



**This week please remember the following people in prayer:**

Phil & Tyler Kleese and  
Ron & Wendy and Quinn Scarff

**Pray for those dealing with cancer:**

Thomas Bennett (Cassie Graber's brother)

**Pray for those dealing with medical issues:** Royce Roth, Roni Stowers, Ann Blosser, Mike Bennett (Cassie's uncle), Christopher Liechty, Ollie Yutzky, Patsy Trussell, Inez Roth, Collins DeVaul, Lela Miller, Martha Marsh, Mercedes Ellard, Denise Nebel, Gerald Nebel, Kathryn Nebel.

**Update on Royce Roth:** Royce is home and waiting on more testing. At this time he is very weak and is going to rest and try to get his strength built back up. Eileen and Royce appreciate prayers and would love cards and short phone calls, but no visitors at this time

**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>.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Delicia Bravo and Peter Wigginton of Mennonite Mission Network serve alongside communities in Ecuador to help *Vida Juvenil* become a thriving, locally organized project. Pray for them as they help mothers, children and youth become grounded in a better quality of life.

**Central Plains:** We invite you to pray and fast for the Max and Gloria Villatoro family on Tuesday of this week, that their family might be reunited soon.

**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.

#### **LAST SUNDAY**

**Attendance:** 182

**Offering:** IMS/CCCC: \$4167.50; Home Missions: \$1060.00; Missions: \$125.00; Conference: \$30.00; Parkview: \$50.00; Waco Ministerial: \$50.00 and CCCC: \$770.00



**October 1, 2017**

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**October 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.*

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 Leaders: Tim & Michelle Meyer  
Song Leader: Kathy Roth & Worship Team  
Piano: Deb Roth

***Gathering***

*I will sing of the mercies of the Lord*  
Welcome & Announcements  
Call to Worship  
Opening Prayer

***Praising***

*WB 70 Immortal, invisible, God only wise*  
*WB 598 A wonderful Savior is Jesus*

***Hear the Word***

Come & See Children's Story with Jen Slagel  
Story Telling with Jesus  
Scripture Reading: Luke 18:1-8 (p. 62 NT)  
Message: Nathan, "Parable of the widow"

***Response***

*MH 337 What a friend we have in Jesus*  
Offering: Conference (10/8 Home Missions)  
Sharing and Prayers

***We Are Sent***

Benediction  
*May the Lord, mighty God*

**TODAY**

Sugar Creek shared the morning service at Parkview.

**•5:00 pm thru the evening** - *Food Packaging for Hurricane Victims* –at Eicher. Individuals or SS classes are welcome to volunteer to package food OR donate money. Our church has committed to packaging and paying for \$1,000 worth of meals. Eicher will provide a hot dog roast for supper following the packaging.

**THIS WEEK**

***WEDNESDAY, October 4***

**Daytime Mennonite Women** - Our project will be to collect an offering for the WACO backpack program. A soup lunch will be provided. In preparation for devotions, please consider this question, "In what way does literal feeding connect with spiritual feeding in your life?" Scripture reference John 21:15-19.

**•6:30-8 pm, JYF** - ALL WACO 7th & 8th graders AND friends, are invited to the JYF (Junior Youth Fellowship) Annual Hayride and Bonfire/Weiner Roast at 2561 320th Street (Alicia Lemon's house). Please dress for weather! For more information, text Myrna Joy Wenger at [319-461-6644](tel:319-461-6644).

**•7 pm**, Join Nathan for a Covenant Discussion –"Being God's Faithful Community". Nathan will lead a 4 week Bible study looking into the covenant of spiritual practices that was adopted by Central Plains Mennonite Conference.

***THURSDAY, October 5***

**•3 pm**, Elder's meeting at the church

**NEXT SUNDAY – October 8**

Message by Nathan, Luke 14:15-24 – *Come to the Banquet*

***Jesus invites us to his table***

We will be sharing communion. Baskets for the Elders' Sharing Fund will be available. The Elders' Sharing fund is used at the discretion of the Elders to take care of special needs in the congregation and in the community. Please consider contributing to support these needs.

