



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

Matt, Jen, Gavin & Corrine Slagel and Patsy Trussell

**Pray for those dealing with and recovering from medical issues:**

Dick Yoder, Ermadine Boshart, Thomas

Bennett (Cassie Graber's brother), Bob Speake (Martha Marsh's brother), Ollie Yutzy, Lela Miller

**Central Plains:** Recently Taric Leichty (Son of Steve & Lynell Leichty) of Bellwood Mennonite Church, Milford, Nebraska and Amanda Bleichty, pastor of Washington Mennonite Church were ordained. Pray for God's blessing on the ministry that Taric and Amanda share with their congregations.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** For the past four decades, Janie and Neal Blough of Mennonite Mission Network have planted Anabaptist seeds through their teaching and lecturing from their base at the Paris Mennonite Center in France. Pray for good fruit to continue to grow from their ministry in Europe and throughout the French-speaking world.

#### **LAST SUNDAY**

**Attendance:** 176

**Offering:** Missions: 4810.76; Home Missions: \$250; ING: \$490; Parkview \$100

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## **April 22, 2018**

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*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 Leader: Tamara Zechin  
Song Leader: Kathy Roth  
Piano: Abbey Shelman

Call to Worship

Welcome

Opening Prayer

*WB 46 I sing the mighty power of God*

*WB 327 Great is thy faithfulness*

Mission Moment – Community Garden, Kathy Yoder

Scripture reading: Matthew 6:19-24

Nathan, "Do we trust God?" Tithing, generosity & affluence.

*WB 383 God, whose giving*

Offering: Home Missions (4/29 Education / Loose Change)

Announcements, Sharing & Prayers

Benediction

*STJ 73 The Lord lift you up*

*Thank you to Renae & Corey Farmer for serving in the nursery today!*

## TODAY

•**Following Church** – The Evening small group will be meeting for LUNCH at the Frontier in Wayland.

•**5:00 pm, Promiseland/Xplore** - Year End Celebration & Pizza Party! Boys provide drinks and girls bring a side dish to share.

## THIS WEEK

### **WEDNESDAY, April 25**

•**6:00 pm, NO JYF Tonight.** Check out Friday's activity!

•**7:00 pm, Bible Study** in the MYF room led by Nathan. Read Romans 12-14 in preparation.

### **FRIDAY, April 27**

•**2:45 pm, JYF YEAR END PARTY!** Meet at Wayland Mennonite. We will be leaving at 3 pm to go to SkyZone in Cedar Rapids! **Parents are needed for transportation.** Bring \$10 for SkyZone. Supper will be provided by JYF funds at the Coral Ridge Mall in Iowa City. **Note:** If you have the orange SkyZone socks, please bring them.

### **NEXT SUNDAY ~ April 29, 2018**

• **10:30 am**, Nathan, Violence & the Bible – A counter cultural view of war and violence.

## MYF News

**April 22**

**No MYF**

**April 29**

**6 pm, Service Trip Bible Study –**

*Clara Schmitz has devotions & refreshments*

## **PEACE LAB VBS 2018**

*June 4-8 (8:45-11:30)*

### **HELP NEEDED!**

VBS Class Leaders (4 more needed)

Prayer Partners (Anyone willing to pray!)

*If interested, sign up or talk to Lisa Graber or Jen Slagel ☺*

⇨ **VBS LEADER MEETING - Wednesday, May 2 @ 7 pm** ⇩

## **CROOKED CREEK CHRISTIAN CAMP**

**Crooked Creek Wild** will be here earlier than you think...**May 5<sup>th</sup>**!  
Register at [www.crookedcreekcamp.org/crooked-creek-wild](http://www.crookedcreekcamp.org/crooked-creek-wild)  
Come for a fun and muddy time!

**Volunteer for a Spring Cleaning Day!** Help prepare Crooked Creek Camp for the summer April 24 or 28. Come clean, landscape and organize. Sign-up for a date and time that works for you! <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4FAFA62EA7FB6-spring>

**Summer Camp registration BEST RATES are NOW!** Register online at <http://www.crookedcreekcamp.org/summer-camp.html>

Pray for the Spirit of God to impact our youth this summer. Pray for camp staff and counselors who prepare camp space for summer camp and family reunions!

## **IOWA MENNONITE SCHOOL**

**The IMS Children's Drama** will be performed on **Saturday, April 28 at 7:00PM and Sunday April 29 at 3:00PM**. Featuring fresh tellings of the old stories of Hansel and Gretel, 3 Little Wolves (and the big bad pig) and Mushkil Gusha, students bring to life a few important life lessons. Performances will be in Celebration Hall, no admission will be charged, donations for the IMS Drama Dept are welcome. The Children's Drama is directed by Michael Swartzendruber.

**Summer Camp offerings are now posted.** We are excited to add a ceramics camp, cooking camp and two writing camps to go along with our sports camps and drama camp! Registrations are available online at [www.iowamennonite.org/camps](http://www.iowamennonite.org/camps) starting April 2.

## **SUGAR CREEK NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Today we welcome Don Eichelberger** as a member of our congregation. Don is transferring his membership from First Mennonite Church in Iowa City.

**Mennonite Women** will meet Wednesday, May 2. The project will be VBS preparation & health kits. Lunch: beef burgers  
Devotions: Matthew 4:18-25, "INITIATE", Reflect about a time when someone initiated a relationship, event or action with you.

**IT'S A PARTY!** Genesis Sunday School class invites you to come and fellowship together as we congratulate Rachelle and celebrate her graduation from Seminary on Thursday, May 3 in the Fellowship Hall. Come anytime between 5:30-8 to share together in a meal and celebration!

