



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

Nathan, Rachelle, Mattias Keiren and Tristan Luitjens, and Rhonda Miller

**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 those who follow Jesus in Middle Eastern countries where it is lonely and sometimes dangerous to be faithful.

**Central Plains Mennonite** Today, Josh Lundberg, associate pastor at Kalona Mennonite Church, will be licensed toward ordination. Pray for Josh, lead pastor Scott Swartzendruber and the congregation in their shared ministry.

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**February 28, 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: Abbey Shelman

***Gathering***

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

***Praising***

WB 75 Praise I will praise you, Lord  
WB 575 Precious Lord, take my hand  
Offering: Home Missions/Loose change  
(3/6 Home Missions/Loose change)  
Sharing & Prayers

***Hear the Word***

Come and See: Children's Story:  
Scripture Reading: Isaiah 55: 1-5; Luke 13:1-9  
(pp 531 OT & 58 of NT in pew Bible)  
Message: Rachele Luitjens: Leaping off the page

***Responding***

Communion  
WB 471 Eat this bread

***We Are Sent***

Benediction  
As you go out from here

**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.

**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.**

Thank you to Corey and Renae Farmer for serving in the nursery today.

**We would like to express our thanks** for all the wonderful support that our Dad received from Sugar Creek over the years and especially in the last few months of his life. He was so glad for all the visits, conversations, meals, and rides to doctors' appointments when he was no longer able to drive. We are especially grateful for the support and kindness of all of Sugar Creek after his death. It was a tremendous help in a difficult time. – the family of Dareld Stauffer

**Accepting bids for mowing the church cemetery:** If you are interested, please submit bids to Sheldon Miller (319-7591066 or 319-256-7331).

### **THIS WEEK**

**Today Feb 28- Nathan is preaching at Wayland Mennonite**

**Monday, Feb 29 - 6:30 Spark: women's study**

**Tues, March 1- 7:00 pm Bible study, MYF room**

**Wednesday March 2, 1:30 Elder's meeting at Karen's house**

**Wednesday, March 2, Mennonite Women meet**

### **NEXT SUNDAY**

**Sunday, February 4th Sunday of Lent- Communion**

### **LAST SUNDAY**

**Attendance:** 122

**Offering:** Home Missions:\$4967; Torre Forte:\$50; Loose change \$86.20

### **Sugar Creek MYF News:**

**Today, February 28, 6 pm: Bible Study,**  
Devotions & Snack-Bryce

**March 4,** Dr. Charles Jackson (details to follow)

**Youth Escape 2016 July 15-17** Be sure to check out the video on the Youth Escape 2016 Facebook page or on the Youth Escape 2016 page at [www.centralplainsmc.org](http://www.centralplainsmc.org).

**The MYF would like to thank you** for supporting us by attending the Souper Bowl Lunch. We greatly appreciate your donations and will help us finance our mission trip to Santa Fe, New Mexico!

### **Crooked Creek Christian Camp**

**Lenten Quiet Day is March 12** at the Retreat Lodge. There is still time to sign up. Though there's no cost for the day, please register so we have an accurate count for lunch. More information online.

**High School Retreat April 2-3:** Hey High Schoolers, save the date and mark your calendars. And yes, we'll be playing Capture the Flag. See your sponsors for more information. Read more at [www.crookedcreekcamp.org](http://www.crookedcreekcamp.org).

**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.

### **Other News**

**Celebration Community Choir**, previously led by Nathaniel Yoder De Avila, has begun meeting again on Thursday evenings at Pleasantview Home in Kalona. Join us for an hour of singing hymns and folk songs old and new from 7 pm to 8 pm in the Pleasantview Home Chapel, 102 Pleasantview Court, Kalona, Iowa. For more information, call Heidi Gingerich at 319-646-2233

**Monday, Feb. 29 at 7:00 pm at Iowa Mennonite School (Celebration Hall):** Interested 8th-grade students, potential transfer students, and parents are invited to an evening of information and getting acquainted at Iowa Mennonite School. In addition to meeting faculty members and other families, there will be opportunity to receive course and financial information, as well as receive tours and ask questions. Please contact the school (656-2073) for more information.

