



This week please remember the following people in prayer: Tracy, Holly, Roman, Rajan and Reese Roth

Pray for those dealing with cancer:
Thomas Bennett (Cassie Graber's brother),
Bob Speake (Martha Marsh's brother)

Pray for those dealing with medical issues: Bernice Herman (Kevan Zechin's grandma), Eileen Roth, Roni Stowers, Ann Blosser, Mike Bennett (Cassie's uncle), Christopher Liechty, Ollie Yutzy, Patsy Trussell, Inez Roth, Collins DeVaul, Lela Miller, Mercedes Ellard, Denise Nebel, Gerald Nebel, Kathryn Nebel.

Mennonite Mission Network: Today, 26 Mennonite Voluntary Service participants begin their five-day retreat at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp in Colorado. Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for safe travels and a meaningful time of worship and fellowship.

Central Plains: Pray for those who are planning and participating in the webinar on Tuesday at 7:30pm, "Listen Closely: Facilitating good discussion," the second in our series of three free webinars offering practical tips for leading Bible study. Also pray for the Annual Meeting Task Group meeting Thursday.

In the past four weeks, people have experienced devastating loss due to natural disasters – hurricanes, fires – and by human hands. There is no greater time than right now for God's people to pray for the healing balm and love of our Almighty God, and to work toward peace. This month we invite you and your congregation to consider contributing to rebuild *Academia Menonita Betania in Puerto Rico*, and to engage in practices toward being a peacemaker. Feel free to include the links in your e-newsletter or bulletin.

Mennonite Mission Network, along with Mennonite Education Agency, partner with *Academia Menonita Betania*, a Mennonite school in Puerto Rico that was badly damaged by Hurricane Maria. Click this link for the story [Betania School Rebuilding Fund](#), or contribute to their recovery efforts by texting Betania to 71777.

The Peace and Justice Support Network, www.pjsn.org, offers resources to encourage people and communities to practice peacemaking.

LAST SUNDAY

Attendance: 135



October 22, 2017

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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: Mark Graber
Song Leader: Kathy Roth & the Junior Department
Piano: Abbey Shelman

Gathering

WB 37 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
Welcome & Announcements
Call to Worship
Opening Prayer

Praising

Celebrate Jesus
Love the Lord your God
Not be shaken

Hear the Word

Story Telling with Jesus
Scripture Reading: Luke 14:25-33 (NT pg. 59)
Rachelle, "Counting the Cost"

Response

WB 26 Holy Spirit, come with power
Offering: Home Missions/Loose Change (10/29 Home Missions)
Sharing and Prayers
Welcoming new members ~ Ron & Deb Reid,
Roni Stowers, Lori Leichty and Corey Farmer

We Are Sent

Benediction
STJ 73 The Lord lift you up

TODAY

•5 pm, Promiseland & Xplore – Kids Can Be Blessed: We will have a scavenger hunt game that you will not want to miss! So, invite all of your friends (K-6th) and come to church from 5-6pm. We hope to see you there!

THIS WEEK

MONDAY, October 23

•7:00 pm, Women's Bible Study – Meet in the MYF room. Rachelle is leading a study on the book, *Present Over Perfect*, by Shauna Niequist.

TUESDAY, October 24

•7:30 pm, Central Plains Bible Study Webinar is around the corner! Join us for: *Listen Closely: Facilitating good discussion*, we will cover what leaders do to make a discussion go well. These webinars are especially for Sunday School teachers and Bible study leaders, but anyone is welcome.

WEDNESDAY, October 25

•4 pm, Worship Planning meet in the MYF room

•6 pm, JYF – We will meet at Wayland Mennonite. Supper from 6-6:45 & meeting from 6:45-7:44! Bring NEW socks/undies (any size) for flood victims. We will be wrapping the donations to send away. (Don't forget to "multiply your talents" and be prepared to share what you did!) . LIVE to GIVE!

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

NEXT SUNDAY – October 29

Message by Nathan, Matthew 20:1-6, "Vineyard Workers"

•5:30 pm, Small Group will meet at Randy and Shirlyn's home.

MYF News

TONIGHT, 6 pm – Bible Study, Nolan Eubanks has devotions & snack

Oct. 29, 6 pm – Parent Nite – Bring your parents and learn about MYF & Mission Trip 2018.

POINSETTIA SALES HAVE BEGUN! Please order yours at the table in the foyer or find a MYFer to place your order! Thanks for your support!

MCC is responding to disasters taking place around the world. Even before the most recent natural disasters from hurricanes, earthquakes and floods, MCC was running extremely low on comforters and relief kits. Our goal is to ship 83,000 relief kits by March 2018 and we need 7,000 comforters by November. Visit mcc.org/mrc/kits for full kit information and from there click through to our Amazon Wish List for easier shopping and shipping. Just bring or ship kit items to MCC Central States [121 E. 30th St. North Newton, KS 67117](http://121.E.30th.St.North.Newton.KS.67117).

CROOKED CREEK CHRISTIAN CAMP

Employment Opportunities are available at Crooked Creek that include Office & Guest Services Manager and Housekeeping Manager. Go to our website for more details. crookedcreekcamp.org

WOOD CUTTING DAY is November 11 starting at 8am until finished. Lunch is provided, please RSVP by calling the camp office or emailing Tim at crookedcreekcamp.org.

ANNUAL MEETING is November 14 with dinner served at 6:15pm. Meeting and stories of camp begin at 7:00pm. All are invited to celebrate camp ministry.

