



This week please remember the following people in prayer:

Mark & Linda Boshart
Randy and Shirlyn Graber

Pray for those dealing with and recovering from medical issues:

Barb Swailes, April Eichelberger, Emily

(Shepherd) Nuetzman, Dick Yoder, Bob Speake (Martha Marsh's brother), Ollie Yutzy

Central Plains: Pray for Anabaptist sisters and brothers in the Congo who are experiencing untold hardship in the midst of a brutal war; pray for sisters and brothers in Venezuela experiencing economic hardships; and pray that the Villatoro and Huesca families can be reunited.

Mennonite Mission Network: Soon after Connie and Dennis Byler began their retirement from four decades of ministry with Mennonite Mission Network, Dennis was diagnosed with cancer. Dennis underwent surgery last month. Pray for signs of God's presence and peace for the Byler family in Spain as they discern treatment protocols.

LAST SUNDAY

Attendance: 123

Offering: \$8710 Home Missions; \$390 Conference

THE GREAT FAMINE

Genesis 42:1-17

July 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: Morgan & Michelle Meyer
Song Leader: Kathy Roth
Piano: Kathy Yoder

Welcome

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

WB 71 Joyful, joyful, we adore thee

WB 120 Holy, holy, holy

Scripture reading: Genesis 42:1-17

Nathan: "Hunger – Enough to move Jacob & Family to Egypt"

STJ 13 My soul is filled with joy

Offering: Home Missions (7/15 Missions)

Announcements, Sharing & Prayers

Benediction

God Be With You

There is no nurse today

NEXT SUNDAY ~ July 15

Summer Series: Sojourners in the Bible

•**10:30 am**, Mission Stories Bob Meyer &
Connie Freyenberger

MYF News

Thank You! The MYF would like to thank the church for so generously helping with our can/bottle drive project. Sugar Creek must be one well-hydrated group! This week eleven MYFers and four sponsors nearly emptied the grain bin at Poultry King and cashed in the collected cans/bottles for approximately \$800! That is not too bad of an evening's work.

We do have a couple requests in regards to future donations dropped off at the grain bin: Please do not drop off water bottles, Gatorade bottles, non-refundable cans/bottles, spaghetti jars, pickle jars, peanut shells, etc. You get the picture. Thanks again for helping support the MYF

SUGAR CREEK NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Nathan, Rachele, and the boys are on vacation through August 7th. Pray for safe travels and rest as they spend time with family and friends. If you have any pastoral needs during this time, please contact an Elder.

Mennonite Women will meet July 11, The project will be Soap, Fabric (2 yards) & Towels (Bath or Hand). We will have a salad luncheon provided by Wini, Ermadine, Eldora, Pauline, Alice, & Opal.

Devotions: Mathew 5:13-20 "Teach"

Question: *Think about someone who has taught you about faith and scripture.*

We are in the process of updating our e-mail system. If you did not receive the bulletin by e-mail this week, please notify the office. It is the time of year that we are filling church positions and Sunday school teachers. Please let the church office know of any updates.

Reminder: There will not be a church council meeting this month.

AREA NEWS AND EVENTS

The Neighbor Helping Neighbor fund of WACO Ministerial is a vital fund that assists numerous families in our community every month. We have had several requests for funding at the Word Alive Christian Outreach Office this month. Unfortunately, right now, we do not have any money in our Neighbor Helping Neighbor account. If your entire church or a Sunday School class would like to make a donation to the Neighbor Helping Neighbor account, please send a check to Nathan Luitjens (WACO Ministerial treasurer) as soon as possible. Thank you for considering this opportunity.

Does your Sunday School class have the same conversations no matter what the topic is? Teachers, find out how to have different conversations when studying the Bible together. Check out Session 2, "Facilitating Good Discussions," in our video series, *Open the Book: Tips for Leading Bible Study*, at www.centralplainsmc.org/bible-study-videos.

Two upcoming Mental Health First Aid Classes in July and August, please sign up now if you plan to attend. Classes are offered at no cost thanks to support from the from the Mental Health & Disability Services of the East Center Region. Classes are 2-days in the afternoon Tuesday, July 10th & Friday, July 13th from 12:30 - 5:30 pm OR Monday, August 6th & Wednesday, August 8th from 12:30 – 5:30 pm. For more information look at North bulletin board.

Bethel Church is excited to announce that this year's VBS theme is *Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus*. At Shipwrecked VBS, kids don't just hear about God's love; they see it, touch it, sing it, taste it, and put it into action through God Sightings. This summer, venture onto an uncharted island where kids will learn to survive and thrive by being anchored in the truth that Jesus carries them through life's storms... We invite kid's age 4 through 6th grade to join us July 23 - 25. **Register today on Bethel's Facebook page!**

The Extension committee was informed that families, who were affected by the ICE raid, are in need of the following items:

Laundry detergent

Cooking oil

Paper towels

Toothpaste

Shampoo

Items can be dropped off at the Presbyterian Church in Mt. Pleasant. 902 S. Walnut St.