



**This week please remember the following people in prayer:** Ron & Wendy Scarff, Phil & Tyler Kleese

**Pray for those dealing with cancer:** Bob Hartzler (Orpha Yoder's brother), Michael Stauffer (Dareld Stauffer's son), Nicky Goehring (Mary Jo Freyenberger's sister) and Tim Detweiler.

**Pray for those dealing with medical issues:** Jackson Roth, Kole Hudson, Lucy Leichty, Lela Miller, Mercedes Ellard, Denise Nebel, Gerald Nebel, Kathryn Nebel, Gary Garton (April Eichelberger's father).

**Central Plains Mennonite:** Today Jack Norris will be ordained at Julesburg Mennonite Church in Julesburg, Colorado. Pray for Jack, his wife Mary, and the congregation on this special day.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Pray for Jonathan Breneman of Mennonite Mission Network as he begins a one-year Mennonite Voluntary Service assignment helping implement the Israel-Palestine Partners in Peacemaking resolution adopted by Mennonite Church USA delegates at the Kansas City convention.

**Today we offer anointing for:**

**Healing –**

- Physical, emotional, or spiritual brokenness and pain

**Struggling with something in your life –**

- Longing to be set free from something that seems to have you trapped
- Dealing with a difficult decision
- Dealing with relationships in your life that are causing you pain
- Difficult situation that you don't know how to deal with

**Looking forward to something new in your life –**

- New opportunity or relationship that you are excited about
- You feel God is calling you to try something and you need God's strength and wisdom for the task.

**If you would like to be anointed, please go forward after the service.**

**LAST SUNDAY**

**Attendance:** 131

**Offering:** Home Missions: \$4,095; Parkview \$50.00

All who  
**EXALT**  
themselves will  
be **humbled,**  
but all who  
**HUMBLE**  
themselves will  
be **exalted.**

*Luke 18.14*

**September 25, 2016**

**SUGAR CREEK MENNONITE CHURCH**

**P.O. Box 146, Wayland IA 52654**

**Office/Answering machine/Fax Phone:** 319-256-6061

Pastors Nathan & Rachelle Luitjens Home 319-254-2479

Nathan Cell 319-461-6505 (nathanluitjens@gmail.com)

Rachelle Cell: 319-537-1976 (rachelleitjens@gmail.com)

Elders: Pam Gerig Unruh 256-7294 (pgunruh@gmail.com)

Ron Scarff 256-2335

Mike Roth 319-750-0932 (mroth@farmtel.net)

**Email address:** sugarcreekmc@gmail.com

**Website:** sugarcreekmennonitechurch.org

**September 25, 2016**

*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 Leaders: Tawnya & Jared Achen  
Song Leader: Praise Group  
Piano: **Recorded Selections**

### **Gathering**

*WB 349 Spirit of the living God*  
Welcome & Announcements  
Call to Worship  
Opening Prayer

### **Praising**

*STJ 54 Longing for light*  
*WB 352 Gentle Shepherd, come and lead us*

### **Hear the Word**

Scripture Reading: Luke 18:1-14 (NT pg. 62),  
1 Thessalonians 5:12-24 (NT pg. 159)  
Message: Nathan, "Discipleship: Praying Together"

### **Responding**

*WB 353 Lord, listen to your children*  
Offering: IMS/CCCC & Loose Change (10/2 Conference)  
Sharing and Prayers

### **We Are Sent**

Benediction  
*STJ 73 The Lord lift you up*

## **TODAY**

- Sugar Creek had worship at Parkview this morning•
- **Annual Business Meeting** – There will be a potluck after church and the business meeting will follow in the sanctuary at approximately 1:00.
- 4:00 pm** – Erica Littlewolf will be at Sugar Creek to talk about "The Doctrine of Discovery". What is the Doctrine of Discovery and how has it affected Native American peoples in the USA? She will be speaking about the Doctrine of Discovery as the foundation for Native American history throughout the USA, what MCC is doing to work toward different relationships with indigenous peoples.

## **THIS WEEK**

- Monday, September 26, 6:30 pm at Holly Roth's home** - The Women's Bible Study will meet to study *Interrupted* by Jen Hatmaker.
- Wednesday, September 28 at 7:00 pm in MYF room** – Bible study continues on the book of Revelation, led by Nathan. Read Revelations chapters 10-12 in preparation for this week.

