



This week please remember the following people in prayer:

Greg & Carol Graber; Dan, Melanie, Michael & Laura Stutzman

Pray for those dealing with cancer:

Bob Hartzler (Orpha Yoder's brother), Michael Stauffer (Dareld Stauffer's son), Nicky Goehring (Mary Jo Freyenberger's sister).

Pray for those dealing with medical issues:

Lucy Leichty, Kole Hudson, Lela Miller, Mercedes Ellard, Denise Nebel, Gerald Nebel, Kathryn Nebel, Gary Garton (April Eichelberger's father).

Central Plains: Next weekend, Central Plains conference ministers Tim Detweiler and Dave and Shana Boshart will attend the annual gathering of Mennonite Church USA conference ministers. Pray for God's guidance and blessing on this gathering.

Mennonite Mission Network: Petrus and Yuliana Handoyo and their two sons are sent to Cambodia by an Indonesian Mennonite mission agency and Mennonite Mission Network. Pray for Petrus as he teaches religion and ethics in two universities, and for Yuliana as she directs an education ministry for children living on the edge of the city.

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LAST SUNDAY

Attendance: 131

Offering: Home Missions: \$4182.50; Elder's Sharing: \$300;

Cemetery Fund: \$100

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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
10:10 a.m.: Fellowship Time
10:30 a.m.: Worship

Worship Leader: Nathan Luitjens
Song Leader: Kathy Roth
Piano: Mattias, Keiran, Tristan Luitjens

1st Sunday of Advent

Gathering

Simple Christmas

Call to Worship – Lighting of the Advent candle
Welcome & Announcements
Opening Prayer

Praising

WB 178 Come, thou long-expected Jesus
WB 172 O come, O come, Immanuel
WB 176 Comfort, comfort, O my people

Offering: Conference & Loose Change (12/4 Parkview)
Sharing and Prayers

Hear the Word

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5 (OT pg. 489)
Matthew 24:36-44 (NT pg. 21)

Message: Rachelle, "Jesus is Coming: Bringing Peace"

Responding

WB 463 Let all mortal flesh keep silence
Communion

We Are Sent

Benediction
O come let us adore Him

TODAY

•**5 pm**, Choir practice for the December 18 Christmas program will meet in the sanctuary. Many voices are needed to make a choir!
Small Groups Meet this evening.

MYF NEWS

No MYF this evening

December 4 Shopping for Christmas Family

NEXT SUNDAY – 2nd Sunday of Advent

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10 & Matthew 3:1-12

Message: Nathan - "Jesus is Coming: Bringing Justice"

Junior Department will be singing during morning worship

•**6:00 pm**, Promiseland/Xplore

•**6:00 pm, Peace & Social Concerns Discussion.** The Bible is full of stories of migration and immigration. Even Jesus and his family are forced to leave their homeland and move to Egypt to avoid a dangerous, murderous dictator. Throughout world history people have moved because of famine, war, violence, slavery, and even forced relocation (exile). All of our families, at one point, left their homes and moved to North America in search of freedom and opportunity, and to avoid repressive governments. Today, there are currently more refugees in the world than at any other point in human history, as war and violence have left people with nothing and searching for safe, secure locations to raise their families. How should the church respond to this refugee crisis? Are the Bible's directives to welcome the alien and stranger in our midst still practical given the terrorist threats and insecurities of our world?

SUGAR CREEK NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Sign up for SPRING Electives begins TODAY! Please see the table in the foyer for the books we are offering and sign up for the study you want to participate in.

Mennonite Women will host their annual blood drive Monday, December 5 from 2-7 pm.

Mennonite Women will be meeting Wednesday, December 7. It is visitation day and the project is cookies and fruit for plates. A soup lunch will be provided.

SE Iowa MCC Meat Canning will be December 15 & 16 in Wellman. The sign-up sheet is here! Please see the North bulletin board for sign up. Contact Larry Graber with any questions you may have.

December Prayer Vines are in the publication rack in the foyer.

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.

AREA NEWS AND EVENTS

WACO students would like to host an "Angel Tree" for children in our community. If you know parents in the WACO community who need help providing Christmas gifts this year, please contact Kristi.Rugg@wacocsd.org by November 30th, and share the child's name, age, gender, and a couple gift suggestions. Children's names will not be placed on the tree. Student groups and community members will be welcome to take an "angel" from the tree to purchase a gift for, and details about where/when to return gifts will be on the angels. Thank you!

Looking for a way to serve your community? Every week, the WACO Schools send backpacks with weekend meals home to 15 families in our community. In order to meet these needs, we must have an organized food pantry. If you are willing to take a few hours to sort and stock grocery donations, please contact Tamara Gill at [319-217-2456](tel:319-217-2456). Also, if you are willing to pull menu items from the shelves every week to pack the bags, please let Tamara know. Together, we can make a difference!

You are invited to Wayland Mennonite for the MYF soup and sundae meal Sunday, December 4th, from 11:30-1:00! Freewill donations will support the youth group attending Mennonite Convention in July. Thank you!

Crooked Creek Christian Camp - Save the date for Cocoa & Carols on Sunday, December 4 at 5:00pm!

Plan on supporting the international relief, development and peacebuilding work of MCC and mark your calendars to attend the 2017 Iowa Mennonite Relief Sale, June 2 and 3 at the Johnson County Fairgrounds.

The Iowa Mennonite Relief Sale board is looking for volunteers to assist with the publicity and auction committees. Contact Susan Gingerich at [319-855-8382](tel:319-855-8382) or Jim Yoder at [319-430-3761](tel:319-430-3761) for more information or to volunteer.