



This week please remember the following people in prayer:
Stan & Karole Miller and Pauline Wyse

Pray for those dealing with cancer:
Thomas Bennett (Cassie Graber's brother)

Pray for those dealing with medical issues: Christopher Liechty, Ollie Yutzky, Patsy Trussell, Inez Roth, Collins DeVaul, Lela Miller, Martha Marsh, Mercedes Ellard, Denise Nebel, Gerald Nebel, Kathryn Nebel, Gary Garton (April Eichelberger's father).

Please continue to keep Mary Jo and Katelyn Richard in your prayers. Katelyn's address is: 699 East Washington Street, Marengo, IA 52301

Pray for our missionaries, Jane and Jerrell Ross Richer and their children, Sierra, Naomi, Teresa, and Jordan. They are serving in the Pastaza Region of Ecuador. Pray for guidance as they support indigenous pastors and leaders in themes of creation care, economic justice, rights of women and children, and community development initiatives.

Mennonite Mission Network: Janie and Neal Blough of Mennonite Mission Network have committed most of their adult lives to ministry in France. Pray for them as they continue to share the good news of Jesus through lectures, workshops, and in worshiping with their multicultural congregation, a visible witness to the "healing of the nations."

LAST SUNDAY

Attendance: 113

Sugar Creek Mennonite & Wayland Mennonite

LABOR DAY SERVICE



September 3, 2017

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September 3, 2017

*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.*

9:00 Worship Service at Parkview

9:15 Donuts & Coffee Fellowship Time at Wayland Mennonite

10:00 Worship Service at Wayland Mennonite

Message by Nathan
"Learning to love is learning to trust"
Scripture: Romans 12:9-21

Offering for Home Missions (9/10 Missions)

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

SUGAR CREEK NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

Thank you for all the cards and visits we have received since moving to Parkview and for Harold's birthday. It is very much appreciated. – *Harold & Lela Miller*

In order to better provide care for those in the hospital please contact one of the pastors or an elder if you or a family member are (or will be) hospitalized.

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.

NEXT SUNDAY – September 10

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

THIS WEEK

WEDNESDAY, September 6

Mennonite Women will meet be meeting. The projects for this month will be school kits and newborn kits. Please bring a sack lunch and dessert will be provided.

Devotions: "Live your call: Speak" John 1:1-5

Question to consider: *Can you remember times when words gave clarity to a situation or when lack of words brought confusion?*

The Mennonite Women group provides opportunities to serve others through projects. Quilting is not a requirement to be a part of this group! There are a variety of projects being worked on each month. We meet the first Wednesday of the month, any time 9 am or after, in the fellowship hall. It's a great way to share with others, while working with friends from church.

6 pm, SS Teacher Training with Rachele for all incoming Primary and Junior department SS teachers (or anyone interested). Please meet in the Fellowship Hall.

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.

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 Sunday, September 10 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.

COMING UP! Sunday school teachers and small group leaders, would you like some practical tips on how to prepare for and facilitate Bible studies? Plan to join the free webinars that Central Plains conference is offering this fall. Please reserve these dates: September 26, October 24 and November 28. More information is coming soon.

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.

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 for details and to register.

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 tamaraig@gmail.com. Thank you!

Summer Food Program: *Thank you* so very much to every person who helped with the summer food program in any way -- shopping, preparing, cooking, packing, delivering, giving food or supporting CROP that pays for this program. Together, we fed 34 children and youth lunches for 13 weeks this summer. We also gave sacks of groceries to 13 families, which is 69 people. Not only did we feed our community, we also met our neighbors and prayed for them. The influence this ministry has had on many lives is tremendous, so we are grateful that you were a part of it!

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 will transition 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!