



This week please remember the following people in prayer:

Cary, Nancy, Taylor, Lindsey and Meredith Roth

Pray for those dealing with cancer:

Bob Hartzler (Orpha Yoder's brother)

Pray for those dealing with medical issues: Gabe Graber, Martha Marsh, Lela Miller, Mercedes Ellard, Denise Nebel, Gerald Nebel, Kathryn Nebel,

Gary Garton (April Eichelberger's father).

Pray for the leaders and children and youth involved in Promiseland, Xplore, JYF, and MYF. Pray for God to bless the leaders with wisdom, understanding, and love for the children and youth they lead. Pray for God to bless the children and youth with willing hearts and the chance to be examples to others.

Mennonite Mission Network: C. Paul and Hildi Amstutz have served with Mennonite Mission Network since 1985. Pray for C. Paul as he works with more than 50 business chaplains in Paraguay who reach out to employees in the workplace, and pray for Hildi as she provides spiritual direction to help people deepen their faith.

We ask for your prayers for Michael Sharp ("MJ"), who was kidnapped by Congolese militia group last Sunday. Michael is working with the United Nations, but was the former MCC Congo Country Representative and is son of John Sharp, professor at Hesston College (KS). Michael was abducted while traveling in a remote area of Congo with another fellow UN official from Sweden, and their four Congolese assistants. They were part of a UN panel of experts investigating longstanding violent conflicts in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

LAST SUNDAY Attendance: 95

Offering: Missions: \$2,822; Home Missions: \$500; Elders Fund: \$20; Ministerial Neighbor to Neighbor Fund: \$50; Parkview: \$150

March 19, 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: Tim & Lisa Graber
Song Leader: Kathy Roth
Piano: Kathy Yoder

Gathering

Video ~ You are My Hiding Place
Welcome & Announcements
Call to Worship
Opening Prayer

3rd Sunday of Lent
"We Thirst"

Praising

*WB 14 Come, we that love the Lord
As the Deer
STJ 49 Rain down*

Hear the Word

Scripture Reading: John 4:5-42 (NT p. 72)
Message: Nathan, "We thirst"

Response

WB 372 O healing river
Offering: Home Missions (3/26 Conference/Loose Change)
Sharing and Prayers

We Are Sent

Benediction
STJ 29 You are all we have

Easter 2017

The theme and focus of our Lenten season this year is Restore Us, OH GOD. Lent is the 40-day period in the Christian calendar that provides a chance to step back and create space, offering opportunities for reflection. It is a time to repent, to renew and to empty ourselves of what distracts us from hearing God's voice. Lent is often referred to as the wilderness, a space where the familiar is stripped away and we face our brokenness. Jesus began his journey in the wilderness alone. He was tempted, he fasted and he prayed. It is the prayerful desire of the worship committee that this season of Lent can also be a time of reflection, repentance and renewal for those worshipping at Sugar Creek. May we all prepare our hearts for the significance of this season.

Each week during Lent, our sanctuary will experience a transformation. The banner in the SW wall of the sanctuary is progressive; each Sunday another strip of fabric will be added. Its color representing our theme of being restored as we all venture through our respective wildernesses.

- Burlap: We hunger
- Purple: We wonder
- Blue: We thirst
- Green: We see
- Gold: We breathe
- Orange: We hope
- White: We LIVE!

The table display in front of the pulpit represents the wilderness. It too will change each week as the pastors will contribute to its progressive transformation, as a part of our worship experience.

And the cross serves as a weekly reminder of the purpose of the Lenten Season. It reminds us to prepare and to look forward in anticipation to Easter morning, and the events of the Easter weekend that CHANGED THE WORLD FOREVER.

"I want to thank you for praying for me during my cataract surgeries. Eyes are important to keep functioning."

~ Pauline Wyse

Nathan and Rachelle will be attending Annual Leader's Retreat in Schuyler, NE. They will be leaving today and returning on Tuesday, March 21.

In preparation for Easter, Nathan will lead a Bible study, "Jesus' Last Week". It will begin THIS Wednesday at 7 pm and run for five weeks. Make plans to attend!

If anyone would like to purchase an Easter Lily in memory of a loved one, please sign up on the North bulletin board by THIS WEDNESDAY, March 22. The cost of the lilies is \$11. Please turn your money into the church office or Wendy Scarff's mailbox. You may take them home after the Easter Service.

NEXT SUNDAY, March 26th, plan to bring your pastoral and congregational review sheets to Sunday school filled out. Each adult Sunday school class will be discussing the review and after class you will leave them with a member of the review committee. If you can't attend your class, your review sheets can be put in Ron Scarff's mailbox.

Sign up for morning Bible study called Restless by Jennie Allen starting on April 12th! Arlene Wenger will be leading this study on Wednesday mornings at 9:30am. Sign up on the North bulletin board by April 3rd so we can order you a study guide.

