

**March 29, 2015**

*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.*

Worship Leader: Nathan Luitjens  
Song Leader: Kathy Roth  
Song Leaders: MYF Praise Band  
Special Music: Primary Department

## Upside down & inside out

### **Gathering**

WB 238 *Hosanna, loud hosanna*  
Special Music: Primary Department  
Children's Story: Dana Oswald  
Welcome & Announcements  
Call to authenticity  
Call to grace  
Opening Prayer

### **Praising**

*My soul cries out  
Worthy is the Lamb  
The Wonderful Cross*  
Scripture Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a (pg 570 in the OT of the pew Bible)  
Offering: Conference/Loose Change  
Sharing and Prayers

### **Hear the Word**

Message: Rachele Luitjens  
Scripture Reading: Mark 14:12-15:47

### **Responding**

WB 257 *Were you there*

*Thank you to Diana Miller and Kaitie Miles  
for serving in the Nursery today.*



**This week please remember the following people in prayer:** Mark & Linda Boshart and Randy & Shirlyn Graber

**Pray for those dealing with cancer:** Perry Rich (Vernon & Jean Roth's grandson) and Rosie Reschly (Marion & Opal's daughter-in-law)

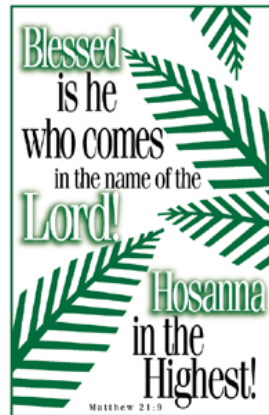
**Pray for those dealing with medical issues:** Scott & Tena Shumaker, Stan Widmer, Pud Swartzendruber, Inez Roth, Marion Reschly, Myndell Boshart, Denise Nebel, Jo Sutter, Gerald Nebel, Dwight Graber, Chad Hudson (employee of Wayland State Bank), and Sammi Jo Smith (Marion & Opal's grand-niece)

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Janet Stucky of Mennonite Mission Network serves as a nutritional consultant at Bethesda Hospital in Benin. Pray for funding to implement a program to improve the diets of pregnant women, children under 5 years old, and people living with HIV/AIDS.

**Central Plains Mennonite Conference:** Pray for MC USA Executive Board meeting in Kansas City next Monday through Wednesday to prepare for the July delegate assembly.

**Pray for those in the MYF Baptism/Membership class:** Hunter Leichty, Jackson Roth, and Joshua Shumaker.

**Pray for those in the Adult Baptism/Membership class:** Jen Slagel, Laura Stutzman, Bob Stutzman, and Patsy Truffel-Humphrey.



### **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.**

## TODAY

- 4 p.m., Youth membership/baptism class in the MYF Room
- 6 p.m., Promiseland and Xplore
- 8 p.m., Adult membership/baptism class at Nathan & Rachelle's

## THIS WEEK

### TUESDAY, MARCH 31

- 5:30 p.m., MYF Sonrise Service Practice in the Sanctuary
- 6:30 p.m., Worship Planning meeting in the MYF Room

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1

- **Mennonite Women in the Fellowship Hall.** Project is bars of soap (4 oz. or larger) for MCC. Bring a sack lunch; dessert will be provided.

### THURSDAY, APRIL 2 MAUNDY THURSDAY

- 4-9 p.m., **Stations of the Cross Prayer Walk** – A time of personal meditation and prayer to remember the journey to the cross by Jesus.
- 6 p.m., **Footwashing Service** in the Sanctuary.
- 6:30 p.m., **Tenebrae Service** in the Fellowship Hall. The service will include a simple meal and communion. This service is child friendly.

### FRIDAY, APRIL 3 & SATURDAY, APRIL 4

- 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. **Stations of the Cross Prayer Walk** in the Sanctuary

## NEXT WEEK

### SUNDAY, APRIL 5 EASTER/COMMUNION

- 8 a.m., Sonrise Service hosted by the MYF
- 8:45 a.m., Junior Department and Praise Group will practice for the Easter service
- 10:30 a.m., Nathan Luitjens, John 20:1-18, Isaiah 25:6-9, Hebrews 9:11-15.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### SUNDAY, APRIL 12

- 6-7:30 p.m., **All Church Fun Night!** The Promiseland and Xplore kids will celebrate their last night of the year with board games and the whole church is invited. Anyone, any age - come and play games (there will be a snack too!).

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15

- 6:30 p.m., **Ladies' Spring Salad Supper.** Sign up on the North Bulletin Board.

## SUGAR CREEK NEWS

**We extend our condolences to the family of Alberta Miller.** Alberta passed away Tuesday, March 24. May God's comfort, peace, and strength reign as they mourn Alberta's death and celebrate her life.

**Ron Scarff was affirmed by the congregation to serve as Elder.** He will serve for 3 years, beginning in September. Pray for Ron as he prepares to serve in this position.

**Offering schedule for April:** 5<sup>th</sup> Home Missions, 12<sup>th</sup> Home Missions, 19<sup>th</sup> Missions, 26<sup>th</sup> Home Missions.

