



This week please remember the following people in prayer:

Tim, Lisa, Morgan, Cody, Brenna and Logan Graber

Pray for those dealing with and recovering from medical issues:

Melanie Stutzman, Ron Scarff, Dick Yoder, Wini Wilt, Ermadine Boshart, Steve Manning (Mary Jo Richard's brother), 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

Mennonite Mission Network: Linda Oyer of Mennonite Mission Network is bringing closure to her 30-year ministry in France.

Pray that the seeds she planted through teaching and mentoring will continue to bear fruit. Pray also that she will find joy in writing more of the books that have been percolating in her spirit.

LAST SUNDAY

Attendance: 122

Offering: Home missions: \$3917.59; Missions: \$50; Parkview: \$50; Sound system: \$4180

Sound System Project total-to-date: \$16,040 of the \$32,000 goal. Between February 11 and March 11, all donations made toward the sound system will be matched up to \$10,000.



February 25, 2018

*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: Randy & Jan Shelman
Song Leader: Kathy Roth
Piano: Morgan Meyer & Abbey Shelman

2nd Sunday of Lent – Between Me & You

Welcome

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

STJ 2 Come, walk with us

STJ 44 The Love of God

Scripture Reading: Genesis 17:1-17

Confession & Assurance

**Excuse children for children's church*

Nathan, "Abraham Covenant"

WB 327 Great is thy faithfulness

Offering: Home Missions (Home Mission 3/4/18)

Sharing & Prayers

Benediction

Between Me and You

Anointing following the service today.

Thank you to Karla Friesen for serving in the nursery today!

THE GIFTING AND CALLING OF AN ELDER

Next Sunday, **March 4**, 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 Mike Roth and Debbie Leichty. Ron Scarff 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)

You are invited to an informational meeting/training for Safe Families for Children, a volunteer organization whose mission is "to keep children safe and families intact." The training will be held at Lower Deer Creek on Saturday, March 3, 2018, from 9 - Noon. Safe Families volunteers temporarily host children and provide a network of support to families in crisis while they get back on their feet through the service of host families, family friends, and family coaches. The organization's goal is to bridge the gap for families before DHS services are necessary or to fulfill a need that is unmet by other social service agencies. Please RSVP to the Lower Deer Creek church office at 656-2076 if you are interested in attending. Come and learn more about this opportunity to offer Biblical hospitality to children and families in crisis.

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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TODAY

•**2:00 pm** - Promiseland/Xplore – Meet at Sugar Creek to ride down to Fun City. The cost of bowling is covered. Please bring \$5 for pizza. We should return to the church around 6:30. If you can help by driving, please contact Tamara!

THIS WEEK

WEDNESDAY, February 28

• **6 pm**, JYF meet at Wayland Mennonite

NEXT SUNDAY ~ SUNDAY, March 4, 2018

3rd Sunday of Lent - Between Me & You

•**9:15 am** – SS Spring Electives Begin

•**10:30 am** – Rachelle, "Covenant of Law"
Scripture: Exodus 20:1-17

•**5:30** – Evening Small Group

MYF NEWS

TONIGHT - 5 pm, Bible study, Braden has devotions & snack

UPCOMING DATES

WEDNESDAY, March 7

Mennonite Women will meet. The project will be Des Moines Layettes. Devotions: John 13:1-17 "GIVE"

Question: Whose feet do you need to wash?

Salad luncheon with dessert provided.

SUNDAY, March 11

• **6 pm** - Rick Fulton will share about Mission Mobility and his experiences with Bethel Ministries in Guatemala.

SUGAR CREEK NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Nathan will be traveling to AMBS in Elkhart this afternoon for Pastor's week. He will be returning Thursday evening, March 1. Pray for safe travels and his time spent there.

Sugar Creek Website - We are looking for 3-4 individuals who would be willing to meet periodically and work together to develop a new website for the church. The meeting time would be minimal but it would require input on design (web surfing ☺) and gathering content for our site. Please be in touch with Lisa Graber if you are interested or have any questions!

If anyone would like to purchase an Easter lily in memory of a loved one, please sign up on the north bulletin board by March 11. The cost of a lily is \$11. Please turn your money into the church office. You may take your lily home after the Easter Service.

Please note the corrected address for Don Roth: Pleasantview Home, 811 3rd St., Kalona, IA 52247.

We are planning an adult choir to sing a few selections for Easter Sunday. If you are interested in joining, please contact Tawnya Achen, Deb Roth or Kathy Roth.

Nursery sign up is available at Sign up Genius or contact Maria Roth at 319.750.4125. Thank you!
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0e4fa8ac29a5fb6-sunday>

AREA NEWS AND EVENTS

Furniture Coordinator: Word Alive Christian Outreach Ministries is currently receiving numerous donations of bigger furniture items and appliances. These items are needed by many families in our community. In order to reach these families more effectively, we are looking for two different resources. First, we need some space where we can store bigger items until we can work out delivery details. Second, we need someone who would be willing to coordinate the furniture ministry by receiving phone calls about donations and working out the details for delivery. If you would be willing to volunteer in either of these areas, please call or text Tamara at [319-217-2456](tel:319-217-2456). Thank you!

Summer Lunch Program: WACO Ministerial Association is currently seeking two individuals who would be willing to coordinate the summer lunch program. The first position would require serving as the family and volunteer contact person for the actual summer lunches. The second position would require packing and distributing summer back packs. If you have interest in either of these positions, please contact Tamara at [319-217-2456](tel:319-217-2456) as soon as possible. Thank you!

Just this reminder! The Annual Iowa MDS Meeting will be held at Lower Deer Creek, Mennonite Church on March 4, 2018. The beginning time will be 2:00 p.m. ending at approximately 4:00 p.m. There will be a time of fellowship with coffee and cookies after the meeting.

Women of Central Plains: You are invited to "Sister Care: Equipping Women for Healing Ministries" at the Leadership Center in Aurora, Nebraska, on March 3-4, 2018. Sister Care seminars provide women with tools for ongoing personal healing, for recognizing and celebrating God's grace in their lives, and for responding more confidently to the needs of others. Sister Care is a ministry of Mennonite Women USA and will be led by Rhoda Keener, former director of Mennonite Women USA, and Carolyn Hegggen, psychotherapist. For more information or to register online, visit: FMCLincoln.org/WomensRetreatSisterCare or contact First Mennonite Lincoln Church member Carol Knieriem at carolknieriem@hotmail.com or [402-366-6598](tel:402-366-6598).

WHAT : VBS PEACE LAB

WHERE: Sugar Creek

WHEN: JUNE 4-8 (mornings)

WHY: Teach kids about the love of Jesus!

NEEDED: Anyone willing to share the love of children! Prayerfully consider taking time to help! Talk to Lisa Graber or Jen Slagel if there is an area you are interested in helping with!

