



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

Steve Miller, Justin Freyenberger, Becky Gaffney and Bruce and Jo Eichelberger

**Pray for those dealing with**

**cancer:** Perry Rich (Vernon & Jean Roth's grandson), Michael Stauffer (Dareld Stauffer's son), Nicky Goehring (Mary Jo Freyenberger's

sister) and Tim Detweiler.

**Pray for those dealing with medical issues:** Denise Nebel, Gerald Nebel, Royce Roth, Doris Nelson, Kathryn Nebel, Gary Garton (April Eichelberger's father)

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Pray for Petrus and Yuliana Handoyo in Cambodia, as they mentor couples and model Christ-centered relationships.

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

**Central Plains Mennonite:** Pray for Youth Escape 2016, the July 15-17 weekend retreat for Central Plains youth. Pray for attendance as youth will be encouraged to find their identity in Jesus Christ.

**Anita Swartzendruber, ministering in India** Feb 10-18<sup>th</sup>. Pray that God would prepare the hearts they will minister to for the Glory of the Lord, as well as safe travels, good health, strength, and peace.

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**February 14, 2016**

*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: Mark Graber  
Song Leader: Kathy Roth  
Piano/Organ: Kathy Yoder

***Gathering***

MH 551 I will Sing the Wondrous Story  
Welcome & Announcements  
Call to Worship  
Opening Prayer

***Praising***

WB 366 God of grace and God of glory  
WB 545 Be Thou my vision  
Offering: Missions (2/21 Home Missions)  
Sharing & Prayers

***Hear the Word***

Children's Story: Nathan  
Scripture Reading: Romans 10:8b-13; Luke 4:1-13  
(pp 122 & 46 of NT in pew Bible)  
Message: Nathan Luitjens: The Beginning is at the End

***Responding***

Communion  
WB 472 I am the Bread of life

***We Are Sent***

Benediction  
As you go out from here

Thank you to Brad and April Eichelberger for serving in the nursery today.

**THE GIFTING AND CALLING OF AN ELDER**

On Sunday, **February 21**, 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 carefully 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 Pam Gerig Unruh and Ron Scarff. Karen Meyer (who has fulfilled Royce's term) 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)

**At-Home Family Lent Devotionals available:** Research shows that the best way to pass faith to children is through family worship. Nurture your family's identity as Christ-followers by using these daily scripture readings and activities:

<http://www.commonword.ca/SelectDownloadFormat/43/18139>.

**Ruben and Idella Chupp through TourMagination** are leading a trip to Israel in October. Brochures are available on the shelf under the north bulletin board for those interested.

**WACO Vocal Concert - February 22 - 7 p.m.** The WACO junior and senior high choruses will perform in concert on Feb. 22 in the HS gym. The choruses will combine to sing the final song, "He Never Failed Me Yet." Mrs. Koch invites any adult who would like to join in singing in the finale to attend any high school rehearsal during 1st period (8-8:45 a.m.) on Mondays and Wednesdays. There will also be a rehearsal at 5:45 p.m. before the concert that evening. Admission to the concert is \$3 for adults and \$2 for students. Activity passes will be accepted.

**J-POG (Just Peace Outreach Group) invites you** to hear Erica Littlewolf and Karin Kaufman Wall address the topic, "People of the Land: Mennonites and the Doctrine of Discovery." The Doctrine of Discovery is the philosophy and set of policies that justified the conquest of Native American peoples. Erica and Karin work for Mennonite Central Committee and will describe both the scriptures and current realities used to support this doctrine. Join us Sunday evening, February 21, 2016, at Iowa Mennonite School, at 6 p.m. for a finger-foods potluck and conversation (please bring your own table service) at 7 pm for the presentation. For more information call Roger Farmer at 319-653-2547 or email Jane Yoder-Short at [wilmajane17@gmail.com](mailto:wilmajane17@gmail.com)

**Monday, February 22, 2016 from 6 pm-8 pm:** An opportunity for more discussion with Erica and Karin (see above) will take place on at Geyer's Farm, 1259 Rohret Road, Oxford, IA. Registration is required. Cost is \$10, and includes pizza. Call Anna Geyer at 319-325-6609 for reservations.

**Kalona Mops Fundraiser Meal**, Sunday, February 28, 2016, 11:30am-1:30pm at Kalona Mennonite Church. Free will donation.

## **Sugar Creek News**

**I.N.G. What is that you might ask?** An intergenerational event! (For all ages) Our goal is to be God's faithful community getting closer to Jesus by building relationships with others.