Sugar Creek Website – Our website is dated and needs to be rebuilt. If you OR someone you know could/would like to help with this, please let the church office know ASAP!

MARKETPLACE June 6-8, We are in need of **5 more** tribal leaders! Please contact Michelle Meyer or Lisa Graber if you are willing to serve.

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. 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.

AREA NEWS AND EVENTS

TODAY – There is a "Spring Fever – Vendor Blender" from 11:30-4 pm at the Wayland Community Center. The proceeds from the day will go to benefit the WACO Backpack Program. Lunch will also be served. Bring an item to donate to the Backpack Program and have your name entered for a prize! The North Bulletin board has a list of the vendors who will be present.

Many of you have been wondering how you can be helpful with the trailer court transition. We are at the point that many families are moving. We need people who have trucks, trailers, etc and strong muscles who could help these families move quickly and efficiently. This time can also be a huge witness to those in our community. Please contact Tamara by texting or calling [319-217-2456](tel:319-217-2456) if you are willing to help these families move into their new homes. We are also still looking for someone who would be able to transport a shed from Wayland to Mount Pleasant. They probably would need a flatbed truck.

Spring meeting of the Crowded Closet Association will be held TOMORROW, 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- April 1 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 or check out the poster on the North bulletin board.

The Parkview board is planning a Potato Bar Fundraiser on April 23rd, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Parkview Lower Level Family Room. Please come join us for food and fellowship.

Songs of Justice, Hope and Peace—Next Sunday, March 26 at 5:00 pm, Washington Mennonite Church will be hosting a hymn sing celebrating and proclaiming the songs of God's justice, hope and peace in our Mennonite hymnals. Stay after for fellowship and a sweet-treat brought to you by the WMC MYF as they fundraise for convention this summer. Come sing with us!

MCC NEWS

Do you enjoy mentoring young adults and living in community? Service Adventure is looking for unit leaders for our Colorado Springs, Colorado, and Jackson, Mississippi, units. The two-year term begins late July. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact Susan Nisly at SusanN@MennoniteMission.net or visit us at www.MennoniteMission.net.

According to the United Nations, the world is facing the largest humanitarian crisis since the second world war. More than 20 million people across Yemen, Somalia, South Sudan and northeast Nigeria are facing or are at risk of famine. Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) is working in the area to provide emergency food assistance and increase its response to the crisis. Because of serious conflicts and concerns for safe, unimpeded access for humanitarian assistance, this process is slow and challenging. To donate to MCC's relief fund, which supports MCC's response to this disaster and others, visit mcc.org/learn/what/relief, call [1-888-563-4676](tel:1-888-563-4676) or send a check to MCC, PO Box 500, Akron, PA 17501-0500.

CROOKED CREEK CHRISTIAN CAMP UPCOMING EVENTS

Sugar Creek is the winner of "Make a Splash!" Thank you for all the coins contributed in the month of January. Keep a look out for a party announcement.

Summer Camp registration is OPEN! Register soon!

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 online NOW. crookedcreekcamp.org

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THIS WEEK

WEDNESDAY, March 22

•**6:00 pm** - JYF – Meet at Wayland Mennonite Church. Supper will be served and pickup at 7:45. We will be having a SPRINGING into SPRING Party!

{ JYF will be going to SkyZone THIS FRIDAY, March 24, 1:30 pm. Meet at Wayland Mennonite Church. Adult drivers needed. Bring \$5/person. Must be registered with SkyZone prior to leaving. }

•**7:00 pm** – “Seven” Bible Study – Meet at Heather Freyenberger's home and read Chapter 4 in preparation.

•**7:00 pm** - *Lent Bible Study: Jesus' Last Week* – Join us as we prepare for Easter by working through the Biblical texts beginning with the triumphant entry into Jerusalem and ending just after Easter with the texts about the resurrection. We will look at the things Jesus taught and did during his last week comparing and contrasting the different ways the Gospel writers told this part of Jesus' story. Please read Matthew 21-22, Mark 11-12 and Luke 19:28-21:4 in preparation. Meet in the MYF room.

Easter Lily orders due – Notify the church office or sign up on North bulletin board

NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 26

•Message: Nathan, Scripture: John 9:1-45

•**3:00 pm** - Rachelle's Ordination Service. There will be a time of fellowship following the service in the Fellowship Hall.

•**6:00 pm** – Small groups meet

MYF NEWS

TONIGHT – No MYF
March 26 – Bible Study – Makenzie has snack & devotions

SUGAR CREEK NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

Happy 90th Birthday to Dwight Graber! If you would like to send him a card or stop and visit him, his address is: Halcyon House 1013 South Iowa Ave., Washington, IA 52353

“Some people say birthdays are a season rather than just a day. I have had a wonderful season of cards, {they're still coming} pictures, and memories. I'll have plenty to keep me busy getting them ready for the scrapbook. Thank you for your participation.”

~Eileen Roth