



This week please remember the following people in prayer:

Mark, Lori, Jillian & Justin 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: Sheldon Miller, Kole Hudson, Lela Miller, Mercedes Ellard, Denise Nebel, Gerald Nebel, Kathryn Nebel, Gary Garton (April Eichelberger's father).

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.

Central Plains: Pray for our brothers and sisters in Venezuela as the crisis continues. Ask God to bless them as they witness to Jesus' way of peace and nonviolence in a volatile situation.

Mennonite Mission Network: Tom and Disa Rutschman, serving with Mennonite Mission Network, have shared Jesus as the Light of the World through many long winters on the Arctic Circle in Sweden. Pray that this year they may again create sparks of life through teaching in schools and the leadership they provide at Jokkmokk Free Church.

LAST SUNDAY

Attendance: 163

Offering: Home Missions: 5,782.30

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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: Kathy Yoder

4th Sunday of Advent

Gathering

O Holy Night by Martina McBride
Call to Worship – Lighting of the Advent candle
Welcome & Announcements
Opening Prayer

Praising

WB 197 Angels we have heard on high
WB 199 The first Noel, the angel did say
WB 201 Hark! The herald angels sing

Hear the Word

Special Music by the Morgan Meyer
Offering: Missions (12/25 Home Missions & Loose Change)
Sharing and Prayers

Sing Noel by the Christmas Choir

We Are Sent

Benediction
Joy to the World

TODAY

ING Caroling is cancelled for this evening due to the frigid cold air.
We hope you have nice eveninging at home stayinging warm!

THIS WEEK

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21

•6:44 pm – JYF – Meet at Wayland Mennonite for a CHRIST-mas MYSTERY SUPPER. Bring one or more of the following to hang on the JYF Giving Tree: hats, mittens, socks. Also, make sure you have given your RSVP to Myrna or Diane.

CHRISTMAS WEEKEND

SATURDAY, December 24 – Christmas Eve

5 pm, Interactive Family Friendly Christmas Eve Service

SUNDAY, December 25 – Christmas Day

9:30 am, Candy Cane Fellowship

10 am, Christmas Day Service

**** PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGES****

Christmas Choir

Director – Kathy Roth, Piano – Lori Graber, Organ – Kathy Yoder,
Soprano – Maretta Conrad, Vi Graber, Jen Slagel, Melanie Stutzman, Anita Swartzendruber Alto – Emma Eubanks, Carol Graber, Taylor Roth, Wendy Scarff, Orpha Yoder Tenor – Annette Bosart VonTersch, Shirlyn Graber, Reynolds Roth, Matt Slagel Bass – Nathan Luitjens, Tim Meyer, Reg Roth

The Christmas Choir shared the Sing Noel musical with Parkview this morning.

SUGAR CREEK NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

•Mennonite Women would like to thank everyone who donated blood on Dec 5 at our blood drive. There were 38 units drawn which will help a total of 114 people. Thank you!

•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 TODAY.**

•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.

Service Trip Update: We currently have 13 people going to Calaveras County California with MDS from March 12-18. There is still opportunity to join the group if you are interested. Please let Nathan or Rachelle know as soon as possible.

AREA NEWS AND EVENTS

I wanted to personally thank everyone that donated food, time, and energy to our Community Thanksgiving meal. We fed approximately 150 people. Nine local churches participated to make this happen. I am so grateful for a community that can come together to enjoy and support each other. Let's do it again next year!!! - Blessings Alicia Lemon

Sign-up for **Winterfest** January 13-15 NOW! See your sponsor for more information or contact the camp office.

Deck the halls with boards of sheetrock. Dash through the mud to tape and paint! This is the joy of construction this past week at the **Welcome Center**. Keep the fun(d) going with your gift this season. Thank you for your faithful support of Crooked Creek Christian Camp and the Welcome Center project!