



This week please remember the following people in prayer: Cary, Nancy, Taylor, Lindsey and Meredith Roth

Pray for those dealing with and recovering from medical issues:

Dick Yoder, Ermadine Boshart, Steve Manning (Mary Jo Richard's brother), Thomas Bennett (Cassie Graber's brother), Bob Speake (Martha Marsh's brother), Ollie Yutzy, Lela Miller

Please pray for Jill (Graber) and Josh Williams as they mourn the passing of Josh's mother. Donna passed away Thursday morning.

Pray for Iglesia Menonita Centro Cristiana, the Hispanic church plant in Washington, as they witness, preach, and teach the Word.

Mennonite Mission Network: Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Petrus and Yuliana Handoyo and their two sons who are working to grow the church in Cambodia. Pray for Petrus as he pastors a church for Indonesian expatriates and lectures at a university, and for Yuliana as she works with children's learning centers.

LAST SUNDAY

Attendance: 196

Offering: Home Missions: \$5,412; Conference: \$1,270; Parkview: \$50



April 8, 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 Leaders: Nathan & the Junior Department
Piano: Shirlyn Graber

Video ~ *The Lion and the Lamb*

Welcome & Opening Prayer

I believe in Jesus

*Lord, I lift Your name on high
My soul cries out*

Mission Moment – Tamara Zechin

Scripture reading: Acts 4:32-35

Rachelle, "Is the church just a social club
with a thin veneer of religiosity?"

WB 545 Be thou my vision

Offering: Home Missions (4/15 Missions)

Announcements, Sharing & Prayers

Benediction

The Lord lift you up

*Thank you to Maretta Conrad and Dana & Reece Oswald
for serving in the nursery today!*

TODAY

• **5 pm**, Promiseland/Xplore!

• **5:30 pm**, Evening Small Group at Tim & Karla Friesen's home

THIS WEEK

WEDNESDAY, April 11

• **6:30 pm, Ladies' Spring Salad Supper** in the fellowship hall. Today is your last chance to sign up at the table in the foyer. We ask you to bring a salad to share **AND** your favorite apron! We are privileged to have Pam Gerig Unruh as our speaker.

• **NO JYF** this week

• **7 pm, No Bible Study** due to the Ladies Spring Salad Supper. We will meet again on Wednesday, April 18.

THURSDAY, April 12

• **2 pm, Elder's meeting** in the MYF room

NEXT SUNDAY ~ Guatemala Sharing , April 15, 2018


• **10:30 am – Guatemala Sharing Sunday** – We look forward to hearing from the Service Trip group!

• **5 pm, ING Food PackagING** at Eicher Church. We will be servING others by packagING and payING for \$1,000 worth of meals. Don't miss this "servING others" opportunity. Invite a friend! Sunday school classes OR individuals are invited to contribute to this project. Baskets in the back of the sanctuary are for donations to the food packaging project.

MYF News

TODAY	6 pm, Bible Study With Mike & Maria – <i>Morgan Graber has devotions & refreshments</i>
April 15	10:30 am, Guatemala mission trip Program. Leave after the Church service for AirFX (Bring money for food.)
April 29	6 pm, Service Trip Bible Study – <i>Clara Schmitz has devotions & refreshments</i>

Sermon Notes & Prayer Requests



SUGAR CREEK NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Congratulations to Jill Graber & Josh Williams on their marriage yesterday. We wish them God's blessing as they begin their life together. Their new address is: 175 Terrace Drive, Waukee, IA 50263.

LAST SUNDAY you received a nomination form in your church mailbox. Please prayerfully consider your responses and return to the church office by **Sunday, April 15th**! THANK YOU!!

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>

CROOKED CREEK CHRISTIAN CAMP

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

Sooner than you think...Crooked Creek Wild will be here is **May 5, 2018!** Register at your convenience at www.crookedcreekcamp.org/crooked-creek-wild The goal is 100 participants. 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>

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. If you have a family that you think may benefit from our program, please let Dana know.

AREA NEWS AND EVENTS

Washington Mennonite Church invites you to celebrate the ordination of Amanda Bleichty with us at 9:30am TODAY. Join us for Sunday school and a potluck lunch afterwards.

J-POG (Just Peace Outreach Group) invites you to hear British actor and playwright Michael Mears dramatize the courage it took to be a conscientious objector 100 years ago during World War 1 in Great Britain. Michael Mears portrays a gallery of characters from war resisters to army generals in a highly original piece of storytelling that describes military conscription, which was called "This Evil Thing" by conscientious objectors. Join us at 7:00 pm on Sunday evening, April 15, 2018, at Iowa Mennonite School, 1421 540th St. SW, Kalona, Iowa, for this dramatic presentation. For more information call Roger Farmer at 319-653-2547 or email Jane Yoder-Short at wilmajane17@gmail.com.

Frank Yoder will speak at the Spring meeting of the Mennonite Historical Society of Iowa. The focus of the evening will be, "The End of an Era: Closing One-Room Schools in Johnson and Washington Counties." This event will be at Kalona Mennonite Church on Monday, April 30, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. Frank's presentation is based on research he has been doing for a soon to be published book on rural schools in Johnson and Washington County, Iowa.

Webinar: Sexualized violence and the church. Mennonite Central Committee is offering three free webinars this spring for churches who want to learn more about how to address sexualized violence within their congregation and how to encourage healthy sexuality and healthy masculinity among members. The webinars will be led by church leaders and others with expertise in the topics. All three webinars will start at 2 pm and end at 3 pm CST. The first webinar, *Healthy sexuality in our congregations* will be on April 11. Kathrine Goerzen and Benjamin Reynolds will lead the discussion focusing on what role the church can play in fostering and supporting healthy views of sexuality. May 9's webinar will focus on *Sexualized violence – how should churches respond?* And then on June 13, *Healthy masculinity*. **Learn more and register for the webinars at mcc.org/wwso.** Contact karinkaufmanwall@mcc.org with questions.

IOWA RELIEF SALE NEWS

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 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, search for "Relief Sale Trail Run".

The Iowa Mennonite Relief Sale is in immediate need of 2 individuals (or 1 couple) to serve on the Food Committee. This is a 3 year term; primary responsibilities include overseeing the organization and implementation of food booths. Anyone interested please contact Lowell and Mary Yoder at [319-656-3715](tel:319-656-3715), or Joe and Carrie Schmidt at [319-471-0531](tel:319-471-0531).

PEACE LAB VBS 2018

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



Positions Needing Filled

VBS Class Leaders (8 more needed)

VBS Class Helpers

Craft Leader

Rolls

Morning Devotions

Prayer Partners

Willing to help?

Talk to Lisa Graber or Jen Slagel ☺