**5 pm, Promiseland/Xplore** – All kids ages Kdg-6<sup>th</sup> Grade!!!

**Promiseland and Xplore** will kick off a new year **NEXT Sunday, October 8 at 5pm**. Our theme is "Kids Can Be Blessed" and we will explore the power of the Beatitudes together. Songs, crafts, games, stories, snacks and so much more will be shared on the second and fourth Sundays of most months from October through April. Please invite all children and friends (**ages kindergarten through 6th grade**) to come to **Sugar Creek Mennonite Church**. If you have questions, call Tamara at [319-217-2456](tel:319-217-2456). Hope to see you there!

#### **MYF News**

**Oct. 8, 6 pm** – Bible Study, Matthew Leichty has devotions & snack

**Oct. 22, 6 pm** – Bible Study, Nolan Eubanks has devotions & snack

**MYF Pop can Drive – OCTOBER 14-** Please deliver your cans to the bin or call Karm or Jan to arrange pickup. Money from the drive will be distributed to MDS for hurricane relief, the WACO backpack program, and On His Path Christmas gifts to Guatemala.

#### **SUGAR CREEK NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Congrats to Alan Hesseltine & Kelly Watson!** They were married yesterday in Pensacola, Florida. We wish them God's blessing. Their new address is: Alan & Kelly Hesseltine, 6264 Ladera Trail, Pace, FL 32571

**Thank you** to everyone who participated in or came to our wedding celebration! We were so blessed to be surrounded by family and friends who love us so much. Your generosity and kindness filled our hearts with joy! Our new address is: Kevan and Tamara Zechin, 1404 E Primrose St. Mt. Pleasant, IA 52641.

**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.

**Women's Bible Study** – Please sign up **TODAY** on the North bulletin board for an evening Fall Bible study. We will be using Shauna Niequist's study guide *Present over Perfect* and will meet on Monday nights at 7pm, beginning October 16<sup>th</sup>. This is a five week study (we will take one week off for Special Meetings) and has a study guide for each participant (\$7.00). Dates are Oct. 16, 23, 30, and Nov. 13 and 20.

**Christmas is Coming!!** The primary and junior department will once again be joining On His Path to collect Christmas gifts for boys and girls in Guatemala! Gifts should be placed in a gallon size Ziploc<sup>®</sup> bag and collected at church **no later than Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>**. Thank you for helping us with this project!

**Gift Suggestions:** Hot Wheels cars, small stuffed toys, crayons, stickers, small puzzles, trading cards, jump ropes, toothbrushes, hairbrushes and clips, etc. (*Please do not include any food including chewing gum or hard candy as this can delay packages at customs and create a messy situation if something leaks or melts! Please do not include toys that require batteries as these are often difficult for families to acquire.*) **Questions:** Contact Renae Farmer or Jen Slagel.

**FALL CLEANUP** – Check the shelves by the kitchen for your dishes. Any dishes remaining at the end of October will be taken to the Crowded Closet. Thanks!

**WACO CROP DRIVE** will be taking place on October 1 through 31, 2017. Please see your mailboxes for additional information.

#### **AREA NEWS AND EVENTS**

**J-POG (Just Peace Outreach Group)** invites you to hear Pastor Jose address the topic, "Ministering to refugees." Pastor Jose ministers to the poorest of the poor in a squatter settlement in northern Mexico. Join us on **THIS EVENING, October 1, 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 the presentation and discussion. For more information call Roger Farmer at [319-653-2547](tel:319-653-2547) or email Jane Yoder-Short at [wilmajane17@gmail.com](mailto:wilmajane17@gmail.com).

#### **CROOKED CREEK CHRISTIAN CAMP**

**SENIOR DAY is October 12** with musician and story-teller Paul Siebert. Paul is a musician, song writer and story-teller. Hailing from Lincoln, Nebraska, Paul travels a five state area sharing music and stories that include venues such as history re-enactments, weddings, nursing homes, schools and coffeehouses. You are likely to hear a song you love with a wide range of musical ability playing pop, rock 'n roll, country, gospel to folk music on one of his 8 instruments. Come to Crooked Creek to tap your toes and clap your hands as you listen to Paul Siebert lighten your day! Open to whoever wants to have a fun day.