



This week please remember the following people in prayer:

Joe & Cindy Hammen, Dwight & Mary
Frances Graber

Pray for those dealing with cancer:
Bob Hartzler (Orpha Yoder's brother),
Nicky Goehring (Mary Jo Freyenberger's
sister).

**Pray for those dealing with medical
issues:** Kola Hudson, Lela Miller,
Mercedes Ellard, Denise Nebel, Gerald

Nebel, Kathryn Nebel, Gary Garton (April Eichelberger's father).

Pray for Iglesia Menonita Centro Cristiana, the Hispanic church
plant in Washington, as they witness, preach, and teach the Word.

Central Plains: Pray for the Outreach and Service Committee as
they equip the members of Central Plains to joyfully follow Jesus,
seeking and saving persons in the world around us who are lost or
forsaken.

Mennonite Mission Network: Mennonite churches in Bolivia have
vacation Bible school this month. Margrit Kipfer Barrón, serving with
Mennonite Mission Network, helps prepare the curriculum and train
teachers. Pray that the Spirit of God will move in a powerful way
among the children who attend and their families.

LAST SUNDAY

Attendance: 146

Offering: Parkview Home: \$5,985; Home Missions: \$50;

Loose Change: \$87.54

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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: Paul & Annette Boshart VonTersch
Song Leader: Kathy Roth
Piano: Lori Graber

3rd Sunday of Advent

Gathering

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

Praising

STJ 13 *My soul is filled with joy*
WB 189 *To us a Child of hope is born*
WB 215 *What Child is this*

Hear the Word

Special Music by the Primary Department
Come & See Children's Story by Michelle Meyer
Scripture Reading: Isaiah 35:1-10 (OT pg. 513)
Matthew 11:2-11 (NT pg. 8)
Message: Nathan, "Jesus is Coming: Bringing Healing"

Responding

Song of response
Offering: Home Missions (12/18 Missions)
Sharing and Prayers

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!
- 6 pm, Small Groups Meet for Caroling and book studies

MYF NEWS

TODAY, 6 pm, Shopping for Christmas family
12/18, 6 pm, ING CarolING & Cookies
12/25, Merry Christmas!
1/1, Happy New Year!

THIS WEEK

WEDNESDAY, December 14

11 am, Worship Planning in the MYF room

THURSDAY, December 15

7 pm, Council Meeting

NEXT SUNDAY – 4th Sunday of Advent

Christmas Choir will be sharing the morning service
ING, 6pm, CarolING and Cookies

SUGAR CREEK NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

It's time to sign up for Spring Electives! This spring Christian Education will be offering 3 elective class options:
-*The Gospel Next Door: Following Jesus Right Where You Are*, taught by Nathan Luitjens;
-*Surprised by the Power of the Spirit: Discover How God speaks and Heals Today* taught by Anita Swartzendruber
-*Overplayed: A Parent's Guide to Sanity in the World of Youth Sports*, taught by Bob Meyer.
For those who do not want to participate in an elective *The Builder* will also be available for Sunday school classes. Sign-up sheets are available in the foyer. Sign-up will end **December 18**.

As Christmas and New Year's Day fall on Sunday this year we invite you to spend a little extra family time together in the morning and to join us for worship at 10 a.m. We will not be having Sunday school on these two mornings, but on Christmas morning we will have a special time of fellowship with wassail and candy canes at 9:30 a.m.

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.

AREA NEWS AND EVENTS

Christmas Tree Walk at Bethel Mennonite Church, Wednesday, December 14 from 6-8 pm. Stroll through the wintery wonderland of unique Christmas trees and take time to prepare for the season. Christmas cookies will be available by the dozen for a free-will donation. Proceeds will go toward local families in need during the cold winter season. Free hot drinks and donuts will be served.

Hey 6th, 7th & 8th graders, Save the Date for Winterfest 2017!

Join us January 13-15 for a weekend full of food, faith and fun. See your youth sponsors or check out our website for more information.

Joy to the world, giving season is here! O come all ye faithful, Crooked Creek seeks \$155,000 in cash and pledges for the Welcome Center. Deck the halls and go online to give at <http://www.crookedcreekcamp.org/make-a-donation>. Dash(ing) through the snow and come see the progress.

Sharing Christmas Program: Do you know an individual or family who lives in the WACO school district and may enjoy receiving some Christmas gifts this year? Do you want to bless another individual or family with Christmas gifts this year? If you answered yes to either question, please contact Tamara Gill at [319-217-2456](tel:319-217-2456) or tamarajg@gmail.com for more details of how to participate in the Sharing Christmas program this year. We have numerous families already signed up and we need people who would like to buy and wrap gifts for these families. All gifts need to be delivered by December 20, so call Tamara today to get signed up. Let's spread God's love one Christmas gift at a time!

Come, relax, worship. In the midst of all the busyness, why not come on out to Lower Deer Creek Mennonite Church for a Night of Worship?! Come sing Christmas carols in a relaxed atmosphere and enjoy fellowship and refreshments. It all begins at 6:30 this evening! We hope to see you all!