



This week please remember the following people in prayer: Steve & Heather Freyenberger, Bridgett & Larz Smith

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 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.

Central Plains: Pray for Keith Slater as he prepares to lead final webinar of the "Open the Book" Bible study series offered for free to Central Plains members.

Mennonite Mission Network: Robin Gingerich of Mennonite Mission Network has added helping Middle Eastern students adapt to life at LCC International University in Lithuania to her administrative and teaching load. Pray for Robin and the students as they study STAR (Strategies for Trauma, Awareness and Resilience) – English-learning through a curriculum of emotional healing.

LAST SUNDAY

Attendance: 126

Offering: Home Missions \$3700; Education \$3316; General Fund \$200; Parkview \$100; Fall Meetings \$145; Waco Ministerial \$50; Sound System \$150



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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
Piano: Hadley Boshart & Abbey Shelman

Gathering

STJ 9 Come, now is the time to worship
Welcome & Announcements
Call to Worship
Opening Prayer

Praising

*We will sing, sing, sing
Revelation song
Our God alone*

Hear the Word

Come and See Children's Story with Jesus
Scripture Reading: Matthew 25:1-13
Message by Rachele, Parable about Readiness

Response

In Christ Alone
Offering: Home Missions (11/26 Conference/Loose Change)
Sharing and Prayers

We Are Sent

Benediction
The Lord lift you up

TODAY

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

•**5:00 pm – ING NIGHT.** 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 light meal will be served. A freewill donation will go towards the purchase of the food for the baskets. There is an offering plate in the back of the sanctuary TODAY for classes or individuals who would like to contribute to this project.

THIS WEEK

WEDNESDAY, November 22

•**No JYF**

THURSDAY, November 23 ~ HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

•**9-10:00** - For those who volunteered to make potatoes for the Community Thanksgiving Dinner, please deliver your dish to the high school between 9-10 am.

•**11:30-1:00** - A **FREE** community Thanksgiving meal will be held at WACO High School. Turkey, ham and all the fixings will be served.

NEXT SUNDAY – November 26

•**10:30** – Parable of the unmerciful servant – Matthew 18:23-34

MYF News

TONIGHT, 5 pm, ING Night. Pack**ING** & Deliver**ING** Thanksg**IVING** Baskets.

Nov. 26 – No MYF

SUGAR CREEK NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

The Bulletin for NEXT Sunday (11/26) will be printed on Wednesday (11/26) morning. Please turn bulletin announcements in by 9 am on Wednesday. Lisa or Maria will be in the office on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings.

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.

AREA NEWS AND EVENTS

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.

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!

Nurture children's faith at home this Advent and Christmas through family worship. Find a free, downloadable guide at www.anabaptistfaithformation.org. For use between December 3 and January 6, it includes a daily Bible reading, short litany, songs, hands-on activities and questions to ponder together.

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 tags. 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.

Wellman Mennonite Church invites you on Sunday, December 3 to come and enjoy a traditional Mexican meal. They will be serving pork or chicken tacos, rice & beans (with pico de gallo & guacamole salsa), cheese quesadillas (for the kids), chips and salsa, and strawberry cake for dessert. Lunch will be served from 11:45 am - 1:15 pm; proceeds will provide for the ongoing medical expenses of Melitza Jimenez

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!

Spread cozy, colorful warmth around the world! All you have to do is tie knots! Mennonite Central Committee has a generous number of comforter tops, and now **we need your help tying them!** MCC has paired tops and backs that are ready to be tied, and we are inviting you or your church group to pick some up (or we can ship them to you)! If you are interested, please either stop by the MCC Material Resources Center in North Newton, or contact Kate Mast at katemast@mcc.org, or [316-283-2720](tel:316-283-2720). We ask that you provide the batting and the crochet tying thread if possible. Thank you in advance for helping to spread warmth and love to our brothers and sisters around the world!

CROOKED CREEK CHRISTIAN CAMP

Crooked Creek Christian Camp announces that in lieu of the annual Fall Fundraiser (usually intended for maintenance and repair projects), our goal is to fully fund the new Welcome Center. The goal is to raise the final \$96,053 to complete the project. Cash gifts for the Welcome Center are invited as one-time contributions or pledges (monthly, quarterly or annually) with pledges to be paid by December 2018. Thank you for your consideration! You can give online at <http://www.crookedcreekcamp.org/make-a-donation.html>