



This week please remember the following people in prayer: Martha Widmer, Urban & Marcia 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), Ollie Yutzy, Patsy Trussell, Inez Roth, Collins DeVaul, Lela Miller, Mercedes Ellard, Denise Nebel, Gerald Nebel, Kathryn Nebel

Mennonite Mission Network: Country School, an English-language academy in Spain founded by Brian and Noelia Fox, is starting its fifth year of classes this month. Pray for the Fox family, serving with Mennonite Mission Network, as they help their students grow in faith as well as intellectually.

Central Plains: Pray for your sister churches in Montana: Ashland Christian Fellowship, Lame Deer Mennonite Church, and White River Cheyenne Mennonite Church. Dave and Shana Boshart will be with these churches next weekend.

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 –

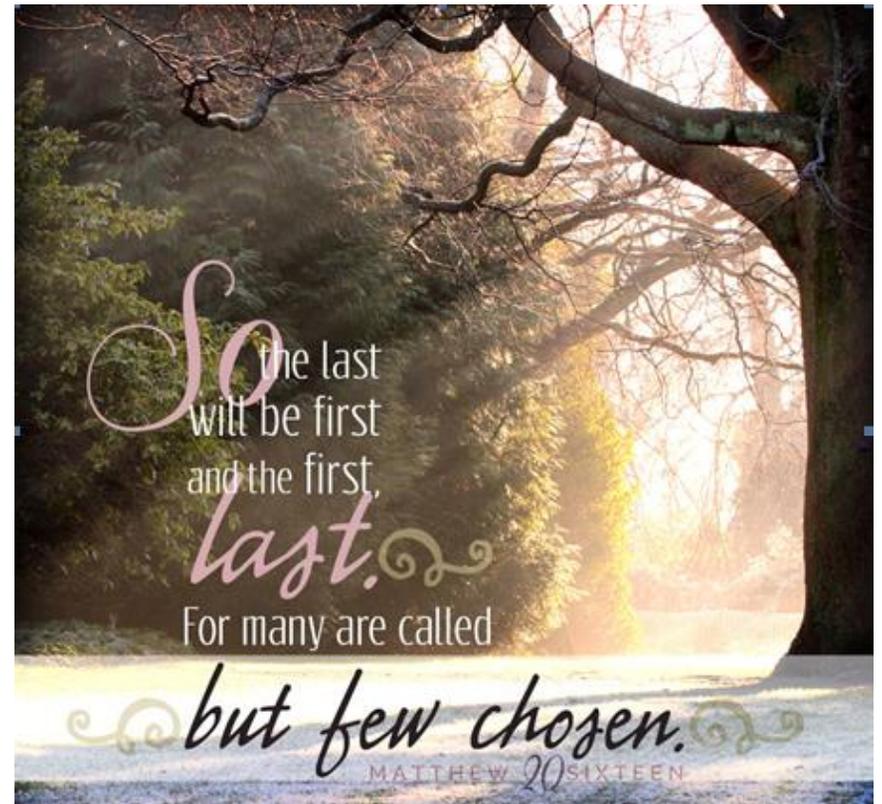
- New opportunity or relationship that you are excited about
- You feel God is calling you to try something and you need God's strength and wisdom for the task.

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

LAST SUNDAY

Attendance: 131

Offering: Home Missions: \$4794.00; Elder's Sharing Fund: \$400.00



The Laborers in the Vineyard

October 29, 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: Rachelle Luitjens
Song Leader: Kathy Roth
Piano: Mattias, Keiran & Tristan Luitjens

Gathering

WB 41 Come, thou Almighty King
Welcome & Announcements
Call to Worship
Opening Prayer

Praising

WB 145 There's a wideness in God's mercy
WB 366 God of grace and God of glory

Hear the Word

Story Telling with Jesus
Scripture Reading: Matthew 20:1-6 (NT p. 17)
Nathan, "It's 5 O'clock Somewhere"

Response

WB 151 Marvelous grace of our loving Lord
Offering: Home Missions (11/5 Home Missions)
Sharing and Prayers

We Are Sent

Benediction
STJ 73 The Lord lift you up

There will be anointing after the service today.

TODAY

•**4:00 pm, Faith Exploration Class** will begin TODAY in the library. Please talk to Nathan or Rachelle if you are interested.
•**5:30 pm**, Small Group will meet at Randy and Shirlyn's home.

THIS WEEK

MONDAY, October 30

•**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.

WEDNESDAY, November 1

Mennonite Women - Guest Day! Bring a friend or friends.

The project is 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?

•**6:00 pm, JYF** – We will meet at **EICHER** Mennonite. **TAKE AWAY HUNGER** food packaging. Sack Supper at 6:00 followed by food packaging! LIVE to GIVE!

