



This week please remember the following people in prayer:

Joe & Cindy Hammen and
Dwight & Mary Frances Graber

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

**An update on Ollie Yutzy is provided on the bulletin boards.*

Pray for the leaders and children and youth involved in Promiseland, Xplore, JYF, and MYF. Pray for God to bless the leaders with wisdom, understanding, and love for the children and youth they lead. Pray for God to bless the children and youth with willing hearts and the chance to be examples to others.

Continue to remember the **Cardenas Family** in your prayers. And remember a memorial fund has been set up in her name. Gifts to the *Teresa Cardenas Memorial Fund* can be made to IMS or to Hills Bank in Kalona.

Central Plains: Pray for your sister churches: Shalom in Eau Claire, Wisconsin; First and Bethel in Mountain Lake, MN; and Rochester (MN) Mennonite Church.

Mennonite Mission Network: Mennonite Mission Network's Youth Venture program invites teens and young adults (ages 16-22) to participate in a short-term learning and service experience during the summer of 2018. Pray for open hearts in those whom God is calling to Benin, Ecuador, Japan, Peru or Spain.

LAST SUNDAY

Attendance: 155

Offering: Home missions: \$3,978.40; Parkview: \$50

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

December 17, 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 Leader: Nathan Luitjens
Song Leader: Annette Boshart VonTersch
Piano: Hadley, Holden & Zayda Boshart

~Third Week of Advent ~

WB 201 Hark the Herald angels sing
WB 199 The First Noel



Call to Worship/Advent Lighting
Sharing and Prayers
Offering: Missions (12/24 Home Missions)

Sing a Song of Christmas

Presented by the Primary & Junior Departments

Benediction

WB 189 *To us a Child of hope is born*



THIS WEEK

WEDNESDAY, December 20

•**6:40 pm**, JYF at Wayland Mennonite. Christmas Mystery Supper: Birthday Party for JESUS! Please RSVP to Myrna if you haven't already done so.

THURSDAY, December 21

•**7 pm**, Church Council Meeting in the MYF room

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24 ~ Christmas Eve Service

•**9:30 am**, Candy Cane Fellowship (No Sunday School)

•**10 am**, Christmas Eve Service ~ Come celebrate our Christmas Eve service during our morning worship time. There will not be a service in the evening.

MYF News

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

PEOPLE'S CHOICE Series ~ Songs

Beginning in January, Nathan & Rachelle will lead a sermon series based on topics or questions from our congregation about the Bible. ***We also want to sing People's Choice songs.*** Please share your favorite songs, new or old, that you would like to sing. There is a box outside the sanctuary for your requests.

Please submit your requests by December 31.

SUGAR CREEK NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Thank you to Michelle Meyer, Kathy Roth, Reynolds Roth, Lori Graber, Linda Boshart and Maria Roth for their time and effort in directing the Children's Christmas program. Also, THANK YOU to Kathy Yoder and Orpha Yoder for making the costumes for the children.

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 **TODAY**.

New Address: Dale & Pud Swartzendruber, c/o Windermere, 5500 S. Main St., Apt. 23, Cedar Falls, IA 50613

Please continue to pray for the family of Eileen Roth. Her services are tentatively planned for January 5.

ELECTIVE SIGN UP – Check out the Spring Electives in the Library and sign up by **TODAY!** 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.

AREA NEWS AND EVENTS

Doyle Roth is organizing a work team to go to Quito, Ecuador, in late February or early March. Now that the church has moved to their own building, there are projects to be done: construction, painting, etc. If you would like to go on the work team, contact Doyle Roth at doyleroth@hotmail.com or 402-761-2847. To donate to the project, go to www.centralplainsmc.org/donate and use the Quito Property Fund button.

Take some time to engage with Menno Snapshots, reflections and stories written by people across the church that are regularly posted on MC USA's website. Recent blog posts have featured topics including contemplative prayer, reviving civility, new motherhood and digitizing the MC USA Archives. If you are interested in contributing to the Menno Snapshot blog, email JenniferC@MennoniteUSA.org. Find Menno Snapshots at: <http://mennoniteusa.org/category/menno-snapshots/>

CROOKED CREEK CHRISTIAN CAMP

We are on the way to completing funding the Welcome Center with \$77,200 to go! Thank you for considering a year-end gift!

SAVE the DATE 6-8th graders and THINK SNOW! WinterFest is coming January 12-14.

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