## **MYF NEWS**

TONIGHT at 6:00 – Bible Study led by Nathan – Halle Kissell has devotions and snack

## **NEXT SUNDAY**

- \*We will begin a six week series focusing on stewardship\*  
Message: Nathan, "What do we have" Matthew 13:44-50  
Communion and footwashing will take place next Sunday
- 6:00 - Promiseland/Xplore**
- 6:00 pm** – Discussing the issues of our day: Is it possible for Christians to engage in real and substantive discussions about the issues that are facing the country and the world? **The Peace and Social Concerns committee** believes that it is possible and plans to meet monthly over the course of the next year to do just that. Every month the committee will choose another social issue that is prominent in the news and invites all interested people to come and engage in a discussion about that issue. In the first of these discussions we will tackle the issue of poverty, so come and **join in the library** to discuss: "Poverty is a serious and growing problem in the USA—the richest nation in the world. How can/should we respond?"

## SUGAR CREEK NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

**ATTENTION:** Please make the following changes to your email contacts:

[sugarcreekmc@gmail.com](mailto:sugarcreekmc@gmail.com)

[nathanluitjens@gmail.com](mailto:nathanluitjens@gmail.com).

It is important to make the changes in your contacts or your email will filter our correspondence to your junk/spam filter. Thanks!

**Cookies for Fellowship Time** - We are looking for SS classes or groups to serve for fellowship time between Sunday school and the church service. Presently we serve from 6 to 8 dozen cookies along with coffee and water. The younger generation especially likes the cookies. There is a sign-up sheet on the north bulletin board to sign up to serve for a month. Some months like October have 5 Sundays, so keep that in mind when signing up. If there is not enough interest in this, it may have to be discontinued. Let's keep this going!!

**A baptism class** for youth will begin this fall. Please talk to one of the pastors if you are interested in taking this class.

**The Crowded Closet Annual meeting minutes** are posted on the North bulletin board. There are also copies to take if you would like. If you want a copy and don't get one, please let the church office know.

•**Wednesday, October 5** – Mennonite Women – Please bring items for the WACO backpack program. Soup lunch will be provided.

•**Sunday, October 9** - Small Groups will be starting. For anyone who missed the sign-up sheets, there is a sign up sheet on the North bulletin board. Some small groups may want to do Bible studies, others may want to study a particular topic, and some might meet simply to get together and enjoy each other's company. There is a group for everyone!

**Mark your Calendar:** November 13, 14, and 15 - Fall meetings with guest speaker Bryan Moyer Suderman

In this time of Maria's absence in the office, the office hours may flex a bit. If you need to get ahold of me, please email the church as I check that email frequently throughout the day. Overall though, I will try to cover the church office hours as usual. -Lisa

## AREA EVENTS

•**J-POG (Just Peace Outreach Group)** invites you to hear Pastor Jose and his wife address the topic, "Love Without Limits." Jose ministers to the poorest of the poor in a squatter settlement in northern Mexico. Join us on Sunday evening, October 2, 2016, at Wellman Mennonite Church, 1215 – 8th Ave, Wellman, IA at 6 pm for a finger foods potluck and conversation (please bring your own table service) or at 7 pm to hear the presentation from Jose. All are welcome to attend. For more information, please email Jane Yoder-Short at [wilmajane17@gmail.com](mailto:wilmajane17@gmail.com).

•**Sunday, October 9** – Parkview is hosting a Fall Fundraiser. Come for a Soup and Sundae bar from 11:30-1:30. A free will offering will be taken.

•**C.R.O.P. Drive dates are October 2-31, 2016. Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty** provides funds for those who need it most, both around the world and here at home. Once again, 25% of proceeds will be used within our own WACO Community. Please give generously when you are contacted! NOTE: New ONLINE giving options: [www.crophungerwalk.org/waylandia](http://www.crophungerwalk.org/waylandia)

## CROOKED CREEK CHRISTIAN CAMP

Crooked Creek Christian Camp announces that in lieu of the annual Fall Fundraiser (intended for maintenance and repair projects), our goal is to fully fund the new Welcome Center. The goal is to raise \$185,000 to complete the project. Cash gifts for the Welcome Center are invited as one time contributions or pledges (monthly, quarterly or annually) with pledges to be paid by September 2019. Thank you for your consideration!

**Senior Day** is Thursday, October 6. Registration starts at 9:00am and activities completing by 3:00pm. Maynard Knepp from Goessel, Kansas, will be the featured entertainer and storyteller. Register your attendance online at [www.crookedcreekcamp.org/senior-day](http://www.crookedcreekcamp.org/senior-day) or by calling the camp office.

**Wood Cutting Day** is Saturday, October 15 at 8am. Meet at the office for details about location. Bring chainsaw and log splitter if you have one. Call Tim if you have questions or plan to attend.