**Baby Zechin Baby Shower** - All are invited to celebrate the joy of our baby boy who is due on July 20. Tamara and Kevan will have a baby shower at the Wayland Community Room on Saturday, April 28 from 6:30 until 8:00pm. Light refreshments will be served, games will be played and presents will be opened. The baby is registered at Kohl's. Please call Larisa Zechin at 319-795-3961 to RSVP. Hope to see you there!

**Sugar Creek encourages our children and youth to go to camp!** To that end, the church will pay 1/2 of the registration cost of attending Crooked Creek Christian Camp. This deduction is automatically applied when registering online. Register today to take advantage of the early registration discount.

**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>

## **CENTRAL PLAINS CONFERENCE UPDATE**

We give thanks and gratitude for all the prayers and monetary support given to Central Plains Mennonite Conference. We are coming down to the final days of our fiscal year and still have a hill to climb to end our 8th consecutive year in the Black. We are hopeful, but need your help. We need a total of \$29,000, by Monday, April 30<sup>th</sup>. We would be thankful for any size of support and can be sent directly to Central Plains Mennonite Conference, PO BOX 101, Freeman, SD 57029 or visit the website at [centralplainsmc.org/donate](http://centralplainsmc.org/donate) for more information. Thank you! – Stewardship Task Group

## LOCAL SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

**Summer Food Program** -- Dana Oswald is organizing volunteers for the summer food program to feed children in the WACO communities. If your local organization, Sunday School class, youth group, small group or church would like to sign up for one week of preparing and delivering lunches twice to the families in our program, please sign up on the Google form [Summer Lunch Volunteer Information](#) to see available dates, or contact Dana by emailing her at [oswaldd1973@gmail.com](mailto:oswaldd1973@gmail.com). If you have a family that you think may benefit from our program, please let Dana know.

**Bridges Out of Poverty** - Many people in our local churches have attended a community training by Building Bridges Out Of Poverty. Now, it is time to take the next step. Word Alive would like to start a Getting Ahead class in our area by the beginning of next school year. In order to accomplish this goal, we must first find someone who is willing to coordinate the logistics of the classes and people who are willing to serve as facilitators for these classes. Facilitators will receive specific training to equip them to effectively lead the Getting Ahead classes. If you are interested in more information about being a coordinator or facilitator, please contact Tamara at 319-217-2456 or [tamara@wacoministries.org](mailto:tamara@wacoministries.org) by April 30.

## AREA NEWS AND EVENTS

Parkview Home will be having a bake sale on Tuesday, May 1 beginning at 10 AM in the front entrance area. Any baked donations would be greatly appreciated. Funds will be used for future projects.

**The Annual PEANUT AUCTION at Parkview Home** will be held on Friday, April 27 at 2 pm with auctioneer, **Tim Meyer** ☺ . They are asking for donations of small items the residents will be able to "purchase" at the auction with peanuts. A complete list of items are on the north bulletin board. If you would like to assist a resident with the auction, please call Jerilyn at Parkview 256.2775. This is a great event for the community to get involved with.

## IOWA MCC SALE NEWS AND UPDATES

**Iowa Mennonite Relief Sale Tractorcade:** Meet at Fairview Church on Friday June 1, 2018 between noon to 1:00pm for check-in. The tractorcade will be leaving for the fairgrounds at 1:30pm SHARP. Suggested donation of \$35.00 will be collected at check-in. Registration deadline is May 9 to be guaranteed a t-shirt. Register by May 21 to ensure a parking space at the fairgrounds. You can get a registration form from your MCC Sale church representative. Please contact LaVern Shetler at 319-530-0032 if you have questions.

**Volunteers are needed to help fill several areas at this year's Iowa Mennonite Relief Sale.** Areas needing volunteers include: parking, Relief Sale Trail Run, Welcome Centers, breakfast servers, Activities Barn and Book Corner. If you are interested in volunteering please visit [www.iamccreliefsale.org/volunteering](http://www.iamccreliefsale.org/volunteering) to sign up or contact the following persons: for parking, the trail run or welcome centers contact Rebecca Beachy Miller 319-631-2461, [rabeachy@msn.com](mailto:rabeachy@msn.com). For Breakfast Servers: Janet Geyer 319-321-0995, [janetgeyer@gmail.com](mailto:janetgeyer@gmail.com). For Book Corner: Shirley Yoder 319-331-3931, [gsyoder@kctc.net](mailto:gsyoder@kctc.net). For Activities Barn: Tanna Boshart 319-936-2844, [tannaboshart@gmail.com](mailto:tannaboshart@gmail.com) or Amy Landes 319-383-1890, [amylandes16@gmail.com](mailto:amylandes16@gmail.com).

A new addition to the 2018 Iowa Mennonite Relief Sale is the **Relief Sale Trail Run**. Beginning at the Johnson County Fairgrounds and continuing through neighboring Ryerson Woods, a 5K Trail Run will be just the thing to get you ready for the all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast! A 1-mile walk for all ages will also take place at the fairgrounds. The Run/Walk begins at 8am on Saturday, June 2. Cost is \$20/person, includes T-shirt. Register for both the run and walk at [GetMeRegistered.com](http://GetMeRegistered.com), search for "Relief Sale Trail Run".

**Updates to MCC kits:** after a recent evaluation of material resources, including input from our partners around the world, MCC has made updates to each kit. Please visit [mcc.org/mrc/kits](http://mcc.org/mrc/kits) for all the updated lists and contact [katemast@mcc.org](mailto:katemast@mcc.org) or call 316.283.2720 with questions. New printed kit cards are available from the MCC Central States office in North Newton, Kansas. Thank you for your continued donations that bring dignity and hope to people around the world.