



This week please remember the following people in prayer: Rod and Kathy Roth & Matt, Jen, Gavin and Corinne Slagel

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).

Pray for Iglesia Torre Fuerte (Hispanic Church Plant in Iowa City). We encourage you to visit and participate in worship any Sunday evening. Church begins at 6:00 pm-ish at the Iowa City Mennonite Church.

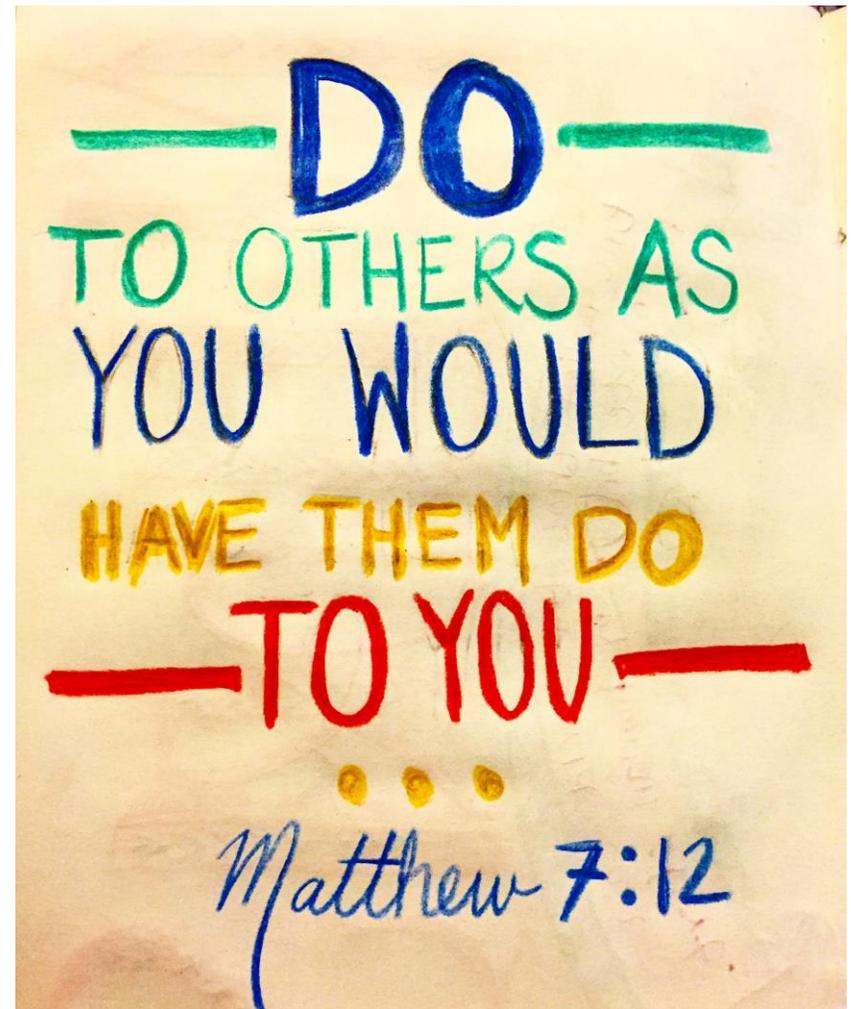
Mennonite Mission Network: David and Rebekka Stutzman serve in post-Christian Germany through Mennonite Mission Network, South German Mennonite Conference, and Virginia Mennonite Missions. Pray for them as they join people on their life journeys and find relevant ways of being the church.

Pray for the leaders and children and youth involved in Promiseland, Xplore, JYF, and MYF. Pray for God to bless the leaders with wisdom, understanding, and love for the children and youth they lead. Pray for God to bless the children and youth with willing hearts and the chance to be examples to others.

LAST SUNDAY

Attendance: 107

Offering: Missions: \$3,383; Home Missions: \$120; Parkview Home Association: \$100



February 19, 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: Kathy Yoder

Gathering

WB 324 Seek ye first the kingdom of God
Welcome & Announcements
Call to Worship
Opening Prayer

Praising

WB 319 Jesus shall reign
STJ 18 Over my head

Hear the Word

Come & See Children's Story with Mike Roth
Scripture Reading: Matthew 7:1-14
Message: Nathan, "Jesus is the Standard"

Response

WB 504 Have thine own way
Offering: Home Missions (2/26 Home Missions/Loose Change)
Sharing and Prayers

We Are Sent

Benediction
O God you are my God

TODAY

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

MYF NEWS

2/26 Bible Study, Matthew has snack & devotions

THIS WEEK

Wednesday, February 22

•**JYF** – Meet at Wayland Mennonite. Supper at 6, Pick up at 7:45.

NEXT SUNDAY, February 26

Scripture Reading: Matthew 7:15-29
Message: Nathan, "What are you resting on?"

Junior Department Worship Team will be leading music.

SUGAR CREEK NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

MARKETPLACE June 6-8, We are in need of 8 more tribal leaders! Please contact Michelle Meyer or Lisa Graber if you are willing to serve.

Eileen Roth will celebrate her 80th birthday March 6th. Her husband, Royce Roth and children Patty Bancroft, Jerry Roth, and Jay Roth invite friends and family to celebrate with a card shower. Please mail cards to P.O. Box 216, Wayland, IA 52654 and include a note, memory, or photo for Eileen's scrapbook.

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

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.

THANK YOU for hosting the Traveling Basket and generously filling it with donations. You have helped improve the lives of families in Henry County. We greatly appreciate it!

THE GIFTING AND CALLING OF AN ELDER

Today, we will begin the nomination process to select a new Elder for our congregation. Each congregational member is 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)