



This week please remember the following people in prayer:

Robert, Vickie and Bryce Achen

Pray for those dealing with cancer:

Thomas Bennett (Cassie Graber's brother)

Pray for those dealing with medical issues: Ann Blosser, Mike Bennett (Cassie's uncle), Christopher Liechty, Ollie Yutzy, Patsy Trussell, Inez Roth, 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 requests prayer for Mennonite Church Nigeria's youth who will begin gathering Wednesday for their five-day national camp. Pray for Psalmist Ekpedeme Jackson, their president, as he leads the young people in worship, Bible study, training in peacebuilding and reconciliation, and in business development principles.

LAST SUNDAY

Attendance: 90 (Joint service at Wayland Mennonite)

Offering: Home Missions: \$1,395



September 10, 2017

MISSION SUNDAY

with

Jerrell & Jane Ross Richer

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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: Nathan Luitjens
Song Leader: Nathan Luitjens
Piano: Lori Graber

Gathering

STJ 9 Come, now is the time to worship
Welcome & Announcements
Call to Worship
Opening Prayer

Praising

WB 229 Lord, you have come to the lakeshore
Gravity of Love

Hear the Word

Come & See Children's Story with Jerrell Ross Richer
Special music by Sierra, Naomi, Teresa and Jordan
Scripture reading by Sierra: Luke 14:15-24
Message by Jane Ross Richer,
"Harvesting and planting Fruits of the Spirit"

Response

WB 226 You are salt for the earth
Offering: Missions (9/17 Home Missions)
Sharing and Prayers

We Are Sent

Benediction
Seeds

TODAY

• 6 pm - MYF Bible Study – Olivia has devotions and snacks.

NEXT SUNDAY – September 17

Starting new series on "Parables that Jesus Told"

Message by Nathan, Matthew 13:3-23 "*The Parable of the Soils*"

Mark Your Calendars! NEXT SUNDAY, September 17 will be a potluck and the Annual Business Meeting. We encourage everyone to attend. There will be outside activities for the kids during the meeting.

SUGAR CREEK NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

We welcome Jerrell and Jane Ross Richer and their children Sierra, Naomi, Teresa and Jordan to our worship service today. They are serving with MMN in the Pastaza Region of Ecuador. You can follow the Ross Richers at <http://twowaymission.net>.

Congratulations to Tamara & Kevan Zechin on their marriage yesterday at Sugar Creek. We wish them God's blessing.

The Turkey Grill committee would like to thank everyone who committed their time and energy to make the turkey grill a success. The preliminary numbers seem good and we will post the final results once all bills have been paid.

SMALL GROUPS – Small groups will begin meeting on September 24. Please sign up on the North bulletin board to join a small group! The daytime small group will continue.

UPDATED CONTACT INFORMATION – We are updating the Contact Information Book. If your info is still the same, write "SAME" on the pink sheet and turn it in OR email your information to sugarcreekmc@gmail.com.

The first Central Plains Bible Study Webinar is coming soon! Join us at 7:30pm on Tuesday, September 26, for *Don't Mourn or Weep: Goals and problems*. We'll start with how leaders can contribute to a good study and move on to addressing the biggest challenges leaders encounter. These free webinars are especially for Sunday School teachers of youth and adults or facilitators of small groups, but anyone is welcome. **RSVP on the Bible Study Webinars 2017 page at www.centralplainsmc.org by Thursday, September 21.**

WELCOME THE STRANGER: Exploring Biblical View of Immigration is a training opportunity at SUGAR CREEK on Saturday, September 23 from 10 am-3 pm. Immigration has become one of the most important and complex issues of our day. While often portrayed as a political issue, immigration is fundamentally an issue about people including those in our churches, workplace and school. Come hear what the Bible has to say about immigration, recent immigration policies, common questions about immigrants and ways we can respond. Register at bit.ly/WaylandWTS. There is a \$10 registration fee, which includes lunch.

AREA NEWS AND EVENTS

Fall meeting of the Crowded Closet Association will be held Monday, Sep 18, 7:00pm at Washington Mennonite Church. All volunteers and interested persons are invited to attend and learn of the latest happenings at the Closet.

Hurricane Harvey – Victims and Volunteer workers need your prayers. MDS has been involved in early clean up discussions and preparation. The MDS response could involve volunteers soon after the storm has ended. These MDS volunteers could be Early Response Teams and may be called upon to do clean up and mucking out. **HOWEVER, a need to which we can respond to immediately is a financial need.** MDS is receiving donations for Hurricane Harvey response. Donations can be made online or checks can be sent to Mennonite Disaster Service, 583 Airport Road, Lititz, PA 17543.

The Home Place Retreat will be hosting Sweet Sundae Serenade: a homemade ice cream sundae bar, to raise funds as part of the MCC Relief Sale on TODAY at 3 pm. The public is invited to come enjoy live music. This is a donation event; no tickets are needed. The Home Place Retreat is located between Wellman and Kalona, on the south side of the road: 1881 Highway 22.

Attention Women: Central Plains Women's Retreat at Swan Lake Christian Camp, Viborg, SD will be on September 16 & 17. "Meeting Women in the Bible Again for the First Time" will be presented by Ruth Harder, pastor of Rainbow Mennonite Church in Kansas City, KS. Registration is due September 2 by email, txt or phone Kim Jones at fishmenno87@gmail.com, 515-835-0338 or 605-925-7186. See poster for details.

LOCAL OUTREACH AND MINISTRY

Carpenters Needed: Word Alive Christian Outreach Ministries has received several requests from our community for repair work that requires some skilled labor. If you are interested in serving your neighbors by using your gifts of household repairs, please contact Tamara as soon as possible at 319-217-2456 or tamarajg@gmail.com. Thank you!

New Life House: We want to **thank everyone** who has supported New Life House ministry for the past 17 months. Tamara and the other 6 residents who have lived in the house have truly had their lives changed by these experiences. The ministry has significantly blessed and enriched our lives. Many months ago, the board began to pray for a new house advocate when Tamara accepted Kevan's proposal for marriage. As of September 1, Tamara transitioned to a new stage of life. God is faithful and answers prayers! God brought an enthusiastic and energetic leader who is passionate about her relationship with Jesus. We are so glad that the Lord has provided a new house advocate. For questions or suggestions, you may now contact Roni Stowers -- our new house advocate or Connie Freyenberger -- our dedicated board president.

Back Pack Program: During the summer, we used much of the food in the pantry at the United Church of Crawfordsville for the weekly sacks of groceries. Now that school has started, students will soon receive back packs of food again. So, we need help restocking the shelves. Please donate non-perishable food items like pasta, rice, canned vegetables, canned meats, canned fruits, applesauce and breakfast foods. If your church has donations, please take them to the elementary school or United Church of Crawfordsville. Thank you!

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.

CROOKED CREEK CHRISTIAN CAMP

We're excited to welcome our newest staff person and one-year volunteer Kayle Kroeker! Kayle is no stranger to camp life having grown up at Swan Lake Christian Camp. Kayle will be living at Crooked Creek and working as a volunteer in various positions at camp. If you see Kayle, be sure to welcome her!