



This week please remember the following people in prayer: Gary & Maretta Conrad, Anita Swartzendruber and Eldora Boshart

Pray for those dealing with and recovering from medical issues:

Robert Achen, Gerald Freyenberger, Bernice Herman (Kevan Zechin's grandma), Eileen Roth, Thomas Bennett (Cassie Graber's brother), Bob Speake (Martha Marsh's brother) Ann Blosser, Ollie Yutzy, Patsy Trussell, Lela Miller, Denise Nebel, Gerald Nebel, Kathryn Nebel

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

Central Plains: Please pray for the pastoral team in Quito Mennonite Church as they continue to lead the congregation and as they move to the new building they have purchased. Pray for Peter Wigginton as he starts teaching classes at an indigenous seminary in Riobamba.

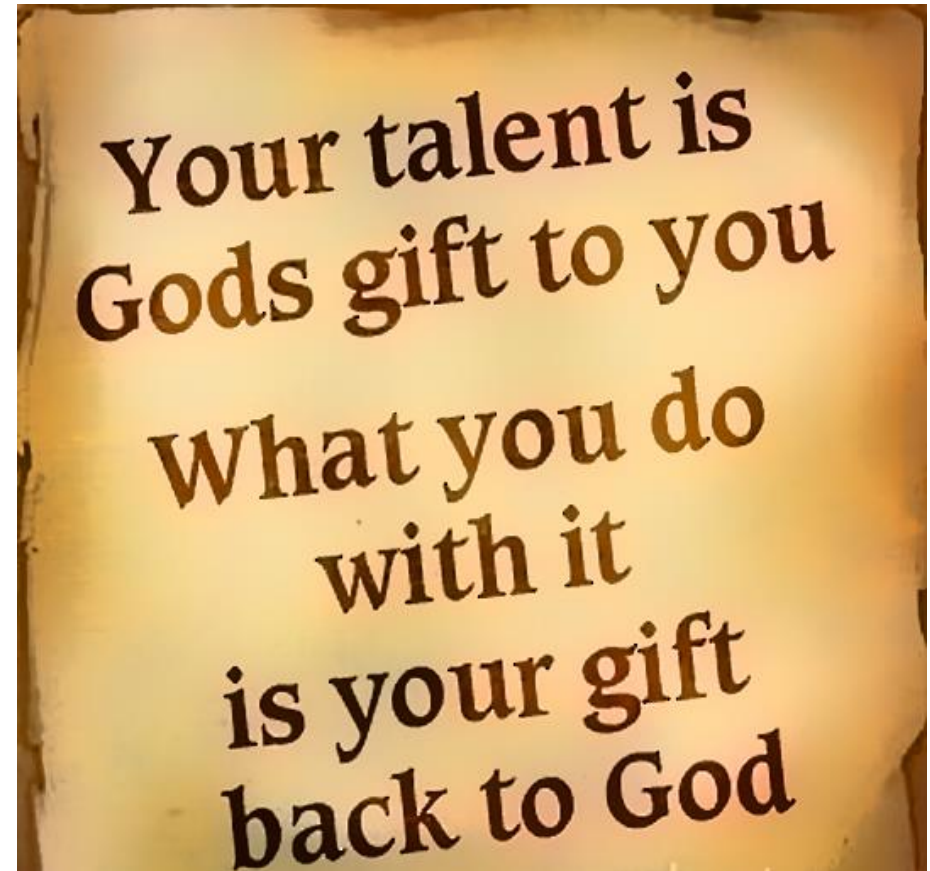
Mennonite Mission Network: For the past months, Connie and Dennis Byler have been visiting congregations in the United States. Pray for them as they return to Spain for the final weeks of their 45-year ministry through Mennonite Mission Network and as they continue to share the gospel in "retirement" in Spain.

LAST SUNDAY

Attendance: 169

Offering: October 29 – Home Missions \$6887.60; Parkview \$50

November 5 – Home Missions \$4624.59



“Parable of the Talents”

November 12, 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 Leaders: Bob & Karen Meyer
Song Leader: Kathy Roth & Praise Group
Piano: Lori Graber

Gathering

Step by Step
Welcome & Announcements
Call to Worship
Opening Prayer

Praising

STJ 13 My Soul is filled with joy
WB 50 Praise the Lord, sing hallelujah

Hear the Word

Come and See Children's Story with Jesus
Scripture Reading: Matthew 25:14-30
Message by Nathan, Parable of the Talents

Response

WB 304 There are many gifts
Offering: Education (11/19 Home Missions)
Sharing and Prayers

We Are Sent

Benediction
As you go out from here

TODAY

9 am, Parkview worship provided by Sugar Creek

11:30-1:30 pm, Parkview Soup & Sundae Lunch Fundraiser, Parkview lower level.

5 pm, Promiseland/Xplore

5:30 pm, Small Group meet at Tim & Karla Friesen's (CCCCamp)

THIS WEEK

WEDNESDAY, November 15

• **5-7 pm**, MYF Chili Supper

• **6:15 pm**, JYF Meet at Parkview. We will be sharing our talents with the residents. Dinner will follow at Wayland Mennonite.

THURSDAY, November 16

• **2 pm**, Elder's Meeting

• **7 pm**, Church Council Meeting

SATURDAY, November 18

• **9 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. Sign up today!

NEXT SUNDAY – November 19

• **9:00, Informational meeting on the mission trip to Guatemala** planned for March 23-30. Please talk Nathan or Rachelle if you are interested. Deadline to sign up for the trip is December 17th.

