



This week please remember the following people in prayer:

Dan, Melanie, Michael, Laura Stutzman and Caleb & Shelby Gardner

Pray for those dealing with and recovering from medical issues:

Steve Manning (Mary Jo Richard's brother), Michael Mettenburg (Cassie Graber's cousin), Gerald Freyenberger, 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.

Please continue to keep the Cardenas family and the IMS community in your prayers.

Central Plains: Pray for your sister churches in the Twin Cities: Emmanuel, Faith, St. Paul Hmong, Third Way, and The Mennonite Worker.

Mennonite Mission Network: Join Mennonite Mission Network in praising God for the recording of the entire New Testament in the Toba-Qom language, and for the 33 readers from eight denominations and 12 communities in the Argentine Chaco who volunteered to make this possible. Pray that God's word will find open hearts when it is aired on the radio.

Please keep Eileen Roth's family in your prayers as they mourn her passing this past week.

LAST SUNDAY

Attendance: 131

Offering: Home Missions: \$500; Missions: \$100; Parkview: \$4521; Elder's Sharing Fund: \$660

Sound System Project total-to-date: \$5,200 of the \$32,000 goal.

December 10, 2017

*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: Troy & Cassie Graber
Song Leader: Kathy Roth
Piano: Kathy Yoder

Second Week of Advent ~ LET IT BE SO

Gathering

WB 184 Hark! The glad sound! (vs. 1 & 2)
Welcome & Announcements
Call to Worship/Advent Lighting
Opening Prayer

Praising

WB 197 Angels we have heard on high
MH 138 While shepherds watched

Hear the Word

Special music by Roni Stowers
Come and See Children's ~ Woodworker's Visit
Scripture Reading: – Isaiah 40:1-11 (OT pg. 517)
Nathan, "Flat Roads!"

Response

My soul cries out
Offering: Home missions (12/17 Missions)
Sharing and Prayers

We Are Sent

Wisdom & Wonder
Benediction
WB 318 Joy to the world (v.2)

TODAY

•**5 pm** – Promiseland/Xplore – We will be learning about beatitude #3!! During snack, we will also have a Christmas party! So, **please pick up your children at 6:45pm instead of 6:15pm.** Invite friends! All children (K-6th) are welcome.

***Please notice there is a table in the back of the sanctuary which has a sermon outline for you to pick up.
Also, activities for the kids!***

THIS WEEK

WEDNESDAY, December 13

• **1 pm** - Worship Planning meet in the MYF room.

No JYF tonight

THURSDAY, December 14

• **Southeast Iowa MCC Meat Canning** will be 14th and 15th!

• **2 pm** – Elder's meeting in the MYF room.

NEXT SUNDAY ~ 3rd Sunday of Advent

• **10:30 am**, Sing a Song of Christmas, presented by the Primary & Junior Departments

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24 ~ Christmas Eve Service

•**9:30 am**, Candy Cane Fellowship (No Sunday School)
•**10 am**, Christmas Eve Service ~ This year we will be celebrating our Christmas Eve service during our morning worship time. There will not be a service in the evening.

MYF News

Dec. 10 – WACO Music concerts at High School

Dec. 17, 5 pm – Bible study. Taylor & Lindsay have devotions & refreshments

Nathan and Rachelle will tackle your Biblical questions, a sermon topic on your mind, or give insight into scripture you find challenging. We will call this series, "Your ALL REQUEST Sermons"! Write down your ideas or questions and place them in the box in the foyer, TODAY!!

SUGAR CREEK NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

If you are planning to go on the Guatemala Service Trip on March 23-30, 2018, it's time to commit! Please submit a \$100 deposit and your date-of-birth. If you are unable to pay the deposit at this time, please talk with Nathan or Rachelle. The deadline is NEXT SUNDAY, 12/17.

ELECTIVE SIGN UP – Check out the Spring Electives in the Library and sign up by December 17! There is additional information in your church boxes on the elective studies. Contact Lisa Graber with any questions.

We would like to provide nursery service during Sunday school and worship on Sunday mornings for children two or not yet going to Sunday school. If you are willing to occasionally serve in the nursery, please contact Maria Roth.

It's not too late to start Advent family worship. Just go to www.anabaptistfaithformation.org and download "Yes! Let It Be!" a free guide for family worship from December 3 to January 6.

In order to better provide care for those in the hospital please contact one of the pastors or an elder if you or a family member are (or will be) hospitalized.

Heidi Wagler was recent moved to a different facility. Her new address is: Heidi Wagler, #14288-029, Pekin Camp, PO Box 5000, Pekin, IL 61555. Thank you for your prayers, letters, cards and expressions of love over the past year and a half. Please continue to remember Heidi during this Christmas season.

AREA NEWS AND EVENTS

The New Life House invites you to their Potluck Open House, Saturday, December 16 at 5 pm. Please bring your favorite finger foods and goodies of your choice. A fun evening will include an ornament exchange and caroling. Please see your Christmas letter in your church mailbox for details.

Dear members of Central Plains, your conference needs your financial support. Our recent brochure tells the stories of how we all benefit from sharing together in the mission of Central Plains Mennonite Conference. Together, we can do things that we cannot do by ourselves. Please consider a year-end gift and donate at www.centralplainsmc.org/donate or P.O. Box 101, Freeman, SD 57029. We are so grateful for the strong support of our members!

JPOG (Just Peace Outreach Group) invites you to hear Kathy Kelly address the topic, "Yemen, Afghanistan, and the War against the Poor" Kathy Kelly is the coordinator of Voices for Creative Nonviolence and has been nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize three times. Join us THIS EVENING at Kalona Mennonite Church, 902 6th Street, Kalona, IA at 6:00 p.m. for a finger-foods potluck and conversation (please bring your own table service) or at 7 pm to hear the presentation from Kathy Kelly. All are welcome to attend. For more information please call Roger Farmer at [319-653-2547](tel:319-653-2547) or email Jane Yoder-Short at yodershort@netins.net.

Iowa Mennonite School

We appreciate the love, prayers, and support we have felt this past week. We ask for continued prayers and support as we work through the grieving process. Please also keep the Cardenas family in your prayers.

A memorial fund has been established to help the family with funeral and other expenses. If you would like to donate, please see the following:

- Checks made out to "*Teresa Cardenas Memorial*"
- Donations can be taken in person to any Hills Bank location and indicate to the teller that the donation is for the *Teresa Cardenas Memorial Fund*.
- Donations can be sent to Hills Bank Kalona, PO Box 15210, Kalona, IA 52247.
- Donations can also be sent or turned in to IMS.

Christmas Concert December 17 at 3:00PM in Celebration Hall. To close the concert, the choirs and band would like to invite anyone who has sung the Hallelujah Chorus before to join them on stage. There will be two rehearsals before the performance. The rehearsals will be held on Friday December 15 from 3:30-4:30PM and Saturday, December 16 from 9:00-10:00AM. If you cannot make it to the rehearsals but would still like to participate, you can join us on Sunday at the concert.

CROOKED CREEK CHRISTIAN CAMP

SAVE THE DATE!! Winterfest is coming on January 12-14. This is for ALL 6-8 graders! Plan to arrive at camp on Friday evening and stay through Sunday morning!