



This week please remember the following people in prayer Matt, Jen, Gavin and Corine Slagel.

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, and Dareld Stauffer.

Mennonite Mission Network: Lauren Baer, Laura Haar, Malte Kaliske, Jessica Lindsay, and Pablo Lorenzana make up Mennonite Mission Network's Service Adventure unit in Albany, Oregon. Pray for them as they work with Habitat for Humanity, care for older adults, help in the local school system, and engage in ministries with homeless people.

Central Plains Mennonite: Tim Detweiler began chemotherapy treatments on January 20. Pray for courage, strength and for God's healing as he begins his journey of fighting cancer.

Today we offer anointing for:

Healing –

- Physical, emotional, or spiritual brokenness and pain

Struggling with something in your life –

- Longing to be set free from something that seems to have you trapped
- Dealing with a difficult decision
- Dealing with relationships in your life that are causing you pain
- Difficult situation that you don't know how to deal with

Looking forward to something new in your life –

- New opportunity or relationship that you are excited about
- You feel God is calling you to try something and you need God's strength and wisdom for the task.

If you would like to be anointed, please go forward after the service.

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...So don't be afraid; you are
worth more than many
sparrows.

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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: Kathy Roth
Song Leader: Nathan Luitjens
Piano/Organ: Shirlyn Graber

Gathering

My soul cries out
Welcome & Announcements
Call to Worship
Opening Prayer

Praising

STJ 103 Why should I feel discouraged
No longer slaves

Hear the Word

Scripture Reading: Matthew 10:16-31 (pg. 8 of NT in pew Bible)
Message: Rachelle Luitjens "Don't be Afraid – You are Worth More Than a Sparrow"

Responding

STJ 97 The Lord is my light
Offering: Missions (2/7 Home Missions)
Sharing & Prayers

We Are Sent

Benediction
STJ 105 Don't be afraid

MCC News:

You're Invited to join the MCC Central States Board and Staff at our annual Community Engagement Event on Saturday, Feb. 27. Our event this year will be held in the chapel at Tabor College in Hillsboro, Kan. from 8:30-10:45am focusing on Mass Incarceration. We will have a variety of speakers share with the group and time for questions and answers. Please call our office to let us know if you'll be attending at 316.283.2720. All our welcome to attend this informative event with opportunity to engage with MCC board and staff!

Mennonite Central Committee has a great resource on the topic of Conscience Objection for teachers/sponsors/pastors who work with high school and Jr. High age youth. **Please pass this email along to the people in your church who work with these age groups. Ben's Story is a 6-part series of videos and PDF lessons** for you to use to engage youth on the topic of Conscience Objection. Ben Peter's told his story at the Mennonite Church USA convention in July of 2015. We encourage you to consider incorporating this material into your upcoming lessons. It is thought provoking and could lead to fruitful and lively conversation with youth at your church.

Interested in mass incarceration? How about immigration? MCC has large scale, multi-panel displays available for your congregation to use on these topics. To help you engage in these topics, MCC will cover the cost of shipping the displays to your church. All you have to do is let us know when you'd like them! *When a Parent is in Prison* gives a glimpse of life for the two million children with a parent in prison. *Ladder without Rungs* explores metaphors of suffering and trauma from survivors of violent crime to express their experiences, and from life-sentenced prisoners to describe the sentences they are serving. *People on the Move* tells the human stories of migration. If your church would like to help with the cost of shipping, your donation would be accepted, but for 2016 it is not required. Call 316.283.2720 for more information and email exhibits@mcc.org to make your reservations today!

Sermon Notes & Prayer Requests



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

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!

Thank-you for all the prayers, cards, phone calls, visits, and food brought in while I was laid up from my fall. They were all greatly appreciated. ~Harold Miller

Our thanks to you all with warmest thanks, grateful heart, and deep appreciation for your deeds in kindness and thoughtfulness that you did for Marion & Opal Reschly this past year. What special people you are. Sincerely, Opal Reschly, Rod Reschly & Cindy Butcher.

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.

