



This week please remember the following people in prayer:
 Tim, Lisa, Morgan, Cody, Brenna & Logan Graber

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).

Please pray for April Eichelberger as she is on a mission trip with *Hope for Haiti*. She is working with the "garbage children" of Haiti, children who live in the dumps. April will be distributing medical supplies, food and Bibles. She will also be distributing water filters and teaching the families how to use them.

Mennonite Mission Network: Marisa Smucker, mentor for Mennonite Mission Network's Journey International team in Indonesia, will spend 12 days with participants beginning this Wednesday, Feb. 8. Pray for safe travel for Marisa and for a good time of reflection with team members.

Mennonite Church USA: Pray for the participants in the "Hope for the Future" conference, which concludes today in Hampton, Virginia. More than 70 dynamic leaders from across the church, including many people of color, were expected to attend.

LAST SUNDAY

Attendance: 124

Offering: Missions: \$3,972; Home Missions: \$1200; Parkview Home Association: \$50; Total of Coins for Camp & Sunday School offering: \$1,359.90



February 5, 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: Deb Roth

Gathering

Sanctuary
Welcome & Announcements
Call to Worship
Opening Prayer

Praising

STJ 103 Why should I feel discouraged
STJ 105 Don't be afraid

Hear the Word

Come & See Children's Story with Karen Meyer
Scripture Reading: Matthew 6:1-18
Message: Rachelle, "Not for show"

Response

WB 526 In the rifted Rock I'm resting
Offering: Home Missions (2/12/17 Missions)
Sharing and Prayers

We Are Sent

Benediction
O God you are my God

The oil lamp by the organ is a prayer reminder from the Committee on Peace and Social Concerns. It will be lit for every service as a reminder to pray for peace and for the people of our world who are caught in war and violence.

TODAY

Souper Bowl/Sundae lunch, Hosted by the MYF

Please join the MYF as they host the church and community at the annual Super Bowl/Sundae lunch following today's morning worship service. A variety of delicious soups, salad and an ice cream sundae bar will be served. There will be a free will offering for Convention 2017 in Orlando, Florida.

THIS WEEK

Wednesday, February 8

• **11 am, Worship Planning** – Meet in the MYF Room

NO JYF Tonight

NEXT SUNDAY, February 12

Scripture Reading: Matthew 6:25-34

Message: Nathan

6 pm - Promiseland & Xplore
- Peace & Social Concerns – Library

7:15 pm - California Service Trip Bible Study in the MYF room

MYF NEWS

TODAY, Souper Bowl/Sundae MYF Fundraiser for 2017
Convention 2017 immediately following the church service.

SUGAR CREEK NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

In order to better provide care for those in the hospital please contact one of the pastors or an elder if you or a family member are (or will be) hospitalized.

Lenten study - Join us in studying *Seven* by Jen Hatmaker on Monday nights during Lent. We will learn together how to live more simply, focusing on God. The study will begin February 27. Please let Rachelle know by February 13 if you would like to be a part of this study so we can get a book ordered for you.

We will be joining with Wayland Mennonite on **JUNE 6, 7 & 8 for VBS MARKETPLACE!** The weekend prior and Monday, June 5 will be set up. Marketplace requires many hands (men & women, young & old) but the kids LOVE it! There is a Tribal leader sign up form on the North bulletin board. Contact Michelle Meyer or Lisa Graber if you have and questions!

SUGAR CREEK NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS (CONT'D)

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 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.

You are invited to the Churchman's annual Soup Supper at Swedesburg Parish Hall on Tuesday, February 7 at 5:30. They will be serving chili & oyster soup. A free will offering will be taken. For additional information, please see the North bulletin board.

CROOKED CREEK CHRISTIAN CAMP

March 10-11 is the spring Craft Retreat! You can sign up online or call the camp office.

Summer Camp: Make a difference in the lives of youth! Accepting applications now for summer staff counselors! For more information and to fill out the staff application, go to crookedcreekcamp.org

Welcome Center construction: Thank you for your financial contributions that have encouraged this project to continue! This month drywall was completed. Painting finished this past week and we are preparing for the installation of desks and cabinets. Nearly \$115,000 remains for the project! Thank you for your support of ministry at Crooked Creek!

THE GIFTING AND CALLING OF AN ELDER

On Sunday, **February 19**, 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 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.

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)