**Tonight, February 14 at 5:30 pm is our first I.N.G.** night in the fellowship hall! We will be decorating Valentine cookies, playing games and we will also have a time for devotions! Anyone needing a ride contact Ron Scarff (319-931-3630)

**March 20 5:30 pm is the next ING night.** Come find out what March madness means Sugar Creek style.

**Advocates and youth:** Tonight's I N G. night is a perfect opportunity to do something together. We hope you take advantage of this night to spend time together!

**Parents- during the month of February** all children in Kindergarten-12th grade will be taught lessons from the Circle of Grace curriculum. We are teaching Circle of Grace so that children will know what their own Circle of Grace is, God's love within that circle, and appropriate boundaries to keep them safe. If you have any questions please contact Rachelle.

**Spark, a women's Bible study** to rediscover the joys of being created in God's image and to nurture your own creative spirit, will meet during Lent on Monday nights at 6:30pm. Feb 15 - March 21. Questions? Ask Pam Gerig Unruh or Rachelle Luitjens.

**March 13 5:00 pm, Sugar Creek will support Torre Forte** Church by worshipping with them. We encourage a great turn out including all ages. Car pools will leave the church at 4:00pm.

**Thank you Sugar Creek for giving \$52,063** to Mennonite Mission Network in 2015. Your donations, prayers, participation and enthusiasm for mission are deeply felt across the street and around the world.

### **THIS WEEK**

**Today, February 14 - I.N.G. Event at 5:30 p.m.**

### **NEXT SUNDAY**

**Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent- Communion**

### **LAST SUNDAY**

**Attendance:** 171

**Offering:** Home Missions \$4405.01; Loose change \$68.28

## Crooked Creek Christian Camp

**Church Office News:** Wendy Scarff and Pam Gerig Unruh (on an interim basis) as well as Nathan and Rachelle will staff the office Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-noon. If you have a bulletin announcement email it to [sugarcreekmc@farmtel.net](mailto:sugarcreekmc@farmtel.net), or leave a phone message or put in Pam Unruh's church mailbox.

**The family of Gerald and Kathryn Nebel** would like to invite you to participate in a card shower for their 65 Wedding anniversary, February 18. They would love to hear from you. Mail cards/notes to Brian Nebel, 225 S. College Dr. Hesston, KS 67062.

**Thank you:** I would like to thank all of you for the prayers you said on my behalf during my recent surgery and recovery. Thank you also for the cards, text and email messages, phone calls, flowers, food and offers of food. Everything you did was very much appreciated. God bless you as you continue to serve Him by showing kindness to others. —Doris Nelson

**We extend our sympathy to the family of Dareld Stauffer.** Dareld passed away Thursday, Feb 4. We will miss Dareld's presence among us.

### Sugar Creek MYF News:

**Today, February 14, 5:30 pm: I.N.G night** in the Fellowship Hall

**Sunday, February 21, 6pm: Bible Study**

Devotions & Snack- Matthew

**Sunday, February 28, 6 pm: Bible Study,**

Devotions & Snack-Bryce

### Sermon Notes & Prayer Requests



**Coins for Camp is in February!** Join with other churches collecting coins for camp that will go towards purchasing a new camera to take photos and videos. We plan to post a fabulous picture slideshow after each week long camp with highlights from that week.

**February 21: open gym** at the Activity Center 3-5pm. The climbing wall will be available, if interested please call the camp office.

**February 22: open gym for parents and young children** (Pre-K and younger) 10am-12pm.

**The High School Retreat : April 2-3,** Crooked Creek - one night of games, worship and wolfing down food! See your sponsors for more information. Read more at [www.crookedcreekcamp.org](http://www.crookedcreekcamp.org).

### Other News

**Save the date: Parkview Home Benefit** at Bethel Mennonite Church Saturday March 19, 2016.

**You're invited to join the MCC Central States** Board and Staff at our annual Community Engagement Event on Saturday, Feb. 27 (Tabor College chapel, Hillsboro, KS. 8:30-10:45 am). focusing on Mass Incarceration. Please RSVP: 316.283.2720.

**MCC's SALT program** is for you! (Single 18-30 yr olds) Have you always wanted to experience another culture while growing professionally, spiritually, and personally? We have 120 diverse assignments in over 35 countries waiting for the perfect applicants. Deadline to apply is Feb. 15 at [mcc.org/salt](http://mcc.org/salt). Make 2016 the year you will step out in faith and do it.

**Monday, February 15, from 6-8 pm** (at Dave and Anna Geyer's) Diana Butler Bass's book, *Grounded*, will be introduced. Butler Bass argues that what appears to be a religious decline in America today actually signals a major transformation in how people understand and experience God. Registration is \$10 per person and includes pizza around the indoor oven. To register, please call Anna at [319.325.6609](tel:319.325.6609)