



This week please remember the following people in prayer:

Brad & Sonja Roth and Mark, Karen & Klinton Garrett

Pray for those dealing with and recovering from medical issues:

Ermadine Boshart, 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 posted on the bulletin boards.*

Mennonite Mission Network: Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for all those who have left homes and families for the sake of the gospel. May they be embraced by the global family of God and be blessed by discovering fresh insights into the meaning of Christmas.

During this Christmas season, MC USA invites your prayers for peace to come to the earth: for creative peacemaking that can disrupt cycles of violence and oppression; for communities to find ways to support and love one another; for past wounds to begin healing; for the people of the church to continue seeking the peace of Christ.

LAST SUNDAY

Attendance: 191

Offering: Missions: \$3812.30; Parkview: \$150; WACO Ministerial: \$50.00; Home Missions: \$1,000; Speaker fund \$1,000

Sound System Project total-to-date: \$6,200 of the \$32,000 goal.



CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

DECEMBER 24, 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
- 9:30 am**, Candy Cane Fellowship (No Sunday School)
- 10 am**, Christmas Eve Service

Worship Leader: Rachele Luitjens
Song Leader: Kathy Roth
Piano/Organ: Kathy Yoder

Welcome

Call to Worship
Advent Lighting

Announcements, Sharing & Prayers

Offering for Home Missions (12/31 Conference/Loose Change)

WB 172 *O come, O come, Immanuel*

Isaiah 9:2-7, Isaiah 11:1-5 Corey & Reece Oswald

WB 178 *Come though long-expected Jesus*

Isaiah 61 Matt Slagel

WB 184 *Hark! The glad sound!*

Luke 1:26-38 Jan Shelman

Luke 1:46-55 Randy Shelman

WB 181 *My soul proclaims*

Matthew 1:18-25 Cassie Graber

Lighting of the Advent Candle Elyssa Graber

O Holy Night Tim Meyer & Kathy Yoder

Luke 2:1-7 Justin Freyenberger

WB 215 *What child is this?*

Luke 2:8-20 Justin Freyenberger

WB 191 *O little town of Bethlehem*

Matthew 2:1-12 Orpha Yoder

Children's Story with the Wood Worker

John 1:1-18 Mattias Luitjens

MH 472 *Away in a manger*

Communion

WB 212 *O come, all ye faithful*

Wisdom & Wonder

Candle lighting

Silent Night

NEXT SUNDAY ~ SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

10:30 am, Isaiah 60: 1-6, Rachele, "Light Conquers Darkness"

MYF News December 24 & 31 – No MYF

SUGAR CREEK NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Thank you for the many ways that our church participated in the Sharing Christmas Program. This year, we served 64 children and 19 families. Your generosity allowed these children and their parents to enjoy numerous gifts as well as a basket filled with basic household supplies, gift cards and food. We pray that these families will experience the love of Jesus through the kindness shown to them. Thanks for making it possible!

Clarification – Loose Change offering will be the last Sunday of each month. With this being a "5 Sunday" month, it will take place next Sunday, Dec. 31. Gather up your change and bring it then!

Food Pantry Needs Food: Anyone who wants to help with food for Greg Stacy's food pantry can take donations to Banner in Wayland through January. We are very low on canned items such as soups, pasta sauce, meats (tuna and chicken), peanut butter, jelly, vegetables, fruits and ingredients for chili as well as boxed items like pasta, mac and cheese, hamburger helper and skillet meals. Thank you for your help!

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.

If you are planning a year-end contribution to Mennonite Central Committee (MCC), please consider donating directly to the Iowa Mennonite Relief Sale. This will greatly increase what we can send to MCC to help people in need. One of the Relief Sale goals this year is to prepay all sale expenses so we can say 100% of the Sale proceeds are going to relief work around the world. To date, we have raised over \$7000 and our goal is to raise an additional \$35,000 for sale expenses. Thank you for your ongoing support!

Join us for a taco bar fundraiser for Madeline Leichty on Sunday, January 7 from 12 noon-1:30 pm at Bethel Mennonite church. This fundraiser is for Madeline to finish raising money for her to attend missionary training school in Dr Arroyo, Mexico for 7 months.

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.

PEOPLE'S CHOICE Series ~ Songs

Beginning in January, Nathan & Rachele 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. Place your request in the box outside the sanctuary.

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