



This week please remember the following people in prayer:

Greg & Carol Graber, Irvin & Lucy Leichty

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: Lucy Leichty, Kole Hudson, Lela Miller, Mercedes Ellard, Denise Nebel, Gerald Nebel, Kathryn Nebel, Gary Garton (April Eichelberger's father).

Pray for our missionaries, Jane and Jerrell Ross Richer and their children, Sierra, Naomi, Teresa, and Jordan. They are serving in the Pastaza Region of Ecuador. Pray for guidance as they support indigenous pastors and leaders in themes of creation care, economic justice, rights of women and children, and community development initiatives. The Ross Richers' home congregation is Waterford Mennonite Church in Goshen, Indiana. You can follow the Ross Richers at <http://twowaymission.net>.

Central Plains: This first Tuesday of the month, join Friends of Pastor Max and the conference ministers in fasting and praying that God would make a way for the Max and Gloria Villatoro Family to be reunited.

Mennonite Mission Network: Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for the Colorado Springs Service Adventure unit as participants work alongside Beth-El Mennonite Church to live out an Anabaptist perspective in a community with a large military population. Pray for David Borbely, Nora Charles, Marle Moellenbruck and Kate Unruh, and leaders Daniel and Meg Smeltzer Miller.

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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: Deb Roth

2nd Sunday of Advent

Gathering

O Come, O Come Emmanuel
Call to Worship – Lighting of the Advent candle
Welcome & Announcements
Opening Prayer

Praising

WB 184 Hark! The glad Sound!
WB 211 Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming

Hear the Word

Special Music by the Junior Department
Come & See Children's Story by Michelle Meyer
Scripture Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10 (OT pg. 496)
Matthew 3:1-12 (NT pg. 2)
Message: Nathan, "Jesus is Coming: Bringing Justice"

Responding

WB 195 It came upon a midnight clear
Offering: Parkview & Loose Change (12/11 Home Missions)
Sharing and Prayers

We Are Sent

Benediction
O come let us adore Him

TODAY

•**5 pm**, Choir practice for the December 18 Christmas program will meet in the sanctuary. Many voices are needed to make a choir!

•**6:00 pm**, Promiseland/Xplore

•**6:00 pm, Peace & Social Concerns Discussion.** The Bible is full of stories of migration and immigration. Even Jesus and his family are forced to leave their homeland and move to Egypt to avoid a dangerous, murderous dictator. Throughout world history people have moved because of famine, war, violence, slavery, and even forced relocation (exile). All of our families, at one point, left their homes and moved to North America in search of freedom and opportunity, and to avoid repressive governments. Today, there are currently more refugees in the world than at any other point in human history, as war and violence have left people with nothing and searching for safe, secure locations to raise their families. How should the church respond to this refugee crisis? Are the Bible's directives to welcome the alien and stranger in our midst still practical given the terrorist threats and insecurities of our world?

MYF NEWS

TODAY- Church in Iowa city, lunch & shopping for Christmas family
12/11 Bible Study – Kayla Leichy has devotions and snacks

THIS WEEK

MONDAY, December 5

2-7 pm, Blood Drive, hosted by Mennonite Women

WEDNESDAY, December 7

Mennonite Women Visitation Day. Please bring cookies and fruit for plates. A soup Lunch will be provided.

1 pm, Elder's Meeting

6:45, JYF meet at Parkview to play games, craft, and have an ice cream social with the residents!

NEXT SUNDAY – 3rd Sunday of Advent

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 35:1-10 & Matthew 11:2-11

Message: Nathan - "Jesus is Coming: Bringing Healing"

Primary Department will be singing during morning worship

•**6:00 pm**, Small Groups meet for Caroling and book studies

SUGAR CREEK NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Sign up for SPRING Electives! Please see the table in the foyer for the books we are offering and sign up for the study you want to participate in.

The WACO Santa Shop is this THURSDAY, December 8. We are still in need of helpers! Would you please consider giving some time to help kids shop and wrap presents for special people on their list? Maybe you could give an hour or two? Maybe a half day or the whole day? It is fun to see the excitement as the kids get in the spirit of giving! Please contact Cassie Graber at WacoPTO@yahoo.com or call/text 515-291-1420 if you are able to help in some way!

SE Iowa MCC Meat Canning will be December 15 & 16 in Wellman. The sign-up sheet is here! Please see the North bulletin board for sign up. Contact Larry Graber with any questions you may have.

The WACO C.R.O.P. Committee wishes to thank Sugar Creek Mennonite Church for their recent donations of \$17,839.92 to the 2016 Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty Drive. This year's total was \$34,087.45, with 25% of the proceeds benefiting our local community. God bless each one who gave so freely!

Video and audio recordings of the three Bible Study Webinars with Meghan Good are available on the **Bible Study Webinars page at www.centralplainsmc.org**. Make use of these to raise the bar on reading and interpreting the Bible: Sunday School classes and Bible study groups could watch and discuss them together; Sunday School superintendents could use them to train teachers; individuals can watch them for personal growth.

In order to better provide care for those in the hospital please contact one of the pastors or an elder if you or a family member are (or will be) hospitalized.

The oil lamp by the organ is a prayer reminder from the Committee on Peace and Social Concerns. It will be lit for every service as a reminder to pray for peace and for the people of our world who are caught in war and violence.

LAST SUNDAY

Attendance: 132

Offering: Conference: \$3,364.77; Home Missions: \$500; Missions \$100; Elder's Sharing: \$391; Cemetery Fund: \$500; Parkview: \$100

AREA NEWS AND EVENTS

You are invited to Wayland Mennonite for the MYF soup and sundae meal TODAY from 11:30-1:00! Freewill donations will support the youth group attending Mennonite Convention in July. Thank you!

Crooked Creek Christian Camp Start the holiday spirit off early, join us TODAY for Cocoa and Carols. Singing will start at 5pm in the Retreat Lodge. Hot cocoa and cookies to follow.

Christmas Tree Walk at Bethel Mennonite Church, Wednesday, December 14 from 6-8 pm. Stroll through the wintery wonderland of unique Christmas trees and take time to prepare for the season. Christmas cookies will be available by the dozen for a free-will donation. Proceeds will go toward local families in need during the cold winter season. Free hot drinks and donuts will be served.

Do you know an individual or family who lives in the WACO school district and may enjoy receiving some Christmas gifts this year? Do you want to bless another individual or family with Christmas gifts this year? If you answered yes to either question, please contact Tamara Gill at [319-217-2456](tel:319-217-2456) or tamarajg@gmail.com for more details of how to participate in the Sharing Christmas program this year. Let's spread God's love one Christmas gift at a time!

We have received numerous generous donations for the food pantry that is used for the WACO Backpack Program. We need a few volunteers to organize it. Please come to Crawfordsville United Church of Christ on Tuesday, December 6 at 1pm to help us make the shelves most effective for sharing the food with local families.

Take chances. Make mistakes. Get messy. Be challenged. Learn some things. Teach some things. Spend a year living somewhere that you never dreamed you'd go... Start now at salt.mcc.org, find answers to frequently asked questions, assignment options and apply! Contact sharonnelson@mcc.org for more information.