



This week please remember the following people in prayer: Mat, Karma, Hunter and Olivia Leichty

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 the leaders and children and youth involved in Vacation Bible School and MYF. Pray for God to bless the leaders with wisdom, understanding, and love for the children and youth they lead. Pray for God to bless the children and youth with willing hearts and the chance to be examples to others.

Pray that Youth Escape 2016, the biennial youth retreat for Central Plains youth, will be a time of spiritual growth and renewal for the youth and adults who attend July 15-17.

Mennonite Mission Network: Laura Schlabach of Mennonite Mission Network has served in Mongolia for more than two decades in the areas of finance, administration, and worker support. Pray for her as she divides her time between the main office in the capital city and her travel to be a spokesperson for the needs of more remote areas.

Answered Prayers! With the help of some extraordinary efforts, including two anonymous donors providing a match, our conference was able to end the year in the black – thanks be to God! Income for April soared to \$50,411.25, while expenses for the month held steady at \$35,671.14. As a result, our final income total for the fiscal year was \$447,672.08. Despite this income total being \$38,000 less than the spending plan, we were able to cut expenses in order to achieve a positive cash balance for the year. We give thanks for all of the financial support, and we are energized to start the new fiscal year on this positive note. – *Central Plains Stewardship Task Group*

LAST SUNDAY

Attendance: 131

Offering: Home Missions: \$5,560
MCC "**MY COINS COUNT**": \$87.75
Iglesia Menonita Centro Cristiano \$150

But if we walk in the light,
as He is in the light,
we have fellowship
with one another,
and the blood of Jesus,
His Son,
purifies us from all sin.
1 John 1:7

May 15, 2016

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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.*

Pentecost Sunday

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: Corey & Dana Oswald
Song Leader: Kathy Roth
Piano: Kathy Yoder

Gathering

Shout to the Lord
Welcome & Announcements
Call to Worship
Opening Prayer

Praising

WB 521 Come, Thou Fount
WB 528 I stand amazed in the presence
Offering: Home Missions & **My** **C**oins **C**ount (5/22 Missions/MCC)
Sharing and Prayers

Hear the Word

Reading: Psalm 32:1-5 (p. 394 OT), 1 John 1:5-10 (pg.187 NT)
Message: Nathan Luitjens, "Confession: Good for the Soul?"

Responding

Communion
WB 472 I am the Bread of life

We Are Sent

Benediction
WB 119 Praise God from whom

Thank you Corey & Renae Farmer 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" 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!

THE ACTIVITIES BARN is being re-vamped this year! Some of the activities will include story time, craft time (Treasures from Trash), photo booth, duck race, bouncy house, international games and comforter knotting. Help is needed!! Please see the North Bulletin Board for items needed and also how you can sign up to help. Middle-Schoolers and up can help run the activities!

BUY A MEAL for a friend or a family by picking up a pink meal ticket located on the baking supplies table in the foyer. Fill in your donor info and your guest's name. You will be billed after the Relief Sale if it is used.

REMEMBER to pick up your baking supplies for the MCC Sale!

VOLUNTEER! You can let Larry Graber know if you are willing to help in some capacity at the MCC sale OR sign up at <http://www.iamccreliefsale.org/volunteering.html> and sign up through SignUpGenius.

LOCAL MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

Grandparents: Do you have an hour to listen to our WACO students read this summer? Wednesday, June 15 from 1:30-2:30 at the Wayland Mennonite Church basement we will put your "patience" to task by teaming you up with a young reader. If you are willing to encourage the importance of reading, please sign up on the north bulletin board in the foyer.

-Audra Barnhart, Shelli Brose, Kathie Grimm

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

Community Garden: at 9 am every Friday. All ages and experience levels welcome!

TODAY

Baskets for the Elders' Sharing Fund are placed at the doors of the sanctuary today. 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. Please consider what you might give to this fund to help support these needs.

THIS WEEK

•TUESDAY, May 17

6:30 pm, Worship planning meeting in the MYF room.

•WEDNESDAY, May 18

7:00 pm, WACO Baccalaureate at the High School.

7:00 pm, Mt. Pleasant Baccalaureate at the High School.

Hebrew Bible Study (Led by Nathan) is cancelled for this week. Plan to meet again next Wednesday, May 24th.

•THURSDAY, May 19

7:00 pm, Church Council Meeting in the MYF Room.

MYF NEWS

TODAY, Off

May 22, 8:15 am, Graduation Breakfast (Junior's will service)

2:00 pm, WACO Graduation

2:30 pm, Mt. Pleasant Graduation

May 29, Off

June 5, Service Trip Bible Study, Holly & Tracy's Home

NEXT SUNDAY Graduation Sunday

•**10:30 am**, Nathan Luitjens, Psalm 150, 2 Samuel 6:1-15,
Message: "Let's Celebrate"

•**2:00 pm**, WACO Graduation

•**2:30 pm**, Mt. Pleasant Graduation

UPCOMING EVENTS

•FRIDAY, June 3 & 4 Friday & Saturday

37th Mennonite Relief Sale, Johnson County Fairgrounds, Iowa City

•MONDAY, June 6 – FRIDAY, June 10

Vacation Bible School WEEK!

•**Crowded Closet Founders Tea** - All staff and volunteers who served at Crowded Closet from 1978-1988, the first decade, are invited to a special gathering on Thursday, June 9 at 10:00 at the Pleasantview Friendship Center, Kalona. Join us for this special time of reminiscing and recognition.

SUGAR CREEK NEWS

Attention Kids: Summer reading is getting close! Shalom Reader's Club summer reading program will kick off in June and go through the end of July. More information and sign up forms are in the library.

It's Spring cleaning time...casserole dishes, plastic containers and other items need to be picked up from the shelves outside the kitchen. Items not picked up by May 22, will be taken to Crowded Closet. Thank you.

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 leave a message on the answering machine at 256-6061.

Bulletin announcements are due by 10 am on Thursdays.

CROOKED CREEK CHRISTIAN CAMP

TODAY is the LAST DAY to receive the early bird registration discount AND pick out the color of your summer camp T-shirt! (May 15 deadline) Register online and if you have questions call camp.