



This week please remember the following people in prayer:

Dale and Gerry Widmer and Janis Unternahrer

Pray for those dealing with

cancer: Gary Garton (April Eichelberger's father), 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

Mennonite Mission Network: Pray for Mennonite Mission Network personnel and their colleagues in Nepal as they share the good news of God's providence through the creation of small businesses, including a coffee shop. Praise God for the success of this hospitality ministry that is prospering and giving hope to many visitors

Pray for our missionaries, Jane and Jerrell Ross Richer and their children, Sierra, Naomi, Teresa, and Jordan. They are serving in the Pastaza Region of Ecuador. Pray that they can open themselves to new opportunities as they prepare to seek God's guidance and timing. You can follow the Ross Richers at <http://twowaymission.net>.

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.

Central Plains Mennonite: Tim Detweiler began chemotherapy treatments on January 20. Pray for courage, strength and for God's healing as he begins his journey of fighting cancer.

Anita Swartzendruber will leave February 10, for India Pray for their team of four, their India hosts and that God would prepare the hearts they will minister to for the Glory of the Lord. Prayer also for safe travels, good health, strength and peace.

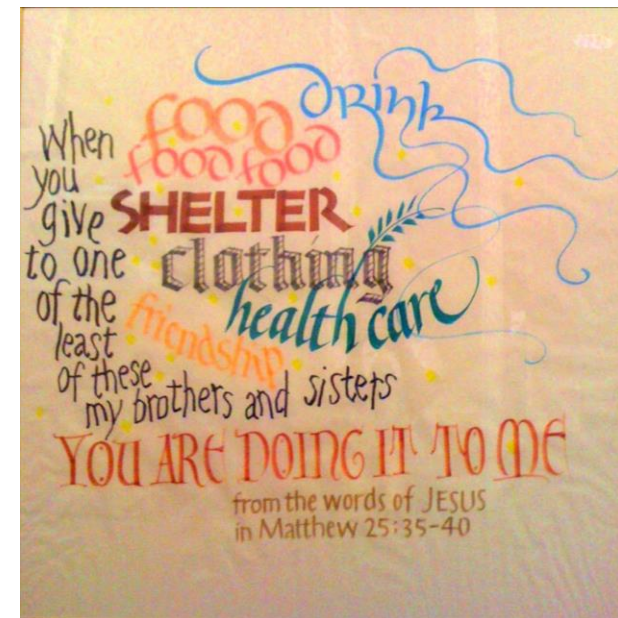
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*We welcome all to this place
for worship of God and for Christian fellowship.
Let us worship God in spirit and truth,
reaching out to one another in Christ's love.*

8:45 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: Doran and Cindy Conrad
Song Leader: Kathy Roth
Piano/Organ: Deb Roth

Gathering

Step by Step
Welcome & Announcements
Call to Worship
Opening Prayer

Praising

WB 369 Lord, whose love in humble service
No longer slaves

Hear the Word

Scripture Reading: Matthew 25:31-46 (pg. 22 of NT in pew Bible)
Message: Nathan Luitjens "Don't be Afraid: Get Involved Like God Does"

Responding

WB 395 Here I am, Lord
Offering: Home Missions (2/14 Missions)
Sharing & Prayers

We Are Sent

Benediction
STJ 105 Don't be afraid

THE GIFTING AND CALLING OF AN ELDER

On Sunday, **February 28**, 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 Pam Gerig Unruh and Ron Scarff. Karen Meyer (who has fulfilled Royce's term) 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)

Thank you to Russ and Becky Yoder for serving in the nursery today.

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.

WACO Vocal Concert - February 22 - 7 p.m. The WACO junior and senior high choruses will perform in concert on Feb. 22 in the HS gym. The choruses will combine to sing the final song, "He Never Failed Me Yet." Mrs. Koch invites any adult who would like to join in singing in the finale to attend any high school rehearsal during 1st period (8-8:45 a.m.) on Mondays and Wednesdays. There will also be a rehearsal at 5:45 p.m. before the concert that evening. Admission to the concert is \$3 for adults and \$2 for students. Activity passes will be accepted.

SINGING VALENTINES The WACO high school chorus members will be delivering singing Valentines on Friday, February 12. For \$20 a group of students will serenade the recipient of your choice with either "Let Me Call You Sweetheart" or the Muppets song, "Life's a Happy Song". They will also deliver a fresh flower or small box of chocolates. Just call the WACO school office to place your order. Mrs. Koch will then contact you to confirm the time and place. Proceeds to a music trip in the Spring of 2017.

Sermon Notes & Prayer Requests



Sugar Creek News

I.N.G. What is that you might ask? The pastors and elders, with the help of you, are going to begin intergenerational events once a month! The events will be for all ages. The word PASSIONATE is in Sugar Creek's mission statement and we desire that all would be passionate about serving Jesus Christ and letting our lights shine around us! Our goal is to be God's faithful community getting closer to Jesus by building relationships with others.

