.m. Promiseland and Xplore

Tuesday, January 19

• 6:30 p.m. Worship Planning

Thursday, January 21

• 7 p.m. Church Council Meeting

NEXT WEEK

Sunday, January 24

•No Promiseland and Xplore this week

LAST SUNDAY

Attendance: 115

Offering: Home Missions \$5,717; Parkview Home \$2000

Sugar Creek MYF News

• **Today, January 17th, 6p.m.:** Movie Night & PJ party.

• **Sunday, January 24th, 6p.m.:** Bible Study. Halle in charge of snacks and devotions.

• **Sunday, January 31st, 6p.m.:** Bible Study. Nolan in charge of snacks and devotions.

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 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.

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 for more information.

Here is delightful way to spend next Saturday evening. Saturday, January 23, 7:30 pm, the Wartburg College Castle Singers will be in concert at Swedesburg Evangelical Lutheran Church. The Singers are a 20 member ensemble of advanced vocalists. The group has performed all across the USA, Europe, the Middle East, Latin America, Australia and many other places. This is a free will offering event which goes to the Singers. This event starts the year of celebration for Swedesburg's 150th anniversary.

I.N.G. What is that you might ask? Well, the pastors and elders, with the help of you, are going to begin intergenerational events once a month! The events will be for all ages and we are calling it I.N.G.! The word PASSIONATE is in Sugar Creek's mission statement and we desire that all would be passionate about serving Jesus Christ and letting our lights shine around us! Our goal is to be God's faithful community getting closer to Jesus by building relationships with others.

February 14 at 5:30 pm is our first I.N.G. Night in the fellowship hall! We will be decorating Valentine cookies, playing games and we will also have a time for devotions! Save the date on your calendar and we hope to see you there!

Crooked Creek Christian Camp

Bummed you're "too old" for Winterfest? Save the date April 2-3 to be at Crooked Creek for a one night High School Retreat of woods games, worship and wolfing down food!

Coins for Camp is in February! This year we hope to purchase a new camera to take photos and video. Join with other churches in this fundraising. We plan to post a fabulous picture slideshow after each week long camp with highlights from that week.

TODAY is open gym at the Activity Center 3-5pm.