CRAFT RETREAT is November 17-18, from 3pm to 3pm. One night with meals and snacks. Details available at crookedcreekcamp.org

November 5-7, FALL SPECIAL MEETINGS

with Jonathan Larson. The topic will be, "*What does it look like when the church of Jesus Christ engages with his mission in the world?*"

We will be providing dinner at 6 pm on Monday and Tuesday evenings. Please sign up on the north bulletin board if you will be joining.

Sunday, Nov. 5 Morning Worship – 10:30 am

Mission: A "Just So ..." Story

Broaching the notion that mission today must look like Jesus' own manner, that we are a sent people walking in his mission footsteps. Mission is not only about 'What', but also 'How'.

POTLUCK following the worship service

Sunday, Nov. 5 Evening Worship – 6:00 pm

Humble with Jesus (Phil. 2:5-13)

Jesus lays aside status, pretense and power, accepting birth in a stable and keeping company with the disgraced and forgotten, the little people. We are invited to do the same.

Monday, Nov. 6, 6:00 pm - Dinner in the fellowship hall

Monday, Nov. 6, 7:00 pm

Homeless with Jesus (Mt. 8:20)

Jesus openly declares that he is 'homeless' in his mission; that he is prepared to give up customary affiliations, reaching out beyond social conventions and institutions.

Tuesday, Nov 7 – Noon - **Lunch with Jonathan (Please sign up)**

Come join Jonathon for lunch to hear more of his stories and have the opportunity to ask questions and join in discussion.

Tuesday, Nov. 7 – 6:00 pm - Dinner in the fellowship hall

Tuesday, Nov. 7 – 7:00 pm

Healing with Jesus (John 14:12)

If we have been healed - restored in relationship, in mind, soul, body - by the mission touch of Jesus, then we are invited to follow in that healing train of compassion for the world.

SUGAR CREEK NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

We welcome Ron & Deb Reid, Roni Stowers, Lori Leichty and Corey Farmer into our congregation today. Continue to pray for these individuals as God continues to move and work in their lives.

We give our condolences to the Royce Roth family. Please pray for Eileen and the family as they grieve the passing of Royce. The memorial service for Royce will take place on Saturday, November 4 at 11 am. More details to follow later.

Youth Faith exploration class will begin NEXT Sunday. Please talk to one of the pastors or an elder if you are interested.

Mennonite Women will meet Wednesday, November 1 for Guest Day! Bring a friend or friends. Project will be relief kits.

Lunch – Potato Bar (Bring a potato for yourself and your guest.)
Devotions – John 8:2-11, “Confront”

Question: Is it difficult for you to speak out against injustice? Who is being “stoned” in the WACO community?

WACO Backpack Program – The extension committee is organizing a food drive for the month of October. Please leave your food donations on the table in the foyer and they will be delivered to the pantry in Crawfordsville. Thanks for your generosity in helping feed the kids in the WACO community!

Promiseland/Xplore. We are STILL needing volunteers for Promiseland and Xplore. If you love working with students (Ages K-6th grade), then we would love to have you share your gifts with us. We will meet two Sundays on most months through April at Sugar Creek from 5-6pm. Any help you can give would be welcome! Please contact Tamara (319-217-2456). This opportunity is open to high school students and adults. Thanks!

A mission trip to Guatemala is being planned for March 23-30. Please talk to one of the pastors if you are interested. This trip will require a passport, so please plan ahead.

WACO CROP DRIVE continues through October. Once again, 25% of the proceeds will be used within our own WACO community. In 2016 this money supported the WACO summer lunch and backpack programs. Please give generously!

Christmas is coming!! The primary and junior department are once again joining *On His Path* to collect Christmas gifts for boys and girls in Guatemala! Gifts must be collected by **Sunday, November 5th**. Thank you for helping us with this project! To pick

up a list of gift suggestions and a bag, please see the table in the foyer. **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!

AREA NEWS AND EVENTS

You’re invited to WAYLAND MENNONITE MYF LUNCH TODAY. They will be serving taco pile-ups and desserts after church until 1:00. Free-will donations will support their summer service trip.

SAVE THE DATE: Curtis Fry is coming to Kalona on October 25th two different times: 9:30 a.m. @ IMS (sponsored by IMS PTO) and 6:30 p.m. @ the Middle School (sponsored by local business') Families, youth, and all of the community are welcome to come hear him share his testimony about how the choices we make everyday impact our lives path. The choices he made on his 21st birthday changed the direction of his life. Read more about Curtis at curtisfry.com Questions please email Cindy Bontrager at cindybon14@gmail.com.

You’re invited to the Olds UCC Harvest Supper on Thursday, Nov. 2. The meal will be turkey and stuffing, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll, salad and pie. Serving will start at 5:30 and is family style seating. The meal is a free will donation. Everyone is welcome!

SAVE THE DATE! Parkview Lunch Fundraiser, November 12.

IMS will present the fall musical, *Anne of Green Gables*, directed by Michael Swartzendruber and Alisa Kandel. Performances are Nov 4 at 7:00PM and Nov 5 at 3:00PM. Call the office [319-656-2073](tel:319-656-2073) now to reserve your tickets. Adults \$9 and Students \$5.

DIRTY FEATHER PILLOWS? Get your feather or foam pillows cleaned, sanitized, deodorized & NEW TICKING on Tuesday, November 7, 2017 8:30 am-4:00 pm. @ Kalona Mennonite Church, 902 6th St. Hosted by the Kalona Mennonite WMSC.

Mennonite Disaster Service – Region 3 Annual Meeting will be hosted by the Nebraska unit and Beemer Mennonite Church on November 10-11. Information and registration forms are on the Pastor’s bulletin board.