February 14 at 5:30 pm is our first I.N.G. Night in the fellowship hall! We will be decorating Valentine cookies, playing games and we will also have a time for devotions! Save the date on your calendar and we hope to see you there!

Parents- during the month of February all children in Kindergarten-12th grade will be taught lessons from the Circle of Grace curriculum. We are teaching Circle of Grace so that children will know what their own Circle of Grace is, God's love within that circle, and appropriate boundaries to keep them safe. If you have any questions please contact Rachele.

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. Feb 15 - March 21. Questions? Ask Pam Gerig Unruh or Rachele Luitjens.

Advocates and youth: The church's I.N.G. Night on Sunday, February 14, is a perfect opportunity to do something together (details above). We hope you take advantage of this night to spend some time together!

The Sugar Creek MYF is looking forward to hosting the church and community for Souper Bowl/Sundae. We will serve immediately after church today. There will be a free will offering for our Mission Trip to Santa Fe, New Mexico summer 2016. We will serve soup, salad, bars and ice cream sundaes.

THIS WEEK

Today, February 7 - Souper Bowl/Sundae (following church)

NEXT SUNDAY

Sunday, February 14 - I.N.G. Event at 5:30 p.m.

LAST SUNDAY

Attendance: 122

Offering: Missions \$3016.01; Home Missions \$1030; Torre Forte \$100

Church Office News: Wendy Scarff and Pam Gerig Unruh (on an interim basis) as well as Nathan and Rachelle will staff the office Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-noon. If you have a bulletin announcement email it to sugarcreekmc@farmtel.net or call and leave a message on the answering machine or put in Pam Unruh's church mailbox.

The family of Gerald and Kathryn Nebel would like to invite individuals from Sugar Creek and the Wayland area to participate in a card shower for their 65 Wedding anniversary that is coming up on February 18. Leaving Iowa has been a big adjustment for them. They are now in skilled nursing and doing okay, but have aged a lot. They would love to hear from you, more especially, what you are doing. That's what they miss the most -- hearing about the everyday activities of family, friends, and neighbors. You can mail cards/notes to Brian Nebel, 225 S. College Dr. Hesston, KS 67062.

We extend our sympathy to the family of Dareld Stauffer. Dareld passed away Thursday, Feb 4. We will miss Dareld's presence among us.

Sugar Creek MYF News:

Today, February 7 Souper Bowl/Sundae MYF fundraiser
Sunday, February 14 I.N.G night in the Fellowship Hall 5:30p.m.
Sunday, February 21, 6p.m.: Bible Study. Matthew in charge of snacks and devotions.

Crooked Creek Christian Camp

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.

February 21: open gym at the Activity Center 3-5pm. The climbing wall will be available, if interested please call the camp office.

February 22: open gym for parents and young children (Pre-K and younger) 10am-12pm.

The High School Retreat is April 2-3 at Crooked Creek for one night of games, worship and wolfing down food! Churches and/or sponsors have been given more information including registration. You can go online to read more at www.crookedcreekcamp.org.

Other News

Monday, February 15, from 6-8 pm (at Dave and Anna Geyer's) Diana Butler Bass's book, *Grounded*, will be introduced. Butler Bass, leading commentator on religion, politics, and culture, argues that what appears to be a religious decline in America today actually signals a major transformation in how people understand and experience God. Registration for the event is \$10 per person and includes supper around the indoor pizza oven. Registration is limited to 20 people. To register, please call Anna at [319.325.6609](tel:319.325.6609)

Save the date: Parkview Home Benefit at Bethel Mennonite Church Saturday March 19, 2016.

Kalona Mops Fundraiser Meal, Sunday, February 28, 2016, 11:30am-1:30pm at Kalona Mennonite Church. Free will donation. Serving Pork loin, cheesy potatoes, green beans, rolls, fluff & dessert.

You're invited to join the MCC Central States Board and Staff at our annual Community Engagement Event on Saturday, Feb. 27. Our event this year will be held in the chapel at Tabor College in Hillsboro, Kan. from 8:30-10:45 a.m. focusing on Mass Incarceration. We will have a variety of speakers share with the group and time for questions and answers. Please call our office to let us know if you'll be attending at 316.283.2720. All our welcome to attend this informative event with opportunity to engage with MCC board and staff!

MCC's SALT program is for you! (Single 18-30 yr olds) Have you always wanted to experience another culture while growing professionally, spiritually, and personally? We have upwards of 120 diverse assignments in over 35 countries waiting for the perfect applicants to fill them. Deadline to apply is Feb. 15. Make 2016 the year you will step out in faith and do it. Apply today at mcc.org/salt!