



**This week please remember the following people in prayer:**

Chris, Michelle, Hadley, Holden, Zayda and Walker Boshart

**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 the leaders and children and youth involved in Promiseland, Xplore, JYF, and MYF.** As the new year begins for our children and youth activities, 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.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Yesterday, the Argentina Mennonite Church began celebrating their centennial anniversary. Pray that God will be glorified as church members and guests worship and remember God's faithfulness. Pray also that today's mission rally in the greater Buenos Aires area will introduce people to Jesus in new ways.

### LAST SUNDAY

**Attendance:** 132

**Offering:** Missions: \$5,705; Home Missions: \$1,600; Word Alive: \$50



"Blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear"

Matthew 13:16

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**September 17, 2017**

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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 Leaders: Tim & Michelle Meyer  
Song Leader: Kathy Roth  
Piano: Kathy Yoder

**Gathering**

*Open my eyes Lord*  
Welcome & Announcements  
Call to Worship  
Opening Prayer

**Praising**

*Open the eyes of my heart*  
*WB 454 Seed, scattered and sown*

**Hear the Word**

Come & See Children's Story with Rachelle Luitjens  
*Presentation of Bibles to 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders*  
Scripture Reading: Matthew 13: 3-23  
Message: Nathan, "Parable of the soils"

**Response**

*WB 517 Open my eyes, that I may see*  
Offering: Home Missions (9/24 IMS/CCCC & Loose Change)  
Sharing and Prayers

**We Are Sent**

Benediction  
*May the Lord, Mighty God*

**TODAY**

• **Potluck and Annual Meeting** – Bring a dish to share and plan to stay for the Annual meeting which will immediately follow the potluck. There will be activities for you children during the meeting.

**THURSDAY, September 21,**

7 pm, Church Council Meeting, MYF room

**NEXT SUNDAY – September 24**

~The Junior Department will be leading our worship in song~

Scripture: Matthew 13:31-33

Message by Rachelle, "Parable of mustard seed & yeast"

**MYF News**

September 24, 6 pm – Bible Study, Cody & Brice have snack & Devotions

**SUGAR CREEK NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS**

**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.

**Women's Bible Study** – Please sign up on the North bulletin board for an evening fall Bible study. We will be using Shauna Niequist's study guide *Present over Perfect* and will meet on Monday nights at 7pm beginning October 16<sup>th</sup>. This is a five week study (we will take one week off for Special Meetings) and has a study guide for each participant (\$7.00). Dates are Oct. 16, 23, 30, and Nov. 13 and 20.

**JYF** - ALL WACO 7th & 8th graders, and friends, are invited to the JYF (Junior Youth Fellowship) Annual Hayride and Bonfire/Weiner Roast on Wednesday, OCTOBER 4th, 6:30-8:00 p.m. at 2561 320th Street (Alicia Lemon's house). Please dress for weather! For more information, text Myrna Joy Wenger at [319-461-6644](tel:319-461-6644).

**Rachelle's Office Hours** – Because of Rachelle's college courses, her office days will be Monday, Tuesday and Thursday and her hours will be posted on the pastor's bulletin board. You can always feel free to reach her by cell phone if needed!

**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](http://bit.ly/WaylandWTS). There is a \$10 registration fee, which includes lunch.

**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](http://www.centralplainsmc.org) by Thursday, September 21.**

### **AREA NEWS AND EVENTS**

Fall meeting of the Crowded Closet Association will be held TOMORROW, 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.

**WACO CROP DRIVE** will be taking place on October 1 through 31, 2017. Please see your mailboxes for additional information.

Enrollment is still open for an upcoming **Mental Health First Aide Class** on Monday, October 2nd and Wednesday, October 4th from 12:30-5:30pm at the Coralville Public Library, 1401 5th St, Coralville, IA 52241. Please sign up soon if interested, we will offer other classes this fall and spring. The class is offered at no cost thanks to the Mental Health & Disability Services of the East Central Region. **Registration is required. To sign up, email the instructor Peggy Loveless at [mhedspecialists@gmail.com](mailto:mhedspecialists@gmail.com).** Continuing Education Credits are available through Kirkwood upon request, please let Peggy know in advance if you would like to receive CEUs.

**IMS Homecoming & Alumni Family Weekend** will take place on campus Oct 13-15. Events will include alumni volleyball and soccer games, Joetown Classic, food fundraiser by the PTO with outdoor music by The Young Ramblers, Annual Pork Supper, and a community worship service. Campus will be open all weekend for tours and for classes to meet.

**The Joetown Classic** 5K run walk will take place on Saturday October 14 at IMS. Go to [iowamennonite.org/joetown-classic](http://iowamennonite.org/joetown-classic) for details and to register.

### **LOCAL OUTREACH AND MINISTRY**

**You are Invited!** New Life House would like to invite everyone to a CELEBRATION PARTY in appreciation for Tamara (Gill) Zechin & also to give a warm welcome to the home's new advocate, Roni Stowers. Please join us on Sunday, September 24 from 3-5 pm at the New Life House on 312 West Main, Wayland.

**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!

### **CROOKED CREEK CHRISTIAN CAMP**

**SENIOR DAY is October 12** with musician and story-teller Paul Siebert. Paul is a musician, song writer and story-teller. Hailing from Lincoln, Nebraska, Paul travels a five state area sharing music and stories that include venues such as history re-enactments, weddings, nursing homes, schools and coffeehouses. You are likely to hear a song you love with a wide range of musical ability playing pop, rock 'n roll, country, gospel to folk music on one of his 8 instruments. Come to Crooked Creek to tap your toes and clap your hands as you listen to Paul Siebert lighten your day! Open to whoever wants to have a fun day register at <http://www.crookedcreekcamp.org/senior-day.html>