



This week please remember the following people in prayer: Tim, Lisa, Morgan, Cody, Brenna, & Logan Graber.

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, Harold Miller, and Dareld Stauffer.

Please pray for Ron Miller as he recovers from shoulder surgery that he had on December 24th in Mount Pleasant.

Mennonite Mission Network: Alisha and Joshua Garber of Mennonite Mission Network request prayers for wisdom for LCC International University in Lithuania and for all Mission Network personnel in Europe as they try to find appropriate and Christ-centered responses to the massive influx of refugees.

Central Plains Mennonite: Central Plains leaders join you in giving thanks to God for the gift of Emmanuel, God with us. Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill among people!

Today we offer anointing for:

Healing –

- Physical, emotional, or spiritual brokenness and pain

Struggling with something in your life –

- Longing to be set free from something that seems to have you trapped
- Dealing with a difficult decision
- Dealing with relationships in your life that are causing you pain
- Difficult situation that you don't know how to deal with

Looking forward to something new in your life –

- New opportunity or relationship that you are excited about
- You feel God is calling you to try something and you need God's strength and wisdom for the task.

If you would like to be anointed, please go forward after the service.

Text for today: "Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights! Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host! *Praise him*, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!" (Psalm 148:1-3, NRSV). Bible readings for today: 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26; Psalm 148; Colossians 3:12-17; Luke 2:41-52.

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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: Randy & Jan Shelman
Song Leader: Kathy Roth
Piano/Organ: Hadley Boshart

Gathering

Joy to the World
Welcome & Announcements
Call to Worship
Opening Prayer

Praising

MH 128 Angels from the Realms of Glory
MH 127 Angels We Have Heard on High

Hear the Word

Scripture Reading: Proverbs 3: 1-6 (pg. 455 of OT in pew Bible)
"Straight & True"
Scripture Litany WB 826
Message: Pam Gerig Unruh

Responding

WB 201 Hark the herald angels sing
Offering: Home Missions & Loose Change (1/3 Conference)
Sharing & Prayers

We Are Sent

Benediction
O Come Let us adore Him

Sugar Creek MYF News

Today, 12/27: Off

Sunday, January 3rd, 6p.m.: Bible Study with Pam. BJ in charge of snacks and devotions.

JYF New Year's Eve party for 7th & 8th graders, at Myrna's house (2539 320th St.) on Thursday, December 31st, 9 PM to 12:01 AM January 1st. Bring friends, a game and snacks to share. Rides home provided. 319-461-6644.

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 three 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.

Central Plains Mennonite Conference and the Ecuador Partnership are planning a Fellowship and Learning Tour to Ecuador June 3-15, 2015. The purpose of this trip is to support Mennonite churches in Ecuador, Indigenous churches in Ecuador, and Central Plains Mennonite Conference by developing relationships with the Ecuadorian churches and learning about mission in their context. The number of participants is limited to 8 people. If you are interested in going to Ecuador this spring, please see the information sheet on the pastor's bulletin board.

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SUGAR CREEK NEWS

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.

Bulletin Announcements for the January 3rd bulletin will be due in the office no later than 9:00 a.m. Thursday, December 31st. Bulletins will be printed on Thursday, December 31st.

Pastors Nathan and Rachelle Luitjens and boys will be in Vancouver from December 21st-December 29th. Please pray for safe travels and an enjoyable time with family. If you need something during this time, please contact an elder.

Bible Reading Plans for 2016 are now available in the foyer. You can pick to read the whole Bible in a year or the New Testament in a year.

TODAY

Today, December 27

•**10:30 a.m.** Pam Gerig Unruh will be preaching during morning worship service.

• **No Promiseland/Xplore**

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, January 6

• **Mennonite Women:** Project is Sewing Kits. The slips are in a basket on the shelf on the south side mail boxes.

LAST SUNDAY

Attendance: 137

Offering: Home Missions \$907.75; Missions \$3,990; MCC Meat Canning \$50

On behalf of the Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center, Mennonite Women would like to thank all of you who participated in this year's blood drive. The Blood Center was very happy that we reached their goal of 45 units. Thank you!

Crooked Creek Christian Camp

January 15-17, 2016, is **WinterFest** for junior high students. Information packets are available from your church office or youth sponsor.

Save the date: **April 2-3, 2016,** is a one night High School Retreat. Details to come in January.

Sunday afternoon open gym at the Crooked Creek Camp Activity Center. Open gym will be the third Sunday at 3-5pm. Dates are: January 17, February 21, March 20, and April 17. Climbing wall available February 21.

Monday morning open gym at the Crooked Creek Camp Activity Center for parents and young children (Pre-Kindergarten and younger) from 10am-Noon. Dates are January 18, February 22, March 21, and April 18.

Consider giving to **camp's Fall Fundraiser** for our facility improvements in your end of year giving. Currently we are 39% of our goal of \$32,805.

Sermon Notes & Prayer Requests

