



**This week please remember the following people in prayer:**  
Courtney, Alex, Norah, Finn & Silas Achen

**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:** Pray for Executive Conference Minister David Boshart as he travels to Nairobi, Kenya, to represent Mennonite Church USA at Mennonite World Conference General Council April 19 to May 1. Pray for the pastors and chaplains of Central Plains and their spouses who are meeting together for a retreat this weekend in Schuyler, Nebraska.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Freddy and Margrit Kipfer Barrón of Mennonite Mission Network serve the Bolivia Mennonite Church in many capacities. Pray for them as they work with young congregations, coordinate Christian education ministries, provide pastoral leadership, and train church leaders.

#### LAST SUNDAY

**Attendance:** 142

**Offering:** Home Missions: \$5,889; Missions: \$125

**Today we offer anointing for:**

**Healing –**

- Physical, emotional, or spiritual brokenness and pain

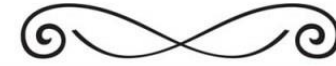
**Struggling with something in your life –**

- Longing to be set free from something that seems to have you trapped
- Dealing with a difficult decision
- Dealing with relationships in your life that are causing you pain
- Difficult situation that you don't know how to deal with

**Looking forward to something new in your life –**

- New opportunity or relationship that you are excited about
- You feel God is calling you to try something and you need God's strength and wisdom for the task.

**If you would like to be anointed, please go forward after the service.**



if thine enemy hunger,  
**FEED HIM;**

if he thirst,  
**GIVE HIM DRINK;**

for in so doing thou shalt  
heap coals of fire on  
**HIS HEAD.**



*Romans 12:20*

## April 29, 2018

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**April 29, 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 Leader: Tamara Zechin  
Song Leader: Kathy Roth  
Piano: Jan Shelman

Call to Worship

Welcome

Opening Prayer

*WB 366 God of grace and God of glory*

*WB 407 We are people of God's peace*

Come & See Children's Story with Lisa Graber

Scripture reading: Matthew 5:38-48, Romans 12:14-21

Nathan, "Violence & the Bible: The Case for Conscientious  
Objection"

STJ 56 Make me a channel of your peace

Offering: Education & **My** **C**oins **C**ount (5/6 Home Missions)

Announcements, Sharing & Prayers

Benediction

*STJ 73 The Lord lift you up*

*\*Anointing is available following the service\**

*Thank you to Becky & Russ Yoder for serving in the nursery today!*

## **THIS WEEK**

### ***WEDNESDAY, May 2***

**Mennonite Women** will meet. 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.

•**NO JYF Tonight.** Check out Friday's activity (again)!

•**7:00 pm, VBS Teacher & Staff Meeting** in the Fellowship Hall

•**7:00 pm, Bible Study** in the MYF room led by Nathan. Read Romans 15-16 in preparation.

### ***THURSDAY, May 3***

•**2 pm, Elder's Meeting**

•**5:30-8 pm, 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** in the Fellowship Hall. Come anytime between 5:30-8 pm to share together in a meal and celebration!

### ***FRIDAY, May 4***

•**10 am, JYF YEAR END PARTY!** Meet at Wayland Mennonite. We have rescheduled the SkyZone date due to rescheduled Track Meet. It will also be EARLIER in the day because of the WACO Lock In. Therefore, meet **Friday, MAY 4th at 10 A.M.** to go to Cedar Rapids. Plans are: go to SkyZone first (so eat breakfast!) to do our BOUNCING!!! THEN, go to Coral Ridge Mall in Iowa City for a late lunch and home by about 3 p.m. BRING \$10 for SkyZone. Lunch is paid for at the Mall, \$10 each to spend in food court as desired. If you want to spend MORE than that, please bring your own monies! PARENTS NEED TO MAKE SURE YOU REGISTERED and signed the WAIVER on the SKYZONE WEBPAGE:

<https://cedarrapidsstore.skyzone.com/waiver/>

SEND MYRNA CONFIRMATION that you have completed the WAIVER in a TEXT at 319-461-6644. If you've signed up before you are PROBABLY registered. Please double check.

### **NEXT SUNDAY ~ May 6, 2018**

• **10:30 am**, 1 Kings 18:22-39 & Acts 2:1-11  
Tim Friesen, "What does the Holy Spirit look like?"

## 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.

## MYF News

**TONIGHT 6 pm, Bible Study:** Final session on "Who is Jesus" & Service trip preparation. This is a mandatory Bible study if you are attending the service trip.

*Clara Schmitz has devotions & refreshments*

## SUGAR CREEK NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

**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>

## **PEACE LAB VBS 2018**

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

### HELP NEEDED!

Prayer Partners (Anyone willing to pray!)

Please Save ---WATER BOTTLES and LIDS (Place in the tote in the foyer)

**PARENTS!! REGISTER YOUR KIDS NOW! THANKS! You received an email and it is a simple process...do it TODAY!!**

## CROOKED CREEK CHRISTIAN CAMP

**Crooked Creek Wild** will be here earlier than you SOONER 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!

**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!

## **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 TOMORROW, 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. If you are planning on donating baked goods, please have them to the Home by April 30, 6 pm. Funds will be used for future projects.

**Celebrate Mother's Day by supporting mothers around the world through MCC Infant Care Kits!** Help mothers, who are displaced by war or disaster, give their infants a good start. The kit contents have changed recently, visit [mcc.org/mrc/kits](http://mcc.org/mrc/kits) for full kit information and from there click through to our Amazon Wish List for easier shopping and shipping. Just bring or ship kit items to MCC Central States [121 E. 30th St. North Newton, KS 67117](#). Send love around the world this Mother's Day! Contact [katemast@mcc.org](mailto:katemast@mcc.org) or call 316.283.2720 with questions.

**Sexualized violence and the church** - Mennonite Central Committee is offering a series of free webinars this spring for

churches and individuals who want to learn more about how to address sexualized violence within the congregation and how to encourage healthy sexuality and healthy masculinity among members. Each webinar will be led by church leaders and others with expertise in the topics. All three webinars are free and begin at 2 pm and end at 3 pm CST. Please join us on Wednesday, May 9 for *Sexualized violence- How should churches respond?* Speakers Cyneatha Millsaps and Silvia Rios will lead the discussion about what we mean when we talk about sexualized violence and what we can do when our congregations experience sexualized violence. The final webinar will be on June 13, *Healthy masculinity*. **Learn more and register for the webinars at [mcc.org/wvso](http://mcc.org/wvso).** Contact [karinkaufmanwall@mcc.org](mailto:karinkaufmanwall@mcc.org) with questions.

## **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