



**This week please remember the following people in prayer:**

Tim, Michelle, Morgan, Cole and Blake Meyer

**Pray for those dealing with and recovering from medical issues:**

Wini Wilt, 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:** Tonight is Watch Night in many African-American communities. At midnight on Jan. 1, 1863, the Emancipation Proclamation became law. Though written 154 years ago, that law has not yet been completely fulfilled. Join Mennonite Mission Network in proclaiming and working toward salvation and justice for all people in the coming year.

**Central Plains:** We invite you to pray and fast on Tuesday for the Villatoro and Huesca families, that Max and Alex may be reunited with their wives and children.

## **LAST SUNDAY**

**Attendance:** 151

**Offering:** Home Missions: \$4631.32; Missions; \$100; Parkview: \$50; Sound System: \$2,500

**Sound System Project total-to-date:** \$8,500 of the \$32,000 goal.

**December 31, 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 Leaders: Troy & Cassie Graber  
Song Leader: Kathy Roth  
Piano: Tamara Zechin

**Gathering**

*WB 210 Good Christian friends, rejoice*  
Welcome & Announcements  
Call to Worship  
Opening Prayer

**Praising**

*STJ 13 My soul is filled with joy*  
*WB 218 As with gladness men of old*

**Hear the Word**

Come and See Children's ~ The Woodworker's Last Visit  
Scripture Reading: – Isaiah 60: 1-6  
Rachelle, "Light Conquers Darkness"

**Response**

*STJ 54 Longing for light*  
Offering: Conference/Loose change (1/7/17 Home Missions & Coins for Camp)  
Sharing and Prayers

**We Are Sent**

Wisdom & Wonder  
Benediction  
*WB 206 Infant holy, infant lowly*

**NEXT SUNDAY ~ SUNDAY, January 7, 2018**

*People's Choice Sermon Series*

•10:30 am, 2 Timothy 3:14-17, Nathan, "Is the Bible Relevant for Today or Just a History Book"

Next Sunday is the start of a New Year and the start of the "People's Choice" Series. YOUR sermon topics, YOUR song choices, and YOUR children story topics.

Prepare yourself for changes..."No great thing is created suddenly," this will be a work in progress. The hope is to have a meaningful worship service that everyone can walk away and take something with them to make them a better Christian in your walk through life.

The first Sunday will be followed with a "CELEBRATION" meal. What are we celebrating? Christ's birth, a New Year and our Church family! Please join us for a fun potato bar meal. Everything will be furnished – just bring yourself and anyone you have been wanting to invite to join you for church.

**MYF News December 31 – No MYF**

**THIS WEEK**

**WEDNESDAY, January 3**

**Mennonite Women** will meet. The project is sewing kits. Please bring a sack lunch, dessert will be provided.

Devotions: Matthew 14:13-21, "Engage"

Question to consider: *Is there a situation in which you might need to reach beyond your comfort zone to be present for someone else?*

**6 pm, JYF @ Wayland Mennonite**

New Year Resolutions / Goals and Back to School Party.  
Spreading Jesus' Love: Creating encouraging notes for school mates.

**FRIDAY, January 5**

10 am. Visitation, 11 am Funeral for Eileen Roth's with lunch following. Pies, salad and desserts are requested.

## **SUGAR CREEK NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS**

Collect your coins and bring it each week during the month of January for Crooked Creek Christian Camp Coins for Camp. Coins for Camp will go towards a new play structure new the Pavilion.

**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.

**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**

**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! **NOTE:** Nathan gets food from here to help families in need.

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 Leichy 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.

**Save the date!** MennoCon19 will take place on July 2-6, 2019 in Kansas City, Missouri. The biennial convention for Mennonite

Church USA offers worship, fellowship, equipping sessions and service opportunities. Now is a great time to put it on your calendars.

Pleasantview Home looking for Chaplain. 30+ hours / week. Full time benefits. Duties include lead Bible studies & prayer groups, schedule services, counsel & support residents in Independent living and nursing care. Occasional preaching and worship leading. Mail or email resume to [davidheus@pvhome.org](mailto:davidheus@pvhome.org) by January 12, 2018 to Pleasantview Home, [811 Third St., Kalona IA 52247](http://www.pvhome.org) (attn. David).

## **CROOKED CREEK CHRISTIAN CAMP**

WinterFest camp for 6th-8th graders is January 12-14, 2018...THINK SNOW! To register as a youth group see your youth sponsor. To register individually go online <http://www.crookedcreekcamp.org/winterfest.html>. See you there!

**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**

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