



**This week please remember the following people in prayer:**

Reg & Deb Roth  
Gerry & Dale Widmer

**Pray for those dealing with cancer:**

Bob Hartzler (Orpha Yoder's brother),  
Nicky Goehring (Mary Jo Freyenberger's sister)

**Pray for those dealing with medical**

**issues:** Pauline Wyse, Martha Marsh,  
Lela Miller, Mercedes Ellard, Denise

Nebel, Gerald Nebel, Kathryn Nebel, Gary Garton (April Eichelberger's father).

**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 for guidance as they support indigenous pastors and leaders in themes of creation care, economic justice, rights of women and children, and community development initiatives. The Ross Richers' home congregation is Waterford Mennonite Church in Goshen, Indiana. You can follow the Ross Richers at <http://twowaymission.net>.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** A Mennonite Mission Network family with two young children is serving in Turkey. Pray that this family may hold the light and hope of Jesus in an uncertain political environment, and that they may find friends and other believers to encourage them in difficult times.

**Mennonite Church USA:** Please be in prayer for the joint MHS Mennonite Health Assembly and Mennonite Education Agency Education Leaders Gathering taking place March 9-12 in Jacksonville, Florida. Health care and education professionals from Anabaptist-related institutions across the country will be gathering to learn, network, and share. The MHS Board will also be meeting prior to and during the conference.

**LAST SUNDAY Attendance:** 134

**Offering:** Home Missions: \$5,758; Missions: \$1,000; Parkview Home Association: \$50; Conference: \$2,500; Education \$1,000; Iglesia Centro Cristiano (Wash.): \$150; Special Projects: \$200; Loose Change: \$73.63



**March 5, 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: Deb Roth  
Special Music ~ Praise Group

### ***Gathering***

Video ~ Lenten Song  
Welcome & Announcements  
Call to Worship  
Opening Prayer

### ***Praising***

*WB 46 I sing the mighty power of God*  
*Jesus, tempted in the desert*  
Offering: Home Missions (3/12 Missions)  
Sharing and Prayers ~ Commissioning for Service Trip

### ***Hear the Word***

Scripture Reading: Matthew 4:1-11 (p. 2 NT)  
Message: Nathan, "We hunger"

### ***Response***

*WB 475 Become to us the living bread*  
Communion

### ***We Are Sent***

Benediction  
*STJ 29 You are all we have*

*\*Baskets for the Elders' Sharing Fund are at the doors of the sanctuary today. The Elders' Sharing Fund is used at the discretion of the Elders to take care of special needs in the congregation and in the community. Please consider contributing to support these needs.*

## **TODAY**

Rachelle and the Praise group shared the morning service at Parkview Home today.

**Sunday School Electives Begin TODAY!** *The Gospel Next Door*, will meet in the library; *Surprised by the Power of the Spirit*, will meet in the sewing room and *Overplayed*, will meet downstairs in the Genesis classroom.

**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.

### **•6 pm – Promiseland/Xplore**

**•6 pm – Peace and Social Concerns Discussion** - Please join the Committee on Peace and Social Concerns tonight in the library for a discussion on racism. Issues of racism in America have deep roots. While it seems we have made many advances in race relations over our history, modern technology, such as cell phone cameras and mass media, have revealed current and existing tensions. Race, as a subject, has become a recurring theme in news headlines and public discourse; revealing how deeply ingrained racism is in American society. To complicate matters further, consensus on the scope and even existence of racism has a wide variance. Perception often depends on the race of an individual itself. How do we as the church engage the issue of racism in our culture? What is the role of the church, both broad and local, in racial justice and healing? What would be Jesus' message to us today in matters of race relations?

## **THIS WEEK**

### ***Wednesday, March 8***

- No JYF
- Seven Bible Study – 7 pm at Heather Freyenberger's – Chapter 2

### ***Saturday, March 11***

- 2 pm, California Service Trip group meet at the church to take off for the service trip adventure!

