



**This week please remember the following people in prayer** Mark, Karen, & Klinton Garrett.

**Pray for those dealing with cancer:**

Gary Garton (April Eichelberger's father), Perry Rich (Vernon & Jean Roth's grandson), Michael Stauffer (Dareld Stauffer's son), and Nicky Goehring (Mary Jo Freyenberger's sister).

**Pray for those dealing with medical issues:** Marion Reschly, Denise Nebel, Gerald Nebel, Royce Roth, and Doris Nelson.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Pray for Mennonite Mission Network's Journey International participants in Indonesia, their host families and communities. May they all work together to build up the global body of Christ.

**Central Plains Mennonite:** Adam Nussbaum, pastor of Shalom Mennonite Church in Eau Claire, Wisconsin, will be ordained today. Pray for Adam and the Shalom congregation as they seek the Holy Spirit's leading to grow their church.

**Pray for the leaders and children and youth involved in Promiseland, Xplore, JYF, and MYF.** Pray for God to bless the leaders with wisdom, understanding, and love for the children and youth they lead. Pray for God to bless the children and youth with willing hearts and the chance to be examples to others.

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**November 15, 2015**



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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 a.m.: Prayer in the Prayer Room  
9:15 a.m.: Sunday School  
10:15 a.m.: Fellowship Time  
10:35 a.m.: Worship

Worship Leader: Randy & Shirlyn Graber  
Song Leader: Annette Boshart Von Tersch  
Piano/Organ: Kathy Yoder

### **Gathering**

WB 26 Holy Spirit come with power  
Welcome & Announcements  
Call to Worship  
Opening Prayer

### **Praising**

WB 115 Jesus thou mighty Lord  
WB 521 Come, thou fount

### **Hear the Word**

Come and See Children's Story  
Scripture Reading: Matthew 1:3-6, 16 (pg. 1 in NT of pew Bible)  
Message: Nathan Luitjens "Jesus Ancestors: the Women"

### **Responding**

WB 545 Be thou my vision  
Offering: Education (11/22 Home Missions & Loose Change)  
Sharing & Prayers

### **We Are Sent**

Benediction  
WB 73 The Lord lift you up

Thank you Brad & April Eichelberger for serving in the nursery today.



**IOWA MENNONITE SCHOOL**  
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Greetings from Iowa Mennonite School and the Mennonite Secondary Council (MSC) choir committee!

This coming April 8-10, 2016 IMS has the privilege to host the 54th annual Mennonite Secondary Council choir festival. This is a remarkable tradition. More than 500 students, directors and administrators will be present for the event. We anticipate and celebrate God's love and faithfulness as we plan the many details that go along with any event of this magnitude.

One primary detail is providing the gift of hospitality to the visiting choirs. We are asking if your congregation would be **willing to host a choir** and to **designate a contact person** (other than your pastor) to work with the housing committee. This contact person would be responsible to arrange the housing for the choir members assigned to your congregation.

The responsibilities of the host family would be to provide housing for members of the choir Friday, Saturday and possibly Sunday nights; to provide a breakfast each morning, and possibly a sack lunch for each student as they travel home on Monday.

Historically, the host congregation allows the visiting choir to participate through song in the Sunday morning service, and then provides a noon meal for the choir members prior to the worshipful performance at IMS at 3 pm on April 10th, 2016.

Thank you for prayerfully considering this request. **Please respond to this request by November 1st.** Please respond to:

Karen Bender: kabender@mphawks.org  
Paula Buckwalter: paularbuckwalter@gmail.com.

Blessings to you,

Karen Bender and Paula Buckwalter  
Choir Festival Housing committee

## IOWA MENNONITE SCHOOL

**The IMS chapter of National Honor Society** is hosting a food drive to benefit area food pantries. We have set a goal to collect 1,000 food items for the holiday season. Please help us reach our goal by bringing your non-perishable food items to IMS (or to an IMS home basketball game) any time between now and Friday, Dec. 4. NHS students will gather and sort the items and deliver them to the Wellman and Kalona food pantries on Dec. 5. Thank you for helping your community in this very special way. *For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink... Matthew 25:35-36.*

**Two upcoming visit days at Iowa Mennonite School** will afford potential students the chance to check out the school. Eighth-grade and transfer students are invited to join us for the day and visit classes, eat lunch, attend chapel, and meet faculty and staff...as well as other students. The dates are Wednesday, November 25 and Monday, November 30; parents are also encouraged to meet with administrators from 8:10-8:45 am either day. Register by contacting the school (656-2073) or on-line at [www.iowamennonite.org/visit](http://www.iowamennonite.org/visit)

**54<sup>th</sup> Annual Mennonite Choir Festival** Please see the letter in the bulletin. They are looking for a designated contact person from our church to help with hosting a choir. Please let Katie know if you would be willing to be that Sugar Creek contact person.

Sermon Notes & Prayer Requests



## SUGAR CREEK NEWS

**Thank you for remembering me** with your prayers during and after my surgery. Also for the cards, calls, visits, and food. These were all very much appreciated. God bless each of you for your kindness. Marc Roth

**Thank you for prayers,** cards, flowers, and food these last couple of weeks after my surgery. It's great to be back to work. Katie Roth

**MYF Poinsettias and Candles** will be in on November 20<sup>th</sup>. They will be in touch with you that day for delivery. Let MYF know if you will not be available that day.

