



This week please remember the following people in prayer Bret, Ronda, Natalie & Nicholas West.

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, Doris Nelson, Kathryn Nebel, and Harold Miller.

Mennonite Mission Network: Early next year, Moriah Hurst will conclude seven years of Mennonite Mission Network ministry in Australia. Pray for her as she lives with difficult good-byes, and confides her work into the hands of colleagues.

Central Plains Mennonite: Pray for our mission partners in the Quito Mennonite Church as they raise money to buy a building to house the congregation and its many ministries such as peace workshops for children and assistance for Colombian refugees.

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

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December 13, 2015

*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: Randy & Jan Shelman
Song Leader: Kathy Roth
Piano/Organ: Sugar Creek music students

Gathering

Primary Department
Welcome & Announcements
Call to Worship
Opening Prayer
Lighting of Advent Candle- Chris & Michelle Boshart Family

Praising

WB212 O come, all ye faithful
WB215 What child is this
Offering: Home Missions (12/20 Missions)
Sharing & Prayers

Hear the Word

Christmas is Jesus presented by Jr Department

Responding

Joy to the World
Angels we have heard on high

Thank you to the Sugar Creek Piano students for playing this morning's music. Thank you to:

Holden Boshart, Cole Meyer, Keiran Luitjens, Morgan Meyer
Tristan Luitjens, Makenzie Shelman, Mattias Luitjens
Hadley Boshart

Thank you Amanda Roth and Debbie Leichy
for serving in the nursery today.

Sugar Creek MYF News

Today, 12/13: Shop for Family Meet at church at 4:30 PM

Sunday, 12/20: Off

Sunday, 12/27: Off

JYF Mystery Supper on Wednesday, December 16th, 6:44pm at Wayland Mennonite church. All WACO 7th and 8th graders are invited. RSVP to myrnajoy@gmail.com or text 3194616644.

Thank you to everyone for your total donations of \$19,973.07 to this year's WACO C.R.O.P. Drive.

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.

Crooked Creek Christian Camp Each year camps fall fundraiser is intended for facility improvements. Our goal is \$32,805 to improvement the pavilion (summer camp), house and tractor. Thank you for your gifts and support in providing excellent facilities for guests to enjoy in a setting that celebrates God's creation.

New Address:

Jan Hadley
820 Grathwal Dr.
Wilmington, NC 28405

phone # 219-508-7299
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Mary Frances Graber
1013 South Iowa Ave
Apt 102
Washington, IA 52353

The Crowded Closet Thrift Shop, Iowa City, is seeking a part time Furniture Assistant. This position would involve organizing and assisting with deliveries and pickups, transporting inventory and other items to and from the storage building, managing recycling, among other duties. Applicant must be able to work in a fast paced environment, be on your feet, be able to lift 30-50 lbs., work both independently and as part of a team. Looking for 3 8 hour days, ideal candidate would work two Saturdays a month. Excellent public relation skills are required. For more information or detailed job description contact the Crowded Closet at 319-337-5924 or email crowdedcloset.gm@gmail.com. Applications will be accepted until January 15 or until the position is filled.

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I would like to ask for much needed continued support for Parkview. Not just in this area, but for the entire facility. We still need furniture and various activity items, such as plastic dishes, pans, puzzles, etc. suitable for a dementia unit. We are also looking for things such as bedspreads, window curtains, cubicle curtains etc. for resident rooms. Our plan is to work at one room at a time to update each room.

The unit would not be possible if it were not for the caring community that has supplied man hours and money for help in developing this safe area. During this Holiday time I am hoping that you will remember our residents here at Parkview with any donations you feel you can give.

If you have any ideas or questions, please feel free to contact us here at Parkview.

Have a Merry Christmas,
Sheryl Huffman, Administrator

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MYF has volunteered to have the service of Valet Parking for the Sugar Creek church on days when the conditions are snowy, icy, or below 0. The MYF will be available at 8:45 AM on those Sundays.

Thank you to all who participated in Operation Christmas Child. The Primary and Jr. Departments along with our church family sent 74 boxes to needy families around the world. THANK YOU for supporting this project.

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TODAY

Today, Sunday, December 13

• **6:00-7:00 PM Promiseland/Xplore**

This Week

Wednesday, December 16

• **6:30 p.m.** Worship Planning in MYF Room

Thursday, December 17

• **7 p.m.** Church Council in MYF Room

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LAST SUNDAY

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Offering: Parkview \$7074.02; Home Missions \$700

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