



**This week please remember the following people in prayer:** Dave & Nancy Eichelberger and Royce & Eileen Roth

**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, Kathryn Nebel, Gary Garton (April Eichelberger's father), Mercedes Duran (Hortensia's sister)

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Jane and Jerrell Ross Richer and their four children are halfway through the Ecuador portion of their two-way mission. Pray for them as they relate to their neighbors, accompany church leaders, and focus on the themes of creation care, economic justice, and the rights of women and children.

**Central Plains Mennonite:** Please pray those speaking on Max Villatoro's behalf as they will be speaking on House and Senate briefing panels on March 21.

**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.

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**March 20, 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: Nathan Luitjens  
Piano/Organ: Makenzie & Jan Shelman, Kathy Yoder

***Gathering***

*Hosanna*  
Special Music by Primary Department  
Welcome & Announcements  
Call to Worship  
Opening Prayer

***Praising***

*The Wonderful Cross*  
*Worthy is the Lamb*  
Offering: Home Missions (3/27 Conference)  
Sharing & Prayers

***Hear the Word***

Scripture Reading: Philippians 2:5-11 (pg. 152 NT)  
Message: Rachele Luitjens: "The Plot Thickens"

***Responding***

Communion  
Luke 22:14-23:56

***We Are Sent***

*WB 257 Were You There (vs. 1-4)*

Thank you Brett Hesseltine & Jaelyn Unternahrer for serving in the nursery today.

**AREA NEWS**

**Monday, March 21: Crowded Closet Association** Spring meeting at 7:00pm, Kalona Mennonite Church. All volunteers and interested persons are invited to attend and learn of the latest happenings at the Closet.

**Crooked Creek Camp News**

**TODAY, 3-5 pm:** Open gym at the Activity Center

**Monday, March 21, 10 am-Noon:** Open gym for parents and young children (PK and younger)

**April 2-3:** is High School Retreat! Talk to your youth sponsors or visit CCCC online to learn more.

**Summer Camp Registration** is now open online! Register as soon as possible as some sessions fill quickly! Sugar Creek covers half of the registration fee, so don't forget to mark that as you register!

**Iowa Mennonite School News**

**Tuesday, March 29, 6 pm:** All are invited to an evening of information surrounding preparation for college, at Iowa Mennonite School. High school families, middle school families. IMS graduate Adam Ingersoll ('93) will present. There is no cost for the seminar, which will cover the college admission timeline, how to evaluate selectivity vs. affordability, factors in the process, the role of ACT and/or SAT scores, and much more.

**Sunday, April 10, 3 pm:** Mennonite Schools Council Choir Festival at Washington HS

**Sugar Creek MYF News**

**TODAY – Sky Zone in Cedar Rapids – Leaving at 3 pm** If you are under 18 please make sure your parents fill out and sign the waivers.

**March 23 – Rehearsal for Sunrise Service at 7 pm,** Everyone is expected to attend!!

**Easter Sunday – Sunrise Service.** Please meet at 7:30 am in the sanctuary.

## TODAY

- Rachelle led worship at Parkview this morning
- **5:30 pm, ING night.** Come find out what March madness means Sugar Creek style! ALL ages welcome! We will be making care packages for our college age kids.
- **5:30 pm -7 pm., Promiseland/Xplore.** Joining ING night!

## THIS WEEK

### **MONDAY, MARCH 21**

- **6:30 pm, Spark, women's study**

### **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23**

- **5:30 pm Worship planning meeting,** MYF room
- **7:00 pm Christian Education meeting,** MYF room
- **7:00 pm Luke Bible study,** Library (Chapters 13-16)

### **THURSDAY, MARCH 24-SATURDAY, MARCH 26**

**Stations of the Cross** (Thursday thru Saturday), from 7 am to 8 pm - The Stations of the Cross will be open to the public. The Stations of the Cross are an opportunity for personal meditation and prayer to remember the journey to the cross by Jesus.

### **THURSDAY, MARCH 24**

**Maundy Thursday Service** in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited to the Maundy Thursday Service which will include a simple meal and communion. This service is child friendly. For those interested in Foot Washing, that will take place at 6:15 pm with the Maundy Thursday service following at 6:30.

### **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23**

- **6:44 pm - JYF – Meet at Wayland Mennonite**

## NEXT SUNDAY EASTER/COMMUNION

- **8:00 am, Everyone is invited to attend the Sunrise Service** in the sanctuary hosted by the MYF. There will be coffee and rolls in the fellowship hall immediately following the service.
- **10:30 am, Nathan Luitjens, John 20: 1-18, “The End of the Beginning”**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **MONDAY, JUNE 6 – FRIDAY, JUNE 10**

- **VBS – SURPRISE!** Stories of Discovering Jesus

## Sugar Creek News

With Mike Roth's acceptance to the role of elder the position of assistant treasurer was left vacant. Church Council has appointed Melanie Stutzman to fill Mike's term. We thank Melanie for being willing to serve in this way.

**Congratulations** to Royce and Eileen Roth on their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary! Thursday, March 24 is their anniversary.

**The floral arrangement** on the piano ledge this morning is in memory of Eldon Wyse. Eldon's date of birth was March 20, 1926. Today would have been his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. The flowers are from his family to commemorate this day.

**We extend our sympathy** to the family of Gene Boese. Gene passed away Friday, March 11. We will miss Gene's presence among us.

**If anyone would like to purchase an Easter lily** in memory of a loved one, please sign up on the north bulletin board by **TODAY**. The cost is \$10. Please turn money into the church office or Wendy Scarff's mailbox. You may take them home after the Easter Service.

**Baskets for the Elders' Sharing Fund** will be set out next week. The Elders Sharing fund is used at the discretion of the Elders to take care of special needs of individuals and families in the congregation and in the community.

**Vacation Bible School is coming soon!** It will be June 6-10 from 8:45-11:30 a.m. Please contact April Eichelberger or Michelle Meyer if you are willing to help in this ministry. Thank you for your support of 2016 VBS!

**MOWING BIDS:** Spring is HERE and we are looking for someone to mow the cemetery! If you are interested, please submit bids to Sheldon Miller (319-759-1066 or 319-256-7331).

**Church Office News:** All bulletin announcements are due by 10 am on Thursdays.

## LAST SUNDAY

**Attendance:** 116

**Offering:** Missions: \$3646.00; Home Missions: \$650.00; Torre Forte: \$150.00; Igelsia Centro Cristiano: \$150.00.