



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

Quinn Scarff, Elizabeth Sinn, Julie, Wyatt and Hailey Harbison

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

**The oil lamp by the organ is a prayer reminder** from the Committee on Peace and Social Concerns. It is lit as a reminder to pray for peace and for the people who are caught in war and violence.

**Pray for our missionaries,** Jane and Jerrell Ross Richer and their children, Sierra, Naomi, Teresa, and Jordan.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Pray for English teachers in China as they share Jesus' love with their students and as they accompany church leaders in ministry.

**Central Plains Mennonite** Pray for the Mennonite Church USA Constituency Leaders Council meeting in Goshen, Indiana, Monday through Wednesday. Pray for God's guidance as they meet. Pray for wisdom for David Boshart as he facilitates the meetings.

**SUGAR CREEK MENNONITE CHURCH**

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**March 6, 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: Kathy Roth  
Piano/Organ: Deb Roth

***Gathering***

WB 349 Spirit of the Living God  
Welcome & Announcements  
Call to Worship  
Opening Prayer

***Praising***

His Yoke is easy (bulletin insert)  
WB 139 Far, far away from my loving Father  
Offering: Home Missions/Loose change (3/13 Missions)  
Sharing & Prayers  
Special music: Tim Meyer "The Lord's Prayer"

***Hear the Word***

Come and See: Children's Story:  
Scripture Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32  
(pp 139 & 59 of NT in pew Bible)  
Message: Nathan Luitjens: Turning over a new leaf

***Responding***

Communion  
WB 453 Let us break bread together

***We Are Sent***

Benediction  
As you go out from here

**Other News**

**Celebration Community Choir**, previously led by Nathaniel Yoder De Avila, has begun meeting again on Thursday evenings at Pleasantview Home in Kalona. Join us for an hour of singing hymns and folk songs old and new from 7 pm to 8 pm in the Pleasantview Home Chapel, 102 Pleasantview Court, Kalona, Iowa. For more information, call Heidi Gingerich at 319-646-2233

**Sunday, March 6, Wellman Mennonite Mush Fry 11:30-1:00**

Join us for this old fashioned meal of fried mush, sausage, liverwurst, scrambled eggs, tomato gravy and applesauce. Proceeds will benefit the MYF and WMC mission projects.

**Friday March 11<sup>th</sup>: JYF 7th and 8th graders** are going to SkyZone in Cedar Rapids. Meet at Wayland Mennonite at 2 pm. Online Parental Consent waivers MUST be signed. Bring \$10. Supper provided. Parents needed to drive. Contact Myrna Wenger at 319.461.6644

**March 12 & 13: Hesston College's 23 voice Bel Canto Singers**, and director Russell Adrian will present the program "Transform Our Lives" on Saturday, March 12, 7:30 p.m., Iowa Mennonite School, Kalona, IA and Sunday, March 13, 9:30 a.m., First Mennonite Church, Iowa City IA. All are invited to attend and a free will offering will be taken for the Spring Break Tour costs. Go to [www.hesston.edu](http://www.hesston.edu) for complete tour details.

**Saturday, March 19: 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Parkview Home Fundraiser** banquet, 6:30 p.m. at Bethel Mennonite Church. Reservations need to be returned by March 4<sup>th</sup>.

**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.

Thank you to Brad and April Eichelberger for serving in the nursery today.

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