



This week please remember the following people in prayer: Benjie & Judy Roth and Bob & Doris Nelson

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 our missionaries, Jane and Jerrell Ross Richer and their children, Sierra, Naomi, Teresa, and Jordan. They are serving in the Pastaza Region of Ecuador. Pray for guidance as they support indigenous pastors and leaders in themes of creation care, economic justice, rights of women and children, and community development initiatives. The Ross Richers' home congregation is Waterford Mennonite Church in Goshen, Indiana. You can follow the Ross Richers at <http://twowaymission.net>.

Mennonite Mission Network: Praise God for the Sister Care ministry of Mennonite Women and its partnership with Mennonite Mission Network in offering hope around the world. Pray for Noëlie Bananzaro, Nancy Frey and Claire Traoré from Burkina Faso, as they share what they learned in Sister Care sessions last month in Kenya.

Central Plains Mennonite: Pray for Mennonite Church USA Executive Director Ervin Stutzman as he visits Central Plains churches in the Twin Cities region accompanied by David Boshart this weekend.

The oil lamp by the organ is a prayer reminder from the Committee on Peace and Social Concerns. It will be lit for every service as a reminder to pray for peace and for the people of our world who are caught in war and violence.

LAST SUNDAY

Attendance: 122

Offering: Home Missions: \$4,441.00; Conference \$25.00; Parkview Home Assoc: \$50.00; CCCC Camper's aid: \$52.92; MCC "MY COINS COUNT": \$55.31

So if the Son
sets you free, you
will be free indeed.
John 8:36

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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 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 Leader: Skye Loving
Song Leader: Kathy Roth & Praise Group
Piano: Deb Roth & Mary Lou Farmer

Gathering

Not be Shaken
Welcome & Announcements
Call to Worship
Opening Prayer

Praising

STJ 49 Rain Down
Thy Word

Hear the Word

Come & See Children's Story with Larry Graber
Reading: John 8:31-38 (pg. 77 NT), Romans 12:1-2 (pg. 123 NT)
Message: Nathan Luitjens, "Study God's Word"

Responding

WB 315 This is a story full of love
Offering: Education & Loose Change (5/8 Home Missions)
Sharing and Prayers

We Are Sent

Benediction
STJ 73 The Lord lift you up

Thank you Jaelyn Unrternahrer & Brett Hesseltine for serving in the nursery today.

IOWA MCC RELIEF SALE

SAVE THE DATE! June 3 & 4 MCC Relief Sale at the Johnson County Fairgrounds, Iowa City.

MY COINS COUNT! Each Sunday in May, loose change will be collected during offering time. This year, money collected from "MY COINS COUNT" (formerly Penny Power) will go to MCC to fund water projects around the world. MCC water projects improve people's health and expand what they can grow in their fields. Last year, Sugar Creek's "MY COINS COUNT" raised nearly \$700! With your help we can do even better this year!

Please turn in information on donated items for this year's general auction at the 2016 Iowa Mennonite Relief Sale by May 1st so that they can be included in this year's sale book. Talk to your church rep or contact Lynn Yoder at 319-325-3670.

LOCAL MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

Transportation Ministry: If you are willing to give individuals rides to Washington or Mt. Pleasant, please call Arlene at 256-2270.

Community Garden: You can help us begin our special garden (across the way from WACO High School) at 9am every Friday. All ages and experience levels welcome. Please invite your friends to come too! If you have any questions, you may contact Emily Ferguson at MD Orthopedics. You can also join our new group on Facebook: Wayland Community Garden.

New Life House: Thanks to so many generous donations, New Life House has a significantly decreased needs list. An updated house needs list includes a dehumidifier, good wooden pallets, possibly tables and chairs, possibly dressers, bedding (queen and full size) and book shelves. Thank you to everyone who has donated time, energy, items, prayers and so many other gifts to our new home!

TODAY

Thank you to the Praise Group and Pastors for leading the worship service at Parkview this morning.

- **3 pm, The IMS Annual Children's drama** will feature students performing *Amelia Bedelia*, *4 Mayor* and *The True Princess*. The performance will be followed by an Open House from 4-6 pm.
- **6 pm, JPOG**, at Wellman Mennonite Church – See additional information on the North Bulletin Board.

THIS WEEK

TUESDAY, May 3

- **7:00 pm**, Word Alive meeting at the former Wayland United Methodist Church.

WEDNESDAY, May 4

- **Mennonite Women**, Health Kit Project
- **1:00 pm, Elder's Meeting** at Karen Meyer's House
- **6:30 pm, VBS Teacher/Leader Meeting** in the Fellowship Hall
- **7 pm, Hebrews Bible Study** (moved to Wednesdays), Led by Nathan—Please read Hebrews 3 & 4. Meet in the MYF room.

MYF NEWS

TODAY 6pm, Bible Study, Cody has devotions and snack
May 8, Fun Night! at Tracy & Holly's
May 15, Off
May 22, 8 am, Graduation Breakfast
May 29, Off

NEXT SUNDAY

- **10:30 am**, Nathan Luitjens, Psalm 84, John 4:19-26,
Message: "Worship in Spirit and in Truth"



UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Saturday, May 7**, 7:00 am – Noon, Iglesia Torre Fuerte Youth Group (Iowa City) is hosting an International breakfast to raise funds for Honduras. See the flyer on the North Bulletin Board.
- **Saturday, May 14 – Camp-A-Palooza** at CCCC! Join in the color-me-fun 5k Walk/run. Want to join in the festivities but aren't a runner? That's okay! The rest of the family-fun-filled day begins at noon with a BBQ lunch, live music and activities! Registration forms are located by the church mailboxes.
- **June 3-4, Mennonite Relief Sale**, Iowa City
- **June 6-10, VBS WEEK!**

SUGAR CREEK NEWS

In order to better provide care for those in the hospital please contact one of the pastors or an elder if you or a family member are (or will be) hospitalized.

The VBS committee wants to thank everyone for their support! If you have volunteered to help, please see the North bulletin board for the list of positions and assignments.

Church Office News: If you would like to borrow an item from the church or reserve a room, please contact the church office. To speak with someone call Tuesday-Thursday from 9-Noon or you can leave a message on the answering machine at 256-6061.

Bulletin announcements are due by 10 am on Thursdays.

MCC UPDATES – Help Needed

Volunteers are needed to help with the construction of the new Everything Beautiful Thrift Store in Lame Deer, Montana.

SWAP needs summer staff! Summer will be here before we know it, and Mennonite Central Committee's Sharing With Appalachian People (SWAP) program is seeking summer staff for three month assignments in Kentucky and West Virginia. Summer staff are a critical component of SWAP's successful ministry, as they help facilitate the weekly SWAP service groups working on housing repair for low-income persons. Summer staff vary in age from 19 to 70+, and they receive meals, lodging and a weekly stipend for their service.

Additional information for MCC opportunities will be posted on the North bulletin board. Please check them out!