IMS School News

Iowa Mennonite School's *Chamber Singers*, under the direction of Josh Tyson, are available to present their annual "Singing Valentines" on Friday, February 12. For \$35, the select group of seven singers will present two songs and a box of chocolates to individual recipients (\$60 for a group). Please contact the school to reserve a spot for the day.

SUGAR CREEK NEWS

Parents- during the month of February all children in Kindergarten-12th grade will be taught lessons from the Circle of Grace curriculum. We are teaching Circle of Grace so that children will know what their own Circle of Grace is, God's love within that circle, and appropriate boundaries to keep them safe. If you have any questions please contact Rachelle.

Spark, a women's Bible study to rediscover the joys of being created in God's image and to nurture your own creative spirit, will meet during Lent on Monday nights at 6:30pm. Beginning February 15th and ending March 21st. Questions? Ask Pam Gerig Unruh or Rachelle Luitjens.

Office Hours will be open from 9 a.m.– noon on Monday-Friday.

Advocates and youth: The church's I.N.G. Night on Sunday, February 14, is a perfect opportunity to do something together. The night will begin at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall and will include decorating Valentine cookies, playing games, and time for devotions. We hope you take advantage of this night to spend some time together!

The Sugar Creek MYF is looking forward to hosting the church and community for Souper Bowl/Sundae. We will serve immediately after church on Sunday, February 7. There will be a free will offering for our Mission Trip to Santa Fe, New Mexico summer 2016. We will serve soup, salad, bars and ice cream sundaes. .

Due to low use of the service, the MYF will no longer offer valet parking this winter.

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

THIS WEEK

Sunday, January 31

•**Promiseland and Xplore 6-7 p.m.**

Wednesday, February 3

•**Mennonite Women Project:** Offering for Mennonite Women USA Scholarship Program. Lunch: sack lunch with dessert provided.

•**1:30 p.m. Elder's Meeting** at Karen's house

Upcoming

Sunday, February 7

•**Souper Bowl/Sundae** MYF fundraiser for Mission Trip immediately following church.

LAST SUNDAY

Attendance: 141

Offering: Home Missions \$5,733; Education \$50; Loose Change \$70.89

WACO Community School

WACO Vocal Concert - February 22nd - 7 p.m. The WACO junior and senior high choruses will perform in concert on Feb. 22 in the HS gym. The choruses will combine to sing the final song, "He Never Failed Me Yet." Mrs. Koch invites any adult who would like to join in singing in the finale to attend any high school rehearsal during 1st period (8-8:45 a.m.) on Mondays and Wednesdays. There will also be a rehearsal at 5:45 p.m. before the concert that evening. Admission to the concert is \$3 for adults and \$2 for students. Activity passes will be accepted.

SINGING VALENTINES The WACO high school chorus members will be delivering singing Valentines on Friday, February 12th. For \$20 a group of students will serenade the recipient of your choice with either "Let Me Call You Sweetheart" or the Muppets song, "Life's a Happy Song". They will also deliver a fresh flower or small box of chocolates. Just call the WACO school office to place your order. Mrs. Koch will then contact you to confirm the time and place. Proceeds to a music trip in the Spring of 2017.

Card Shower

The family of Gerald and Kathryn Nebel would like to invite individuals from Sugar Creek and the Wayland area to participate in a card shower for their 65 Wedding anniversary that is coming up on February 18. Leaving Iowa has been a big adjustment for them. They are now in skilled nursing and doing okay, but have aged a lot. They would love to hear from you, more especially, what you are doing. That's what they miss the most -- hearing about the everyday activities of family, friends, and neighbors. You can mail cards/notes to Brian Nebel, 225 S. College Dr. Hesston, KS 67062.

Sugar Creek MYF News

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

Sunday, February 7 Souper Bowl/Sundae MYF fundraiser for Mission Trip immediately following church.

Sunday, February 14th I.N.G night in the Fellowship Hall 5:30.

Sunday, February 21st, 6p.m.: Bible Study. Matthew 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 31, 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.