**It's time to sign up for Spring Electives!** This spring Christian Education will be offering 2 elective classes: *The Heart of Christianity* taught by Matt Slagel and *Sacred Pauses: Spiritual Practices for Personal Renewal* taught by Jen Slagel and Rachelle Luitjens. For those who do not want to participate in an elective The Builder will also be available for Sunday school classes. Sign up is available in the foyer for the next couple of weeks along with a description of each study.

**Worship Planning is looking for** floral arrangements in memory of loved ones for morning Worship Services for 2016. The Floral Memory Sign-up for next year is on the South bulletin board. If you have any questions please contact a committee member.

**Today is the last day to turn in Operation Christmas Child** boxes. If you have any questions please see Annette Boshart Von Tersch, Marcia Roth, or Mareta Conrad.

**Vision Interviews:** What are your hopes for the future of Sugar Creek? We want to hear from you about the direction that you want to see Sugar Creek moving in the years to come. The four questions for the interview were in your mailbox last week. Sign-up sheets for interview times are in the foyer. Please take time to sign up.

**During the week of Thanksgiving,** Katie will only be in the office on Friday. Please email [sugarcreekmc@farmtel.net](mailto:sugarcreekmc@farmtel.net) or call 319-371-4014 if you need to get ahold of her. Bulletin announcements need to be in by Friday morning at 8 am.

**There are quite a few dishes in the entryway** by the kitchen. Would you check to see if any of them are yours? Thanks.

**Sugar Creek Mennonite Women Crowded Closet bake sale:** Please have all baked goods to the Fellowship Hall by 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 21, 2015.

**Rachelle will be preaching at Pleasant View** in Mt. Pleasant on November 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## TODAY

Today, Sunday, November 15

•6:00-7:00 pm Promiseland/Xplore

## This Week

Monday, November 16

•6:30-8:00 pm Sister Care

Thursday, November 19

• 7p.m. Church Council in MYF Room

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, December 7

• 2-7 p.m. Sugar Creek Blood Drive

## LAST SUNDAY

Attendance: 110

Offering: Home Missions \$5,548; Gideon's \$220

# Sugar Creek MYF News

**Today, 11/15: Bible Study in MYF** Room at 6 pm. Skye in charge of snacks and devotions. Remember to bring you Bible.

**Friday, 11/20: MYF Poinsettias and Candles** Plan on delivering that afternoon. More information will be given later.

**Sunday, 11/22: Game Night** at 6 pm, MYF Room, Holly and Michelle in charge of snacks.

## CROOKED CREEK CHRISTIAN CAMP

**Crooked Creek Christian Camp November 17 at 6:15pm is Annual Meeting.** All who are interested in Crooked Creek and celebrating the past year are invited to attend.

**November 20-21 is *Come to the Table Craft Retreat.*** This bring-your-own-craft weekend features an opportunity to work on your project and connect with others as crafty as you. See more details at [www.crookedcreekcamp.org](http://www.crookedcreekcamp.org)

**The Crowded Closet Thrift Shop**, Iowa City, is seeking a full time Furniture Coordinator. This position would involve managing the daily operations of the Furniture area, overseeing donations, managing volunteers, pricing and organization of furniture items. This position has a competitive wage and a friendly working environment. Applicant must be able to lift heavy items, work quickly, independently, and as part of a team. Excellent public relation skills are required. For more information or detailed job description contact Crowded Closet at [319-337-5924](tel:319-337-5924) or email [crowdedcloset.gm@gmail.com](mailto:crowdedcloset.gm@gmail.com).

**Dan Fisher and his crew will be making** 40 pumpkin cheesecakes for the Thanksgiving season. The cost is \$35 (\$15 for ingredients and \$20 donation). The proceeds will go to Kalona Mennonite's International Student Aid Fund. Our current project is assisting Rudi Mucaj from Albania attend Goshen College. This past August Rudi began his freshman year at Goshen College! Cheesecakes may be picked up at Kalona Mennonite Church on Tuesday, November 24, from 4 – 7 p.m. To place your order please contact Wanda Miller Beachy at 319-683-3983 or email at [beachydw@sharontc.net](mailto:beachydw@sharontc.net). The deadline to order is November 18. Thank you!

**Just as the persistent widow cries** to the unjust judge and to God for justice in Matthew 18:6, we call upon the Department of Homeland Security to bring Max Villatoro home. Join us by signing a new petition at [tiny.cc/bringmaxback](http://tiny.cc/bringmaxback). Please help us meet our goal of collecting 5000 signatures to hand-deliver to the Secretary.

[www.FriendsofPastorMax.org](http://www.FriendsofPastorMax.org)

**Does sexualized violence concern you?** If so, Mennonite Central Committee U.S. invites you to participate in an online survey about this issue. Your answers to the open-ended questions will be used to guide MCC U.S. in its creation of trainings and resources for pastors and leaders in the faith community. Log on to [mcc.org/wwso](http://mcc.org/wwso) to complete the survey by the end of December.

**Coping with the Holidays** Olson-Powell Memorial Chapel is hosting a seminar that will provide families tips for moving through the upcoming holiday season following a loss. Nick Longworth, Grief Therapist, will present Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup> at 2 p.m. at Arbor Village South, 126 West Stonebrook Drive, Mt. Pleasant. This seminar is free and refreshments will be served. Questions call Tim Olson at 319-385-1998. See poster on South bulletin board.