**Baskets for the Elders' Sharing Fund** will be placed at the doors of the Sanctuary next Sunday. 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. Please consider what you might give to this fund to help support these needs.

**Vacation Bible School is coming soon!** It will be June 1-5 from 8:45-11:30 a.m. We are looking for teachers, classroom helpers, kitchen helpers, and craft helpers. If you are interested in helping in any of those areas, please contact Tawnya Achen, April Eichelberger, or Dana Oswald. We are also looking for **prayer partners**. A sheet is posted on the north bulletin board for you to sign up.

**It's time to start thinking green grass and mowing.** We are once again taking bids for mowing the Church Cemetery. We would appreciate having interested offers submitted by March 31 for the upcoming mowing season. Give bids to Mat Leichty or Doran Conrad or give one of them a call. Mat 319-931-3521. Doran 319-931-5579.

**Opportunity to serve:** We are looking for someone who is willing to unlock the church on Sunday mornings and turn up the heat, as well as come back to turn the heat down and lock up. If this is something you would be willing to do for a month as we seek new permanent custodians, please talk to a Church Council member.

**The April issues of Prayer Vine and Prayers for Faith and Learning** are in the rack in the Foyer.

## LAST SUNDAY

**Offering:** Home Missions \$5,250.10; Missions \$25.00; Parkview \$200.00

**Attendance:** 147

## Sugar Creek MYF News

**Sunday, March 29: 2:30 p.m. WACO Musical "Shrek Jr." No MYF.**

**Tuesday, March 31: Sunrise Service practice.**

**Sunday, April 5: 7:30 a.m., MYF arrives for Sunrise Service, which begins at 8 a.m.**

### MENNONITE AGENCIES

**Central Plains Mennonite Conference is launching a fundraising** campaign to raise funds for Max Villatoro's legal fees and provide a strong foundation for his family with the separation of their father. Go to <http://www.centralplainsmc.org/donate.html>

**Community Good Friday Tenebrae Service:** Join local Central Plains Mennonite Conference churches as we worship together this Friday, April 3, at 7 p.m. at Celebration Hall in Iowa Mennonite School. High school students will share testimonies relating to Jesus' last seven words before his death on the cross. Child care will be provided for ages 3-8. Student speakers are Olivia Hall, Stasia Majerick, Hannah Miller, Leslee Rios, Jenna Boller, Liza Zanozina, and Kaycee Miller.

**Last week to register for Sister Care.** If you have not already done so, please pick up a registration form for the Sister Care Seminar and send it in this week. Sister Care is a special gathering for women of all ages to share our stories and care for one another. This Friday evening and all day Saturday event will inspire and uplift you. We will meet on April 17 and 18 at Kalona Mennonite Church, but your registration form is due by **April 4.** We hope to see you there!

**Donations of new and gently used items are needed for the Iowa Relief Sale Children's Auction.** Suggested items are toys, books, games, sports equipment, etc. Items can be auctioned individually or put together into themed baskets such as family game night, family movie night, arts & crafts, sports, reading, etc. Let Jon Widmer know if you would like to donate.

**The Iowa Mennonite Relief Sale needs your help.** Individuals and businesses can help support the sale with a donation of furniture, a household item, or children's toy or item that can be sold at auction. If an individual or business has no item to donate or if a cash donation is preferred, monetary sponsorship is possible. Individuals and businesses can provide sponsorship at the following levels: Relief Sponsorship \$100-\$249, Justice Sponsorship \$250-\$499, or Hope Sponsorship \$500 or more. All donors' and sponsors' names will be listed in the sale booklet given to each sale attendee. Contact your MCC sale church rep for more information.

### AREA NEWS

**The Team Haiti Taco Dinner at Bethel Mennonite Church** scheduled for today has been canceled and will not be rescheduled.

**You are invited to participate in a Community Garden** hosted by Word Alive Ministries. The garden plot is centrally located in Wayland. Planting will begin April 10. The garden is open to all community members and all levels of experience. Word Alive is seeking seasoned gardeners to volunteer their time and expertise to the project. Classes will be offered on planting and growing a garden, cooking from scratch, and canning. If you wish to participate in this community garden to provide fresh produce for your family or would love to help others, please contact Emily Ferguson at [emily@onhispeth.com](mailto:emily@onhispeth.com) or 319-750-1238 or Ryan Dexter at [ryan@wacomministries.org](mailto:ryan@wacomministries.org) or 319-931-6483.

**Summer staff applications are being accepted** at Crooked Creek Christian Camp for this summer's activities. Please visit [www.crookedcreekcamp.org](http://www.crookedcreekcamp.org) for information and to apply.

**Word Alive Ministries is asking for help with providing transportation** for those experiencing hardships who need rides to and from medical appointments or their jobs because they cannot currently afford to own a vehicle. There are two ladies in our community who faithfully serve the Lord by providing transportation, but the needs are far greater than what two can consistently handle. Will you prayerfully consider helping with this critical need? Please contact Arlene Wenger at [dawenger@farmtel.net](mailto:dawenger@farmtel.net) if you can serve in this capacity.

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