



This week please remember the following people in prayer:

Corey, Renae, Madelyn, Ryker Farmer and Ron & Martha Marsh

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:

Lela Miller, Mercedes Ellard, Denise Nebel, Gerald Nebel, Kathryn Nebel, Gary Garton (April Eichelberger's father).

Mennonite Mission Network: Alfonsina and José Luis Oyanguren, serving through Mennonite Mission Network, praise God for the first year of ministry through a radio station that transmits news, music, and educational and biblical programs to Toba/Qom communities in the Argentine Chaco. Pray that lives will be transformed through this ministry.

Pray for Iglesia Menonita Centro Cristiana, the Hispanic church plant in Washington, as they witness, preach, and teach the Word.

Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) U.S. decries the executive actions on immigration enforcement taken this week by President Trump as well as actions on refugee resettlement expected later. In our society, rejection of the immigrant—"the other"—still runs deep. By building walls and turning away refugees we ignore Christ's call to care for those in need and to love the newcomer. We encourage you to consider new ways you can welcome immigrants and refugees as neighbors in your community, and to make your voice heard by contacting the White House and your members of Congress. Pray with us for hearts of love toward one another.

LAST SUNDAY

Attendance: 166

Offering: Home Missions: \$4,868



February 12, 2017

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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 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: Tracy & Holly Roth
Song Leader: Kathy Roth
Piano: Lori Graber

Gathering

Sanctuary
Welcome & Announcements
Call to Worship
Opening Prayer

Praising

STJ 103 Why should I feel discouraged
STJ 105 Don't be afraid

Hear the Word

Scripture Reading: Matthew 6:25-34
Message: Nathan, "Trapped by Stuff"

Response

WB 526 In the rifted Rock I'm resting
Offering: Missions (2/19/17 Home Missions)
Sharing and Prayers

We Are Sent

Benediction
O God you are my God

TODAY

6:00 pm Promiseland & Xplore

Peace & Social Concerns will meet to discuss the issue of gun violence. Statistics indicate that there are 283 million firearms in civilian hands in the USA. Guns are present in murders, gang warfare, drive-by shootings, as well as accidents. In the last two decades mass shootings have become almost common. What would Jesus do? What would Jesus have us do in response to gun violence? You are invited to participate in the discussion.

7:15 pm - California Service Trip Bible Study in the MYF room

MYF NEWS

6 pm, Tonight! Bible Study

THIS WEEK

Wednesday, February 15

•**JYF** - Valentine cookie baking night. Bring ONE batch of cookie dough from ONE of these choices: chocolate chip, oatmeal raisin, sugar, snickerdoodle, molasses or peanut butter. Supper at 6:00, cookie baking 6:44 pm.

Thursday, February 16

•**7:00 pm - Church Council** - Meet in the Library

NEXT SUNDAY, February 19

Scripture Reading: Matthew 7:7-14
Message: Nathan

ING – SkatING from 1-3 pm, at Wellman! Please sign up on the north bulletin board so we can order pizza for everyone.

SUGAR CREEK NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

Congratulations to Jared & Tawnya Achen. Their daughter, Tenley Ann, was born on January 28th. We wish their family God's blessing as they raise Tenley and Brecken.

Ken Egli passed away January 4, 2017. There will be a singing service in his memory at Lower Deer Creek Church Sunday February 19 at 3:00 pm.

Lenten study - Join us in studying *Seven* by Jen Hatmaker on Wednesday nights during Lent. We will learn together how to live more simply, focusing on God. The study will begin March 1.

Please let Rachelle know by TOMORROW if you would like to be a part of this study so we can get a book ordered for you.

Attention Parents: Due to a lack of use, the nursery will not be staffed at this time. The nursery continues to be available for parents with children and closed circuit television allows you to stay connected to the church service. If the situation changes and parents would like to again leave their children in the nursery, we will be happy to staff it at that time.

Early registration for the Mennonite Church USA Convention 2017 ends on Feb. 28. Early Registration includes a T-shirt, I-Ride trolley pass, servant project and a meal card. Come to Orlando July 4-8 to celebrate "Love is a Verb" with fellowship, worship and activities with Mennonites from around the country. Learn more at <http://convention.mennoniteusa.org/registration/>. ***If you are interested in being a Sugar Creek Delegate this year at Convention, please contact one of the pastors or elders.***

You can nurture your children's faith at home this Lent and Easter with family worship. Find a free, downloadable guide at www.anabaptistfaithformation.org. For use between March 1 and April 16 (Easter Sunday), it includes a daily Bible reading, short litany, songs, hands-on activities and questions to ponder together.

AREA NEWS AND EVENTS

The annual meeting for Iowa Mennonite Disaster Service will be held this year at Eicher Emmanuel Mennonite Church on Sunday, March 5, 2017 at 2:00pm. Please come for fellowship and learn what MDS is doing here and throughout the world in the name of Christ.

The first of a series of three "Tuesdays with Dave" Webinars is coming soon! This series will focus on how the life and message of our churches can be infused with grace, joy and peace in a world seeking hope. Join us on Tuesday, February 28, at 7 pm for the first teaching video "Witness in Exile: Longing for a Better Place" or at 7:30 pm for an online interactive conversation based on this video. You are strongly encouraged to view the teaching video ahead of time, and it can be accessed at the Central Plains website at: <http://tinyurl.com/TuesdayswithDave>. Information for connecting to the Tuesday night online conversation is available from your church office and on our website.

Registration for "Beyond Buried Treasure: Turning Hidden Resources into Assets" is open. This second joint MHS

Mennonite Health Assembly and Mennonite Education Agency Education Leaders Gathering takes place March 9-12 in Jacksonville, Florida. For more information or to register, visit <http://mhaelgconference.wordpress.com>.

THE GIFTING AND CALLING OF AN ELDER

Next Sunday, **February 19**, we will begin the nomination process to select a new Elder for our congregation. Each congregational member will be asked to suggest a person to serve as Elder for a three-year term. When we call a person to serve the church in an area of leadership, we entrust to that person both authority and responsibility. If we call upon the direction of the Holy Spirit we can expect the blessing of God upon that person and the church.

Let us prayerfully consider who God might be calling to this task, asking God through prayer to guide our minds toward the one individual He has chosen. **Continuing Elders are Ron Scarff and Mike Roth. Pam Unruh is not seeking another term.**

I Peter 5 and I Timothy 3 provide some Biblical and practical things to consider as we make our choice. Please read these passages and spend some time in prayer asking for the Lord's leading on your nomination.

AN ELDER SHOULD:

1. Love God and the church.
2. Follow the example and teachings of Jesus in daily life.
3. Listen to the Holy Spirit and exhibit the fruits of the Spirit.
4. Be a member of Sugar Creek Mennonite Church.
5. Have a commitment and an understanding of the wider Mennonite Church
6. Forgive easily and quickly.
7. Care about people, is sensitive to needs, and is a good listener.
8. Have a willing and humble heart, filled with wisdom. (I Peter 5)
9. Have a positive attitude and sees positive possibilities.
10. Have the trust and respect of the public and the church. (I Timothy 3)