



**This week please remember the following people in prayer:** Harold & Lela Miller, Brad, April, Sam, Aubrey and Ava Eichelberger

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

**Pray for the leaders and children and youth involved in Promiseland, Xplore, JYF, MYF and VBS.** 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.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** The *Samuelito* daycare center in Bolivia is reaching out to children's parents. Pray for the center's director, Yuneth Vargas, and for Freddy and Margrit Kipfer Barron of Mennonite Mission Network who lead Alpha courses that engage 15-18 parents in examining the spiritual aspects of their lives.

**Central Plains Mennonite:** Pray for the pastors and chaplains of Central Plains and their spouses as they attend the Annual Leaders Retreat taking place at a retreat center in Schuyler, Nebraska, next weekend. Pray for speaker Debra Hirsch as she prepares for and travels to the retreat.

#### LAST SUNDAY

**Attendance:** 132

**Offering:** Home Missions: \$5533.00; Kids Against Hunger \$270.00



**April 17, 2016**

#### **SUGAR CREEK MENNONITE CHURCH**

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**April 17, 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 Leaders: Corey & Dana Oswald  
Song Leader: Kathy Roth  
Piano: Shirlyn Graber

**Gathering**

*WB 12 Come, Let us all unite to sing*  
Welcome & Announcements  
Call to Worship  
Opening Prayer

**Praising**

*WB 37 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*  
*WB 71 Joyful, joyful, we adore thee*

**Hear the Word**

Come & See Children's Story with Cindy Conrad  
Reading: Zechariah 8:18-12 (pg. 687 OT)  
Matthew 6:16-18 (pg. 5 NT)  
Message: Rachele Luitjens: "Fasting in Joy and Gladness"

**Responding**

*WB 589 My Shepherd will supply my needs*  
Offering: Missions (4/24 Home Missions)  
Sharing and Prayers

**We Are Sent**

Benediction  
*WB 353 Lord, listen to your children*

Thank you Sheldon & Lori Miller for serving in the nursery today.

**IOWA MCC SALE**

Donations of beeves and hogs are needed for the 2016 Iowa Mennonite Relief Sale. If you are willing to donate in this way please contact Roy Beachy at 319-430-9086 or Bryan Amstutz 641-675-3423.

Everyone is welcome to participate in the 1st Annual Iowa MCC Sale Tractorcade. It will be about 12 miles long and will be Friday afternoon June 3 at TBD. There will be a small entry fee. For those interested, please call Monroe Miller at 319-936-8501 LaVern Shetler at 319-530-0032. Please contact the organizers with your interest by Monday April 18, 2016.

**LOCAL MISSION OPPORTUNITIES**

**Transportation Ministry:** Arlene Wenger has been organizing rides for various members of our community for numerous months. Many people have dedicated their time taking people to work and appointments. We are so grateful! We have some immediate needs that have arisen in our community, which will require more volunteers for the transportation ministry. If you are willing to drive to Washington or Mt. Pleasant, please call Arlene at 319-256-2270.

**Family Needs A Van:** A family of seven has recently moved into Wayland. Their van broke down in Georgia and they have no transportation at this time. They need a large vehicle that can pass along rough roads as soon as possible. If you have any information about a possible vehicle, please call Tamara at 319-217-2456.

**Women's Community Home:** We are so excited to announce that a new ministry has started in Wayland! We have a five-bedroom home that will be used as a community home for women. These women will benefit from living together in a nurturing community that can help them reach their goals to make important transitions to independent living. The home is beautiful and in a perfect location -- all gifts from God. However, it does need a lot of cleaning and some work done on it before it can be occupied by all residents. If you enjoy cleaning or have some carpentry skills, please call Tamara at 319-217-2456. Also, we will need some important items for the home including a fridge, book shelves, bed, chairs, curtains/shades and dehumidifier. Please call Tamara if you have any of these items. Thank you so very much for your prayers as we begin this life-giving ministry in our community!

