



This week please remember the following people in prayer: Annette & Paul Von Tersch and Royce & Eileen Roth

Pray for those dealing with cancer: Bob Hartzler (Orpha Yoder's brother)

Pray for those dealing with medical issues: Gabe Graber, Collins Devaul, Lela Miller, Martha Marsh, Mercedes Ellard, Denise Nebel, Gerald Nebel, Kathryn Nebel, Gary Garton (April

Eichelberger's father).

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

Mennonite Mission Network: Praise God for Mark and Mary Hurst's years of service with Anabaptist Association of Australia and New Zealand through Mennonite Mission Network. Pray that the couple will be filled with God's wisdom as they respond to seekers' questions about prayer, faith, forgiveness and healing.

LAST SUNDAY Attendance: 135

Offering: Home Missions: \$4,496; Conference: \$200; Parkview Home Assoc: \$50; Elder's Sharing Fund: \$100; Projector Fund \$200.

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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: Tim Graber
Song Leader: Kathy Roth
Piano: Lori Graber & Deb Roth

Gathering

WB 238 *Hosanna, loud hosanna*
Special Music by Primary Department
Welcome & Announcements
Call to Worship
Opening Prayer

Praising

WB 106 *All hail the power of Jesus' name*
WB 239 *Ride on, ride on in majesty*
Offering: Home Missions (4/16 Missions)
Sharing & Prayers

Hear the Word

Scripture Reading: Matthew 21:1-11 (pg. 17 NT)
Message: Nathan Luitjens, "We Hope"

Response

In Christ Alone
Scripture Reading: Matthew 26:14-27:66

We Are Sent

WB 257 (vs. 1 & 4) *Were you there*

*We encourage you to leave the service in silence and ponder what
it must have been like during the week leading up to
Jesus' death on the Cross.*

6th Sunday of Lent
"We Hope"

TODAY

•8:30 am – Praise Group practice in the Sanctuary
•6:00 pm – Small Groups meet

THIS WEEK

Stations of the Cross will be available each day this week (M-F) from 9 am to 8 pm. The Stations of the Cross will be open to the public. This is an opportunity for personal meditation and prayer to remember the journey to the cross by Jesus.

WEDNESDAY, April 12

•No JYF at Wayland Mennonite
•7:00 pm – "Seven" Bible Study – Meet at Heather Freyenberger's home and read "Month 6" in preparation.
•7:00 pm - *Lent Bible Study: Jesus' Last Week* – Join us as we prepare for Easter by working through the Biblical texts beginning with the triumphant entry into Jerusalem and ending just after Easter with the texts about the resurrection. We will look at the things Jesus taught and did during his last week comparing and contrasting the different ways the Gospel writers told this part of Jesus' story. Please read Matthew 26-27, Mark 14-15, Luke 22-23 and John 18-19.

FRIDAY, April 14

•7:00 pm – Good Friday Service

NEXT SUNDAY EASTER/COMMUNION

•8:00 am – **SonRise Service** – Everyone is invited to attend the Sonrise Service in the sanctuary hosted by the MYF. There will be coffee and rolls in the fellowship hall immediately following the service.
•8:30 am – Praise Group practice in the sanctuary
•10:30 am - Nathan, Matthew 28:1-10, "We Live"

MYF NEWS

TONIGHT, 5:30 pm, Practice for SonRise Service
6:00 pm, Bible Study, Makenzie has devotions & snack.
BRING YOUR BIBLES!
Saturday, April 15, 10:30 am, Practice for SonRise Service
Sunday, April 16, 7:45 am, SonRise Service & Breakfast for all MYF'ers
Sunday, April 23, 5:00 pm, ING Night at CCCC Activity Center
*The MYF will be serving cookies during fellowship time this month.

SUGAR CREEK NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

Baskets for the Elders' Sharing Fund will be set out next week. The Elders Sharing fund is used at the discretion of the Elders to take care of special needs of individuals and families in the congregation and in the community.

Praise Group will be singing NEXT Sunday, during the morning worship service (also at Parkview at 9:00am). ANYONE who would like to sing with the group is invited to learn an Easter anthem. We practice again NEXT Sunday, following the SonRise service. Please join us.

In your mailboxes today is a sheet on *Positions to be filled at Sugar Creek for 2017*. Please volunteer where you would like to help or write in a person you feel would be good at the job and return to Bob Meyer's mailbox by April 23rd.

Outreach – Kitchen/Grocery Shower: We would like to have a kitchen/grocery shower for three of the families who will be moving from the trailer court into homes. There are three laundry baskets in the foyer for your grocery items. If you have extra kitchen items (utensils, pans, plates, etc) in your house and would like to share, please put those on the table for the families to choose from for their kitchens. Thank you for sharing and please pray for the families in this transition. Groceries will be delivered the week of April 16.

We anticipate moving numerous families in the next couple of weeks. If you would be willing to assist with these moves, please contact Tamara Gill at [319-217-2456](tel:319-217-2456)

Adult Membership Class – We will be starting an adult membership class. If anyone is interested, please talk to a pastor or an elder.

ING night is coming up again soon! Mark your calendars for April 23 at 5:00 pm. We will be going to CCCC and “playING” in the Activity Center. We encourage ALL ages to come because there will be something for everyone! (Fingerfood Potluck too!!)

PROMISELAND/XPLORE will be wrapping up the year on April 30th. We will be making relief kits for MCC that evening. If you would like to contribute to this project you can earmark a donation or look at the items needed for donation on the North Bulletin board. You can leave your donated items on the marked table in the Fellowship Hall.

Marketplace VBS – Make sure to turn your child's registration form in so we can continue making preparations! Marketplace will be June 6 (8:30-2:30), June 7 (8:30-2:30) and June 8 (8:30-11:30).

Attention Parents: Due to a lack of use, the nursery will not be staffed at this time. The nursery continues to be available for parents with children and closed circuit television allows you to stay connected to the church service. If the situation changes and parents would like to again leave their children in the nursery, we will be happy to staff it at that time.

AREA NEWS AND EVENTS

Parkview's Annual Peanut Auction is April 12 at 2pm. If you would like to donate items for the residents to bid on at this event or help one of the residents do their bidding, it would be greatly appreciated! There is a list of items on the bulletin boards explaining the auction and the help needed. This is a great way to support Parkview, the residents and staff and also to help the residents have fun!

Parkview Home Potato Bar & Open House, Sunday, April 23, @ Parkview Home Lower Level Family Room. Freewill Donation Lunch will be served from 11:30 am - 1:30 pm. You may also tour the independent living units while you are there. Please come join us for food and fellowship. Thank you for your support.

IMS Children's Dramas Saturday April 29 at 7:00 pm and Sunday April 30 at 3:00 pm in Celebration Hall. The plays include Jack and the Three Sillies, The Boy Who Cried Wolf, and The Pretender Hen.

Crowded Closet Thrift Shop is seeking a part-time or full-time Processing Manager to provide leadership to the processing of donations with a focus on furniture. Ideal candidates support the mission of Crowded Closet and MCC, have flexibility to work on Saturdays as needed, and exhibit excellent interpersonal skills. Must be able to lift heavy items, work in a fast paced environment, and work both independently and as part of a team. *For more information or a detailed job description contact Crowded Closet at 319-337-5924 or email crowdedcloset.gm@gmail.com.*

The Iowa Mennonite Relief Sale is coming up soon! Mark your calendars for June 2 & 3 and plan on supporting the international relief, development and peacebuilding work of MCC.