



**February 26, 2017**

*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: Nathan & Jr Dept Worship Team  
Piano: Kathy Yoder Lori Graber

### **Gathering**

*Here I am to worship*  
Welcome & Announcements  
Call to Worship  
Opening Prayer

### **Praising**

*10,000 Reasons*  
*Sandyland*  
*WB 230 Blessed are the persecuted*

### **Hear the Word**

Scripture Reading: Matthew 7:15-29 (NT pg. 5)  
Message: Nathan, "What are you resting on?"

### **Response**

*WB 5 There is a place of quiet rest*  
Offering: Home Missions & Loose Change (3/5 Home Missions)  
Sharing and Prayers

### **We Are Sent**

Benediction  
*God, you are my God*

*Anointing is available after the worship service today.*

## **TODAY**

**6 pm, Small Groups Meet**

### **MYF NEWS**

2/26 Bible Study, Matthew has snack & devotions

## **THIS WEEK**

### **Tuesday, February 28**

• **7 pm, Tuesdays with David Webinar.** Join us 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 on the website.

### **Wednesday, March 1**

• **Mennonite Women.** Project is Des Moines Layingettes. Please bring a salad to share for lunch.  
• **JYF – Meet at Wayland Mennonite.** Supper at 6, Pick up at 7:45.

### **Saturday, March 4**

• **JYF – Spring Break Outing to Crowded Closet!** Meet at Wayland Mennonite at 9 am. Working from 10-Noon. Then out for lunch. Please bring \$5.

## **NEXT SUNDAY, March 5**

**Sunday School Electives Begin March 5<sup>th</sup>!** *The Gospel Next Door*, will meet in the library; *Surprised by the Power of the Spirit*, will meet in the sewing room and *Overplayed*, will meet downstairs in the Genesis classroom.

Worship service Scripture Reading: Matthew 4:1-11  
Message prepared by Nathan

## **SUGAR CREEK NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS**

Continue to pray for the Elder nomination process, as individuals continue to discern their call.

**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.

## Sermon Notes

Eileen Roth will celebrate her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday March 6<sup>th</sup>. 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.

Although Dale and Pud Swartzendruber have moved from our community, they are still a part of our church family. Just a reminder their address is: c/o Windemere, 5018 S. Main Street #19, Cedar Falls, IA 50613. Their daughter Susie's number is: 319.461.4240

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](http://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.

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.***

### 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.

**Spring meeting of the Crowded Closet Association** will be held Monday, March 20, 7:00pm at Upper Deer Creek, 3369 320th St, Wellman. All volunteers and interested persons are invited to attend and learn of the latest happenings at the Closet. Church reps are the link between Crowded Closet and your congregation. We could not function without your support. Know you are a valued part of this mission! Hope to see you there.

**Selah: Breathe 2017.** A ladies retreat to Refresh, Renew, Refocus will be held March 31- April1 at Crooked Creek Christian Camp. The popular speaker, Kendra Smiley is an author, passionate about helping others "Make the Next Right Choice." For more information and registration go to [www.selahretreat.com](http://www.selahretreat.com) or check out the poster on the north bulletin board.

**THANK YOU to Sugar Creek.** As staff of Mennonite Church USA's Executive Board, we wish to express our sincere appreciation for your congregation's financial support. Our records show that you are among the top 10 percent of the congregations who gave most generously for our work in the last three years. We express our thanks in the words of the Apostle Paul: "Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, others will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else," (II Cor. 9:12-13). May God bless you abundantly.  
– Ervin Stutzman, Executive Director

**Crowded Closet Thrift Shop** is seeking a fulltime Processing Manager to provide leadership to the processing of donations with a focus on furniture. Ideal candidates support the mission of Crowded Closet and MCC, have flexibility to work on Saturdays as needed, and exhibit excellent interpersonal skills. Must be able to lift heavy items, work in a fast paced environment, and work both independently and as part of a team. *For more information or a detailed job description contact Crowded Closet at 319-337-5924 or email [crowdedcloset.gm@gmail.com](mailto:crowdedcloset.gm@gmail.com).*

**MCC Material Resource needs:** The Workroom at the MCC Material Resource Center in North Newton is a busy place! So busy, that we are running very low on the following items: men's deodorant (minimum size 2.25 oz), men's briefs (white), size L or XL only, men's crew neck undershirts (white), size L or XL only, lotion (max. size 2 oz), bath towels (medium weight, dark colors), fingernail clippers, shampoo (13-24 oz). You are welcome to shop [AmazonSmile \(https://www.amazon.com/registry/wishlist/17TB7GOT33OVJ/ref=cm\\_sw\\_r\\_cp\\_ep\\_ws\\_70dwybJSDP1DX\)](https://www.amazon.com/registry/wishlist/17TB7GOT33OVJ/ref=cm_sw_r_cp_ep_ws_70dwybJSDP1DX) for easy shopping and the ability to ship it directly to MCC in North Newton, plus a small portion of your purchase is donated back to MCC by Amazon. Thank you for your continued generous support!

## **CROOKED CREEK CHRISTIAN CAMP UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Craft Retreat March 10-11 3pm-3pm:** Grab your friends, pack your bags and bring your craft for this one night retreat full of food, fun and fellowship!

**High School Retreat April 1-2 (11am-12:30pm)** 'You were made for relationship. You were made to connect...' Join Kevin Wilder, psychology professor from Hesston College, for our 2nd annual high school retreat: **Body Mind and Soul: Living and Loving.** Youth sponsors received registration packets and there's more information online.

**Crooked Creek Wild May 6 at 10am** We are excited to host our first challenge-course run! Participants will experience the "wilds" of Crooked Creek as they climb through mud, cross the creek and encounter several obstacles--some handmade, some natural and all a blast! More information to come!

**Summer Camp Staff:** It's not too early to start thinking about your summer plans. Join the Crooked Creek staff for a life-changing experience! Applications are online NOW. [crookedcreekcamp.org](http://crookedcreekcamp.org)

**Welcome Center** construction continues: Cash and pledges received are at 80% with \$80,000 to go! **Would you consider a gift to The Welcome Center?** To donate to this project or for more updates and photos, check online. Thank you for your financial support for this project!

### **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.**