## TODAY

• **5:30 pm, I.N.G. NIGHT** at Eicher Mennonite Church. A church family event for all ages! We will be packaging food bags for Kids Against Hunger. Following the project we will have a light supper at Eicher Shelter house (weather permitting). If you as an individual or Sunday school class would like to make a donation toward this project give your donation to Wendy Scarff and earmark for Kids Against Hunger Project.

## THIS WEEK

### **WEDNESDAY, April 20**

• **6:15, JYF** at Wayland Mennonite – “Outdoor Picnic” – come for supper and fun!

### **THURSDAY, April 21**

• **7:00 pm, Church Council Meeting** in the MYF Room

### **FRIDAY, April 22**

**9:00 am, Wayland Community Garden:** Bring your gardening tools and friends to the plot across the street from WACO High School. All ages are welcome to participate. If you have questions, please contact Emily Ferguson.

## NEXT SUNDAY

• **10:30 am, Tim Friesen**

### **MYF NEWS**

April 17 Bible Study, Skye has devotions and snack  
April 24 No MYF

## UPCOMING EVENTS

• **Thursday, April 21 at 6 pm - 2016 WATER WALK** at Iowa Wesleyan University. Today in our world 1 out of 9 people lack access to safe drinking water. You're invited to join the walk for water to raise funds and awareness. Information and pledge cards are on the north bulletin board.

• **Wednesday, April 27 at 6:30 - Women's Spring Salad Supper**  
All ladies are invited to the Spring Salad Supper. Bring a salad to share and join us for an evening of informative entertainment from our friends at The Crowded Closet. There is a signup sheet on the North Bulletin Board for you and your guests.

• **Saturday, May 14 – Camp-A-Palooza** at CCCC!

• **June 6-10, VBS WEEK!**

## SUGAR CREEK NEWS

The beautiful flowers in the front of the sanctuary are in loving memory of Stan Widmer who left us 1 year ago, April 18, 2015

We miss you so much! “Forever in Our Hearts”

-Martha, Todd, Marcia, Sadie & Claire Widmer

Nathan is out of town until April 20<sup>th</sup>. He is visiting his grandfather in the Netherlands to celebrate his 97<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**UPCOMING BIBLE STUDY** - Nathan is going to do another six week Tuesday night Bible study beginning April 26<sup>th</sup>. The text will be Hebrews. For the first week, please read Hebrews 1-2.

The VBS committee is VERY GRATEFUL for all those who have volunteered to help at Bible school this year. We have all the teaching positions filled. There are still opportunities to help so please contact April or Michelle as soon as possible. Also, if you are willing to bake cookies or cinnamon rolls or be a prayer partner the signup sheet is on the north bulletin board in the foyer. Thank you for your support of 2016 VBS!

**Church Office News:** If you are calling the church please use the 319-256-6061 phone number. Thank you!

**Bulletin announcements** are due by 10 am on Thursdays.

## Crooked Creek Camp News

**REGISTER NOW!** Camp is available for kids 1<sup>st</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades. CCCC even has a day camp for preschoolers with their grandparents. Register now online at [www.crookedcreekcamp.org](http://www.crookedcreekcamp.org) Sugar Creek covers half of the camp fee, so don't forget to mark that as you register!

**Camp-A-Palooza - May 14.** Another year of color blasting fun, delicious food, live music and more!

## Iowa Mennonite School

Iowa Mennonite School is hosting a community-wide *Open House* on Sunday, May 1. The annual children's drama will be at 3:00 pm, followed by refreshments, tours, student performances, children's activities, and the opportunity to meet faculty and staff. Come and check it out! The Open House will be from 4-6 pm. The drama will feature IMS students performing *Amelia Bedelia 4 Mayor* and *The True Princess*, under the direction of Karenza Yoder; performances are at 7 pm on Sat., Apr. 30 and at 3 pm on Sun., May 1.