THURSDAY, November 2

Daytime Small Group – Meet at the church at 11 am.

NEXT SUNDAY – November 5

Message by Jonathon Larson, *Mission: A "Just So" Story*

The Primary department will share in special music.

There will be a potluck lunch following the morning service.

(Don't forget to turn your clocks back an hour next weekend ☺)

MYF News

TONIGHT, 6 pm – Parent Nite – Bring your parents and learn about MYF & Mission Trip 2018. Meet in the Fellowship Hall.

TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO ORDER A POINSETTA!
Please order yours at the table in the foyer or find a MYFer to place your order! Thanks for your support!

CROOKED CREEK CHRISTIAN CAMP

On October 19, camp experienced a fire that was contained in our maintenance shop built 10 years ago. We are grateful there were no injuries! A portion of the structure, equipment and numerous hand tools were damaged. This past week the focus has been mitigating the damage and preparing to recover and restore the building. We are gladly accepting volunteers and Mennonite Disaster Service Iowa unit is helping to coordinate people.

Employment Opportunities are available at Crooked Creek that include Office & Guest Services Manager and a part-time Housekeeping Manager. Job description is available on the camp website: crookedcreekcamp.org

November 11 is WOOD CUTTING DAY starting at 8am until finished. Lunch is provided, please RSVP by calling the camp office or your local camp rep.

November 14 is ANNUAL MEETING with dinner served at 6:15pm. All are invited to celebrate camp ministry.

November 17-18 is CRAFT RETREAT from 3pm to 3pm. 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'.

ALL CHURCH 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

There is a visitation for Royce Roth THIS Friday, November 3 from 5-7 pm at Sugar Creek. The memorial service will take place on Saturday, November 4 at 11 am with lunch to follow. The fellowship committee is asking for salads, pies and desserts. Pie was Royce's favorite! Please continue to pray for Eileen and the family as they grieve the passing of Royce.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR - NOVEMBER 18, 9:00 am – NOON.

Bridges out of Poverty training at Sugar Creek. This is an opportunity to challenge the way we think about poverty and what each of us can do in this battle. There is a flyer in your mailbox today.

A mission trip to Guatemala is being planned for March 23-30. Please talk Nathan or Rachelle if you are interested. An informational meeting will be held Sunday, November 19 at 9 am. Deadline to sign up for the trip is December 17th. Check your mailbox today for an info sheet.

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

The November *Prayer Vine* is in the foyer rack.

Sound System Project - Church Council approved a plan to improve and update our sound system in the sanctuary. The total cost for this project is \$31,000 and we will begin work on the project when the money has been raised. Anyone who would like to give to this project can earmark checks for "sound system" and place them in the offering or give them to Melanie Stutzman. Thank You.

AREA NEWS AND EVENTS

SAVE THE DATE! November 12, 11:30-1:30 pm, Parkview Soup & Sundae Lunch Fundraiser, Parkview lower level.

Fall Dinner Options - In your mailbox today is a list of all the harvest and Thanksgiving meals in our community.

A community Thanksgiving meal will be held at WACO high school on Thursday November 23rd. **Sugar Creek is responsible for mashed potatoes and sweet potatoes.** We are looking for volunteers to assist with set up, clean up, and delivery.

If you or a group you are involved with would be interested in helping please contact coordinator Alicia Lemon at 319-530-1900.

IMS will present the fall musical, *Anne of Green Gables*, directed by Michael Swartzendruber and Alisa Kandel.

Performances are Nov 4 at 7:00 pm and Nov 5 at 3:00 pm. Call the office [319-656-2073](tel:319-656-2073) now to reserve your tickets. Adults \$9, and Students \$5.

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.

Help available for sorting out retirement options -

People approaching retirement have quite a few decisions to make regarding Medicare and Social Security. That's why Everence is offering *Medicare Mondays*, the last seminar for 2017, designed to help people make informed decisions about both federal programs. The seminar is scheduled for 10 a.m. on Nov. 13 at Kalona Public Library. Contact Cheryl Martin Miller at (319) 656-4242 or cheryl.martinmiller@everence.com for more information.

Join Everence for an evening of insight, inspiration and stories of generosity. Everence Financial will be hosting an event dedicated to the topic of generosity on Monday, Nov. 13, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. You'll hear about the profound impact generous people can make on our world; how estate planning can help you support causes closest to your heart; and what you need to know about the law and your legacy. The event will take place at Iowa Mennonite School (Celebration Hall), 1421 540th St. SW, Kalona. Refreshments will be served. Reserve your spot soon by contacting Cheryl Martin Miller at (877) 656-4242, (319) 656-4242 or cheryl.martinmiller@everence.com.

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