• **10:30**, Message by Rachelle, Matthew 24:45-25:13 "Parable about Readiness"

• **5:00 pm** – Meet in the fellowship hall for food packag**ING**! We will be packag**ING** Thanksg**IVING** care boxes for **22 families** in our community and deliver**ING** them that even**ING**. A freewill donation will go towards the purchase of the food for the baskets. A light meal will be served. There is a basket in the back of the sanctuary TODAY for classes or individuals who would like to contribute to this project.

to before winter temperatures set in. Volunteer labor is lined up to handle those needs. Since Mennonite Church USA, specifically Mennonite Education Agency, does not have the funds for this unexpected cost I am hoping southeast Iowa Churches will be able to help. The immediate need is for funds to pay for the LP Gas needed to fill the tanks and keep the furnaces running at above freezing temperatures where needed. Winterizing will be done for water lines where possible, but some of them need to be heated to above freezing temperatures. Other needs that are not considered an emergency will be forthcoming. A separate fund called "Hopi Mission School" is set up with Mennonite Church USA. If your church can be of help with these needs, please send your contribution to Mennonite Church USA, 718 N. Main St., Newton, KS 67114. Make your check out to Mennonite Church USA and on the memo line "Hopi Mission School". If your church will be able to provide volunteer labor for repairs and painting at a later date, please let me know about that as well. Thank you for your consideration. Ron J. Wyse, 319-986-6127, ronaldjwyse@gmail.com

MYF News

Tonight, 5 pm, Bible study with Scott Johnson – Sex and relationships.

Nov. 14, 6:30 pm, Setup for Chili Supper. Pizza provided.

Nov. 15, 5-7 pm, Chili Supper. All kids arrive by 4:30. Donations will go towards the MYF summer service trip.

Nov. 19, 5 pm, ING Night. PackING & DeliverING ThanksgivING Baskets.

SUGAR CREEK NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Dear Ones at Sugar Creek, I rather suspect that there is now a great sigh of relief that I have mercifully left town, and the amazing kitchen crew can finally ease back on the throttle! I must say I have nothing but admiration for you all, having listened to some of your remarkable personal stories and knowing that your tenderness for others - for your community - is flourishing! The rabbis say that there are actually 613 commandments in the OT laws. One teacher has added: there is also a 614th. It says, 'Thou shalt not despair.' So, we enhearten each other and continue this walk of faith. Gratefully, Jonathan

Attention Women! We are beginning to prepare for a 6 week mentoring study in January/February called *Apples of Gold*. We will need some mentors for this study (not perfect people, just women who willing to walk alongside the younger women!). The study is for all "20-40 somethings women" to be led by the mentors. If you are interested, please sign up on the North bulletin board.

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.

CROOKED CREEK CHRISTIAN CAMP

Crooked Creek invites you to join us in welcoming Jill Hartzler as our new Office & Guest Services Manager. Jill began her work with us November 6 and we are excited for her to join us in camp's ministry!

Employment Opportunity available at Crooked Creek: a part-time Housekeeping Manager. Job description is available on the camp website: crookedcreekcamp.org

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

November 17-18 is CRAFT RETREAT from 3pm to 3pm. Please register by November 15. Details available at crookedcreekcamp.org

AREA NEWS AND EVENTS

Please join us on Tuesday, November 14 @ 6:30 PM as JOYFUL NOISE presents "The Name Game" at the New Washington High School Auditorium. JOYFUL NOISE is an adult special needs choir, directed by Amy (Swartzendruber) Drayfahl, made up of 30+ individuals, ranging in age from 16-70+ years, from Washington County. They are excited to take the stage and share "name" songs from all decades and styles, along with their contagious JOY! All who attend will be entertained and truly blessed by their performance.

A **FREE** community Thanksgiving meal will be held at WACO high school on Thursday, November 23rd. Turkey, ham and all the fixings will be served from 11:30-1:00 pm. Meal delivery is available for homebound community members. The deadline for these orders is Friday, November 17th. Call Tamara Zechin at 319-217-2456. **Sugar Creek is responsible for mashed potatoes and sweet potatoes.** If you are willing to help, there is still a few pans left in the foyer for you to take and fill. THANK YOU to all those who are willing to help out!

The third and final Central Plains Bible Study webinar with Keith Slater is coming up! Join us at 7:30pm on Tuesday, November 28. Keith will give guidance on how to prepare good questions in *A Unified Purpose: Preparing to Lead*. RSVP on the Bible Study Webinars page at www.centralplainsmc.org by Monday, November 27.

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.

WACO Elementary Santa Shop -The Waco PTO will be hosting a Santa Shop again this year for the Elementary students. This is a great activity for the kids to shop for parents, grandparents, and siblings and learn how it really is better to give than to receive! To make this happen we are asking for donations of items for the kids to buy, gift bags, and gift bags. If you have anything you would like to donate OR if you would like to help out ☺...please contact Cassie Graber, Becky Yoder, or Michelle Meyer.

Bethel Mennonite Church invites the community to join us Wednesday, November 29th at the Wayland Community Room from 6-8 pm for Horse Drawn Wagon Rides! Fresh homemade donuts and hot drinks will be served in the community room. Spread the word to friends and neighbors to join us as we welcome in the holiday season and spread the light of Jesus!

Southeast Iowa MCC Meat Canning will be December 14th and 15th at Daniel K. Yoder's (3344 320th Street, Wellman). There is a sign-up sheet for volunteers on the bulletin board across from the bathrooms. Deadline to sign up is December 10th. Thank you!

Urgent Need for funds at the Hopi Mission School: Many of you know about the reasons for closing the Hopi Mission School at Kykotsmovi, AZ. Since it was left in a trashed state, much work needs to be done before school can be started again. When that will be is uncertain, however there is emergency needs to attend