



This week please remember the following people in prayer: Tim, Michelle, Morgan, Cole and Blake Meyer

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

Pray for our missionaries, Jane and Jerrell Ross Richer and their children, Sierra, Naomi, Teresa, and Jordan. Due to a recent change in Jerrell's health, their travel plans to return to Ecuador have now been delayed. We request your prayers for Jerrell & Jane and their family as Jerrell underwent surgery on Wednesday, January 4 in Indianapolis. Their departure date will now be dependent on the recovery from Jerrell's surgery. We will keep you informed as we receive news and updates from them.

Central Plains: Please pray for God's guidance for the Pastoral Leadership Committee as they meet Saturday, January 14. Also, on this first Tuesday of the month, you are invited to fast and pray that God would make a way for the Max and Gloria Villatoro Family to be reunited.

LAST SUNDAY

Attendance: 75

Offering: Conference \$3,362; Parkview Home Assoc \$50; Home Missions \$600; Iowa City Hispanic Church \$200; Coins for Camp \$100.



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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 am: Prayer in the Prayer Room
9:15 am: Sunday School for all ages
10:10 am: Fellowship Time
10:30 am: Worship

Worship Leader: Nathan Luitjens
Song Leader: Worship Band
Piano: Lori Graber

Gathering

Shout to the Lord
Call to Worship
Welcome & Announcements
Opening Prayer

Praising

Revelation song
Amazing Grace
STJ 94 Blest are they

Hear the Word

Children's Story with Maria Roth
Scripture Reading: Matthew 5:1-16 (NT pg. 3)
Message: Rachelle

Response

WB 226 You are salt for the earth
Offering: Home Missions & Coins for Camp (1/15/17 Education)
Sharing and Prayers

We Are Sent

Benediction
Oh God you are my God

TODAY

Following worship service, Service Trip Update in MYF Room

•**6 pm,** Peace & Social Concerns Discussion - Join us as we continue our series of discussions about the issues we are facing in the world today. This month's topic: Immigration. The world is full of immigrants, some of them documented, some who are undocumented and some who are undocumentable. People move for many different reasons, but often the underlying issue is a search for opportunity, for them and especially for their children. In the Old Testament the people of Israel were told to "love those who are foreigners, for you yourselves were foreigners in Egypt." (Deuteronomy 10:19) What do we think about this law that was given to the people of Israel? What does it reveal to us about God? Is it still binding for us today? Why or why not? And if this law still matters, what does it look like to live this out in our world today? According to 1 Peter 2:11 we are also to view ourselves as "foreigners and exiles." What does it mean for us as followers of Jesus to adopt a posture of seeing ourselves as immigrants in the world? How might that change our view towards other immigrants?

•**6 pm,** Promiseland/Xplore

•**6 pm,** MYF Bible Study

THIS WEEK

Wednesday - No JYF

Friday, January 13 – Sunday, January 15 – Winterfest at CCCC
Rachelle will be in Elkhart this week for class at AMBS

NEXT SUNDAY

Scripture Reading: Matthew 5:17-26

Message: Nathan

Small Groups meet in the Evening

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, January 19

•**6 pm,** Circle of Grace Teacher Training (PK-MYF) in Fellowship Hall

•**7 pm,** Church Council meeting in MYF room

SUGAR CREEK NEWS

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.

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. Join our update meeting after church if you would like to be a part of the service trip.

AREA NEWS AND EVENTS

NEST PROJECT. The Family Connection in Mt. Pleasant, works with families in Henry County that have children under the age of five. We have many programs including parenting classes, support groups, and home visitation. We also have an incentive program called **The Nest**, where parents can “purchase” items with points they earn through participation in our services. The Nest often relies on donations to keep its shelves stocked. Sugar Creek has agreed to collect items during January. All donations are greatly appreciated and can be placed in the Pack & Play in the foyer. Suggested items are: baby lotion, baby wash, diaper rash cream, toothpaste and toothbrushes, kid’s shampoo and conditioner, pacifiers, baby washcloths, ear thermometers, sippy cups and bottles, and nail care kits. Thank you for your thoughtful generosity.

Sign-up for **Winterfest** at CCCC TODAY! Winterfest is NEXT weekend, January 13-15. See Lisa Graber 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. We will be collecting coins each Sunday during the month of January. The church who raises the most money per child will win a free pool party or party at the Activity Center!

With a new year comes new opportunities to volunteer at Ten Thousand Villages in Iowa City. With the store now being a successful permanent store, volunteers are needed to help assist customers every day. Contact Cassidy at [319-519-2104](tel:319-519-2104) or iowacity@tenthousandvillages.com if you can help occasionally or on a regular basis. Your volunteer spirit provides a livelihood for artisans in 38 countries. Take a shopping trip to the Village store at 105 S Dubuque St, Iowa City.

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.

J-POG (Just Peace Outreach Group) invites you to hear Sandra Stevens describe her work as an advocate for human rights in Iraqi-Kurdistan. Sandra has returned from over a year in Kurdistan including the time when ISIS captured Mosul. Join us on Sunday evening, January 15, 2017 at East Union Mennonite Church, 5615 Gable Avenue, Kalona, IA at 6:00 p.m. for a finger-foods potluck and conversation (please bring your own table service) or at 7 pm for Sandra's presentation and discussion. For more information call Roger Farmer at 319-653-2547 or email Jane Yoder-Short at wilmajane17@gmail.com.