## **NEXT SUNDAY, March 12**

- Don't be late ~ Move your clocks forward an hour!!
- Message: Marcia Yoder-Schrock
- 6 pm -Small Groups meet

## **SUGAR CREEK NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS**

SAVE THE DATE - The Parkview board is planning a Potato Bar Fundraiser on April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Nathan and Rachelle will be attending Annual Leader's Retreat in Schuyler, NE on March 19-21.

**In preparation for Easter, Nathan will lead a Bible study:**

**Jesus' Last Week.** This Bible study will begin Wednesday, March 22 at 7 pm and run for five weeks. Make plans to attend.

**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.

**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.

Eileen Roth will celebrate her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday, TOMORROW, March 6<sup>th</sup>. Her husband, Royce Roth and children Patty Bancroft, Jerry Roth, and Jay Roth invite friends and family to celebrate with a card shower. Please mail cards to P.O. Box 216, Wayland, IA 52654 and include a note, memory, or photo for Eileen's scrapbook.

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](http://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**

The annual meeting for Iowa Mennonite Disaster Service will be held this year at Eicher Emmanuel Mennonite Church on TODAY at 2:00pm. Please come for fellowship and learn what MDS is doing here and throughout the world in the name of Christ.

**Bridges Out of Poverty**-A Southeast Iowa Initiative, in partnership with the Fellowship Cup, will host a community member Bridges Out of Poverty training on March 18 at the First Pres. Church in Mt Pleasant. Bridges Out of Poverty was developed by Dr. Ruby Payne (Murray Krabill's daughter) 19% of our population lives in poverty. 28% of our children live in poverty. This training challenges views on poverty and helps the middle class to better understand generational poverty. More info is on the North bulletin board.

**Spring meeting of the Crowded Closet Association** will be held Monday, 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](http://www.selahretreat.com) or check out the poster on the North bulletin board.

**Crowded Closet Thrift Shop** is seeking a fulltime Processing Manager to provide leadership to the processing of donations with a focus on furniture. Ideal candidates support the mission of Crowded Closet and MCC, have flexibility to work on Saturdays as needed, and exhibit excellent interpersonal skills. Must be able to lift heavy items, work in a fast paced environment, and work both independently and as part of a team. *For more information or a detailed job description contact Crowded Closet at 319-337-5924 or email [crowdedcloset.qm@gmail.com](mailto:crowdedcloset.qm@gmail.com).*

**MCC Material Resource needs:** The Workroom at the MCC Material Resource Center in North Newton is a busy place! So busy, that we are running very low on the following items: men's deodorant (minimum size 2.25 oz), men's briefs (white), size L or XL only, men's crew neck undershirts (white), size L or XL only, lotion (max. size 2 oz), bath towels (medium weight, dark colors), fingernail clippers, shampoo (13-24 oz). You are welcome to shop [AmazonSmile \(https://www.amazon.com/registry/wishlist/17TB7GOT33OVJ/ref=cm\\_sw\\_r\\_cp\\_ep\\_ws\\_70dwybJSDP1DX\)](https://www.amazon.com/registry/wishlist/17TB7GOT33OVJ/ref=cm_sw_r_cp_ep_ws_70dwybJSDP1DX) for easy shopping and the ability to ship it directly to MCC in North Newton, plus a small portion of your purchase is donated back to MCC by Amazon. Thank you for your continued generous support!

**IMS - March 18** - Turkey Steak Supper & 'Journeys', an informal farewell concert by pianist/teacher Susan See featuring short piano works and stories from her musical journeys over the years. All are welcome. There will be a freewill offering for the Music Boosters. The concert will be in Celebration Hall at 7:30PM (after the Turkey Steak Supper).

## **CROOKED CREEK CHRISTIAN CAMP UPCOMING EVENTS**

THIS WEEKEND is Craft Retreat March 10-11 at 3 pm: Grab your friends, pack your bags and bring your craft for this one night retreat full of food, fun and fellowship!

We are excited to welcome Kevin Wilder, psychology professor from Hesston College to the second annual High School Retreat April 1-2 (11am-12:30pm) Body Mind and Soul: Living and Loving. For more information or to sign up visit [crookedcreekcamp.org](http://crookedcreekcamp.org) and go to High School Retreat.

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](http://crookedcreekcamp.org)

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## **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.