**Sunday, March 6, Wellman Mennonite Mush Fry 11:30-1:00** Join us for this old fashioned meal of fried mush, sausage, liverwurst, scrambled eggs, tomato gravy and applesauce. Proceeds will benefit the MYF and WMC mission projects.

## Sugar Creek News

**Saturday, March 19: 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Parkview Home Fundraiser** banquet, 6:30 p.m. at Bethel Mennonite Church. Reservations need to be returned by March 4<sup>th</sup>.

**IMS' Culinary Arts class** is once again offering the popular 'restaurants' for the public! Come and enjoy tasty breakfast fare from four different regions of the world. The four-member class, under the direction of Ranee Brokaw, will research and prepare the menus, as well as serve and host the meals. Dates are as follows: Mar. 23 (French Patisserie Brunch); Mar. 30 (Down Home Breakfast); Apr. 20 (English Tea Brunch); and Apr. 27 (Mexican Fiesta Breakfast). The meals will be served at 8:30 am each time; reservations can be made by calling 656-2073. Cost is \$8/person, and the seats are filling fast!

**Mennonite Schools Choir Festival, Apr. 8-10:** Please consider how you might be involved, as the IMS community hosts 450+ students (13 schools). There will be a need for hosting students, as well as assistance with the concert itself, serving food, etc. Please contact Larry Swartzendruber at 656-2073 with questions or for further information.

**June 3-15, 2016, Central Plains Fellowship and Learning Tour to Ecuador.** Eight people from Central Plains will join two people from the Colombia Mennonite Church to visit two areas of Ecuador: the rain forest where we will learn from the indigenous people about their faith and sustainable living practices and Quito where we will get to know members of the Mennonite churches and their work in peace education and refugee assistance. Direct questions to Joetta Schlabach, [jschlabach@faithmennonite.org](mailto:jschlabach@faithmennonite.org). Applications are due by the end of March. Details and an application form: <http://www.centralplainsmc.org/upcoming-trips.html>.

### **New address for Thomas Morris:**

#6713563  
M.P.C.S.  
1200 E Washington St  
Mt Pleasant, IA 52641

**Elder nominations were completed** last week and Mike Roth has consented to let his name stand for elder. We thank Mike for his willingness to serve and we will be holding an affirmation ballot next Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Assistant Treasurer** – Since Mike has consented to serve the church in the role of elder the church council is in the process of appointing someone to replace him as assistant treasurer.

**Church Office News:** Welcome Maria Roth and Lisa Graber to the role as Sugar Creek office managers. They will share the job and one of them will be in the office from 9-noon Tues-Thurs. starting March 8<sup>th</sup>. All bulletin announcements are due 10 a.m. on Thursdays. Thank you Lisa and Maria for serving in this way.

**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. Questions? Ask Pam Gerig Unruh or Rachele Luitjens.

**The Stations of the Cross** will be open to the public at Sugar Creek Mennonite Church Thursday, March 24 thru Saturday, March 26 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**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.

**To the parents of primary children:** The children will be carrying palm branches and singing in the service Sunday morning March 20<sup>th</sup>.

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

**March 24-26: Stations of the Cross** (Thursday thru Saturday), from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. The Stations of the Cross will be open to the public at Sugar Creek Mennonite Church.

**Bible Study on the Gospel of Luke** starting March 1<sup>st</sup> – Nathan will be leading a six week Bible study on the Gospel of Luke. The Bible study will meet on Tuesday evening at 7 pm,. Please read Luke 1-4 in preparation for the first week's study.

**We have replaced our hearing assist system.** For those who use a hearing assist receiver, please bring your receiver to the table in the foyer where Reynolds will trade you for a new one. If anyone else would like to use a hearing assist receiver please see Reynolds.