



This week please remember the following people in prayer Gene Boese, Tim, Michelle, Morgan, Cole & Blake Meyer.

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: Denise Nebel, Gerald Nebel, Royce Roth, and Doris Nelson.

Mennonite Mission Network: Colleen and Pablo Fast of Mennonite Mission Network are rejoicing because of church growth in Brazil! Pray for continued commitment of six members of a small group who all made a decision to follow Christ this summer.

Central Plains Mennonite: Pray for Central Plains finances. Seven months into the fiscal year, we have a significant shortfall. Pray for generous giving to enable support for our congregations in the areas of pastor transitions, formation resources, church planting, resolving conflict and thought leadership.

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JESUS' FAMILY TREE

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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: Kathy Roth
Piano/Organ: Lori Graber
Special Music: Praise Group

Gathering

Welcome & Announcements
Holy Spirit Thou Art Welcome
Jesus, We Just Want to Thank You
Opening Prayer

Praising

WB 99 We praise thee, O God
WB96 We plow the fields and scatter

Hear the Word

Scripture Reading: Matthew 1:12-17 (pg. 1 in NT of pew Bible)
Message: Nathan Luitjens "Jesus Ancestors: The Nobodies"

Responding

WB 143 Amazing Grace
Offering: Home Missions & Loose Change (11/29 Conference)
Sharing & Prayers

We Are Sent

Benediction
Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart

Dan Fisher and his elves will be making cheesecakes once again for the Christmas season. The following flavors will be offered: lemon, turtle and chocolate ganache. The cost is \$35 each (\$15 for ingredients and \$20 for donation). Pickup will be on Saturday, December 12 or Saturday, December 19 from 9-11 a.m. at Kalona Mennonite Church. The proceeds will go to Kalona Mennonite's International Student Aid Fund. Our current project is assisting Rudi Mucaj from Albania attend Goshen College. To place your order please contact Wanda Miller Beachy at 319-683-3983 or email at beachydw@sharontc.net. The deadline to order is December 6. Thank you!

Ten Thousand Villages, Iowa City has two holiday pop-up stores through December to help artisans in developing countries earn a fair wage, be treated with dignity and respect, and be able to live a life of quality. You're invited to join in this vision.

- **112 E Washington St., Iowa City** Mon-Fri 11-6, Sat 10-6, Sun 12-4
- **720 14th St., Kalona** (Schlabaugh and Sons Woodworking) Mon-Fri 9-5, Sat 10-3

For more information or to volunteer in the pop-up store, contact (and follow) at:

iowacity@tenthousandvillages.com

www.tenthousandvillages.com/iowacity

facebook.com/tenthousandvillagesiowacity

Thank you Corey and Rene Oswald for serving in the nursery today.

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

54th Annual Mennonite Choir Festival 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 the Sugar Creek contact person.

Sermon Notes & Prayer Requests



SUGAR CREEK NEWS

We extend our condolences to Opal Reschly and the rest of the Marion Reschly family. Marion passed away Sunday, November 15. Please pray for the family as they mourn Marion's passing and celebrate his life.

We extend our sympathy to Terry Rodgers and family for the passing of his brother Rick. Rick passed away Wednesday, November 18. Please pray for the family as they grieve Rick's passing.

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 Rachele 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.

During the week of Thanksgiving, Katie will only be in the office on Friday. Please email 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.

TODAY

Today, Sunday, November 22

• **Rachele will be preaching** at Pleasant View in Mt. Pleasant this morning

• **No Promiseland/Xplore**

This Week

Monday, November 23

• **Sister Care 6:30-8:00 pm**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, December 7

• **2-7 p.m.** Sugar Creek Blood Drive

Sunday, December 13

• **10:30 a.m.** Jr Department Christmas Program

• **10:30 a.m.** Primary Department will sing as part of the Christmas Program

LAST SUNDAY

Attendance: 113

Offering: Education \$3,381; Gideon's \$100

Sugar Creek MYF News

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

JR Department Dress Rehearsal will be on Sunday, December 6th, at 4:30 p.m.

JR Department will be going to Parkview on Sunday, December 13th before the morning worship service. Please meet at Parkview Home at 8:50. Teachers will bring kids back to the church.

Primary Department will be singing as part of the Christmas Program on Sunday, December 13th.

The Turkey Grill Committee is distributing \$12,675 of proceeds following the 2015 Old Threshers Reunion. There were a total of 166 shifts worked; making each shift worked netting \$76 to be donated. The following amounts were distributed:

Missions -- \$859

CCCC -- \$1504

Home Missions -- \$2900

MYF -- \$5049

Parkview -- \$1611

Student Aid Fund -- \$752

A big thank you goes out to all who worked and contributed despite all the heat this year. This 5 day project isn't possible without many willing volunteers.

Sugar Creek Families! Advent is the perfect time to model faith at home with your kids. Download the FREE Advent Family Devotions. Find prayers and activities to use from November 29 through January 9 at <http://tiny.cc/adventathome>. An early childhood supplement makes these useful even for families with preschoolers.

For anyone who would like to write and encourage Tommy Morris, his address is: Thomas Morris #6713563 N.C.F., 307 S. 60th Ave West, PO Box 218, Newton, IA 50208.

Please join us on Tuesday, November 24 @ 6:30 PM as we "Tune In" to the **Sound of Washington Radio Show** presented at the Washington Community Theater. The Sound of Washington is an adult special needs choir, directed by Amy (Swartzendruber) Drayfahl, made up of 30+ individuals from Washington County. They are excited to take the stage and share songs from all decades and styles. All who attend will be entertained and truly blessed by their performance.

180 Ministries along with our sponsors are bringing an amazing show called A Park Bench Christmas to Washington, IA. It will be Saturday, Dec. 5 at 6:30 pm at 180 Teen Center. A Park Bench Christmas is a Christmas musical, filled with comedy, moved by energetic and heartfelt music and you will be truly blessed by the presentation. The story focuses of the main character, Deacon Clement T. Jones, as he encounters folks during his visit to the central square park on Christmas Eve. Audiences will be encouraged to grow closer to God as they see His love and purpose revealed through a story so often taken for granted, the story of Christ's birth. The cast and crew are traveling from all parts of Iowa and present this show annually across Iowa.

We are including a delicious dessert with the show for a suggested donation of \$10 per ticket, children under 12 are free. (This is a family-friendly show) Tickets are available at the teen center, the Washington Chamber of Commerce, The Word Shoppe in Mt. Pleasant or by calling [319-653-4700](tel:319-653-4700). All proceeds will be used to fund the Christmas giving and party for the teen center students and their families.

Get your tickets now, you will not want to miss this exciting evening. I have attached the pdf poster with all the information. May you be richly blessed this holiday season.

Mennonite Central Committee Central States is accepting applications for a Director of Programs. The Director of Programs will be responsible for the direction and oversight of all of MCC Central States Programs. This position is expected to connect with constituent churches and groups, as well as like-minded organizations to provide information about MCC. This position is open within the Central States Region. Find more details at serve.mcc.org (look for Director of Programs -CS) or email Heidi Huber, Human Resources Coordinator, at heidihuber@mcc.org.