



This week please remember the following people in prayer:

Rod & Kathy Roth and Steve Miller

Pray for those dealing with and recovering from medical issues:

Dick Yoder, Wini Wilt, Ermadine Boshart, Steve Manning (Mary Jo Richard's brother), Thomas Bennett (Cassie Graber's brother), Bob Speake (Martha Marsh's brother), Ann Blosser, Ollie Yutzy, Patsy Trussell, Lela Miller, Denise Nebel, Gerald Nebel, Kathryn Nebel

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.

Mennonite Mission Network: Pastors and their wives who minister in Ukraine's militarized zone look forward to a retreat this month. Mary Raber of MMN, serving as a resource person, requests prayer for a restful gathering for those who have given their all to congregations for several stress-filled years.

Central Plains: Pray for the Mennonite churches in Venezuela. Give thanks for the many fruitful ministries they are doing to share the Good News with their communities, and pray that God will continue to provide for their material needs in an increasingly desperate economic crisis.

LAST SUNDAY

Attendance: 129

Offering: home missions \$3,409.21; Missions: \$100; Parkview: \$50; Sound System: \$2,000

Sound System Project total-to-date: \$22,452.28 of the \$32,000 goal. Between February 11 and March 11, all donations made toward the sound system will be matched up to \$10,000.

March 4, 2018

*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: Randy & Jan Shelman
Song Leader: Kathy Roth
Piano: Deb Roth & Gavin Slagel

3rd Sunday of Lent – Between Me & You

Welcome

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

WB 163 Obey my voice

WB 161 We give thanks unto you

Scripture Reading: Exodus 20:1-17

Confession & Assurance

**Excuse children for children's church*

Rachelle, "Covenant of Law"

WB 487 Teach me, O Lord

Offering: Home Missions (Missions 3/11/18)

Elder vote

Sharing & Prayers

Benediction

Between Me and You

There will be no nursery supervision today.

THE GIFTING AND CALLING OF AN ELDER

Today, 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 Mike Roth and Debbie Leichty. Ron Scarff 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)

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TODAY

- 9:15 am – SS Spring Electives Begin!
- 4 pm, Easter Choir Practice. Everyone is welcome!
- 5:30 pm, Evening Small Group at Vi & Larry Graber's

THIS WEEK

WEDNESDAY, March 7

- Mennonite Women** will meet. The project will be Des Moines LAYETTES. Devotions: John 13:1-17 "GIVE"
Question: Whose feet do you need to wash?
Salad luncheon with dessert provided.
- 6 pm, **JYF** meet at Wayland Mennonite for *Spring has Sprung Night!*

NEXT SUNDAY ~ SUNDAY, March 11, 2018

4th Sunday of Lent - Between Me & You

- 10:30 am – Nathan "Covenant of Presence"
Scripture: Psalm 107:1-22
- 6 pm - Rick Fulton will share about Mission Mobility and his experiences with Bethel Ministries in Guatemala.

MYF News

Today	6 pm, Bible study, devotions & snack Nik Coble
March 18	TBA Go to the movie: "I Can Only Imagine"
March 31	4 pm, Practice for SonRise service
April 1	8 am, Easter SonRise Service

SUGAR CREEK NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

If anyone would like to purchase an Easter lily in memory of a loved one, please sign up on the north bulletin board by March 11. The cost of a lily is \$11. Please turn your money into the church office. You may take your lily home after the Easter Service.

Mark Your Calendar: Sunday, March 18, ING at CCCC Activity Center. Activities for all ages. The climbing wall will be available.

Sugar Creek Website - We are looking for 3-4 individuals who would be willing to meet periodically and work together to develop a new website for the church. The meeting time would be minimal but it would require input on design (web surfing ☺) and gathering content for our site. Please be in touch with Lisa Graber if you are interested or have any questions!

Thank you for the prayers and support shown to me during my surgery and since returning home. It is greatly appreciated.
– Melanie Stutzman

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.

Nursery sign up is available at Sign up Genius or contact Maria Roth at 319.750.4125. Thank you!

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0e4fa8ac29a5fb6-sunday>

WHAT : VBS PEACE LAB

WHERE: Sugar Creek

WHEN: JUNE 4-8 (mornings)

WHY: Teach kids about the love of Jesus!

NEEDED: Anyone willing to share the love of Jesus with children!

Prayerfully consider taking time to help! Talk to Lisa Graber or Jen Slagel if there is an area you are interested in helping with!



AREA NEWS AND EVENTS

Summer Lunch Program: WACO Ministerial Association is currently seeking two individuals who would be willing to coordinate the summer lunch program. The first position would require serving as the family and volunteer contact person for the actual summer lunches. The second position would require packing and distributing summer back packs. If you have interest in either of these positions, please contact Tamara at [319-217-2456](tel:319-217-2456) as soon as possible. Thank you!