

This week please remember the following people in prayer: Tim, Michelle, Morgan, Cole and Blake Meyer.

Pray for those dealing with medical issues: Benjie Roth, Kathy Yoder, Dick Yoder, Gerry Widmer, Maddie Yeager, Tom

Simpson (Donna Delzell's brother), Tim Detweiler, Lydia Rotzinger, Cindy Harms (daughter of Gerald & Mary Jo Freyenberger) and Judy Roth.

Central Plains: Today is Mennonite World Fellowship Sunday. On January 21, 1525, the first Anabaptist baptism took place in Zurich, Switzerland. Today we give thanks for our common roots, celebrate our worldwide fellowship, and look to God's guidance for the future.

Mennonite Mission Network: Thank God for Stanley W. Green's faithful leadership of Mennonite Mission Network since 1993. Pray for guidance and wisdom as a search committee looks for a new executive director to lead, mobilize, and equip the mission agency of Mennonite Church USA in holistic witness to Jesus Christ.

LAST SUNDAY

Attendance: 145

Offering: Education: \$2,487.41; Home Missions: \$1,220; Missions: \$334; Parkview: \$200; Special Projects: \$40.

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January 19, 2019

SUGAR CREEK MENNONITE CHURCH

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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 Room9:15 am: Sunday School10:10 am: Fellowship Time10:30 am: Worship

Worship Leader: Bryce and Abbey Shelman Song Leader: Nathan Luitjens Piano/Organ: Gavin Slagel & Jonah Miller

Gathering

Welcome Call to Worship Opening Prayer

<u>Praising</u>

STJ 42, *Listen, God is calling Gravity of love Who you say I am*

Hearing the Word

Come & See Children's Story- Bridgett Smith Scripture: Mark 4:1-34 (NT pg.29) Message: Rachelle Luitjens, "Kingdom Mystery"

Responding

My soul cries out Offering: Home Missions (1/26 Missions/ Loose Change) Announcements Sharing and Prayers

<u>Sending</u>

Benediction "The Lord lift you up"

Thank you to Paul and Annette Boshart VonTersch for their help in the nursery today. The nursery is available during Sunday school and church for children 2 years of age and younger.

MYF News

• Today - Joining a Hymn Sing/4 Part Harmony Lesson.

• Jan. 26 - Bible Study with Bryce & Abbey Shelman. Story of Jesus' Baptism (Devotions - Ellie Miles Snacks - Ellie Miles & Katie Leichty)

• Feb. 2 - SOUPER BOWL SUNDAE FUNDRAISER. Everyone is invited to join the MYF for lunch following church. We will be serving a variety of soups, salad and yummy ice cream sundaes! Donations will go towards our upcoming trip to DOOR Denver in June.

NEXT SUNDAY

• Nathan Luitjens, Mark 5:1-20 (NT pg.30)

SUGAR CREEK NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Congratulations to Kyle & Katie Leichty and big sister Hadley and big brothers Leighton and William on the birth of Ada Mae who was born on Jan. 11th. We wish God's blessing on Ada Mae and her family and pray that she grows loving, strong and healthy. The rose on the pulpit is for Ada Mae.

The family of Carol Garrett would like to thank everyone for all of the cards sent for her 90th birthday. It was so nice to hear from all of you, it made her day extra nice!

Thank you for all the prayers, food and help during Linda's illness and funeral. The cards and phone calls are also very much appreciated – Clarence Unternahrer.

The Church Council has approved the replacement of one of the furnaces in the Church Sanctuary. The current furnace is not working properly and needs replaced. We are asking for donations to the furnace fund to pay for the new furnace. The new furnace will cost approximately \$7,780.00. We currently have \$3985.00 in our furnace fund. Please consider donating.

The Parkview Annual Meeting will be held Monday, January 20, 2020 @ 7:00 PM in the Lower Level Family Room. Everyone is welcome to attend!

Crooked Creek Christian Camp: The kids here at Sugar Creek will be collecting coins during offering time from January 26-February 23 during offering. The money raised will go to our family fun night that we as a church use later on at Crooked Creek Camp. Thank you for your generosity and supporting our fellowship time together at the camp!

Are you interested in learning how to sing four part harmony? The Music Committee invites everyone to a hymn sing tonight from 5:30-6:30. We will be sitting in parts (soprano, alto, tenor, bass) to make it easier to sing harmony. This is for all ages and all abilities. Come and join us!

AREA NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bethel Church is hosting a hands-on, biblically based seminar: "4 Chair Discipling" presented by Jeff Polen. This seminar focuses on training ordinary Christians to be faithful in Jesus' charge to make disciples. This seminar is for all who are, or hope to be, teachers or mentors. Join us on Saturday, February 1st from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm; lunch is provided. Registration is required by January 22nd; call 319-256-8531 or email: bethel.wayland@gmail.com. Cost is \$25 for materials, payable the day of the seminar; doors open at 8:30am.

Mennonite Disaster Service: MDS Oklahoma Unit needs workers now! Work continues repairing homes that were flooded in the spring of 2019 and the Oklahoma Unit is asking for volunteers. Please consider helping our neighbors in Oklahoma and bring additional helpers. Please call Jay Blough (405) 412-4414 or Bill Mast (405) 590-7747 for more information.

Crowded Closet Thrift Shop is pleased to continue to provide a local drop off site for Mennonite Central Committee material resources. Items can be dropped off at the shop's donation drive through, Mon-Fri, 9:30-4:30 and Sat, 9:30-3:30. All items should be labeled and enclosed in bags or boxes. Please ensure all items comply with MCC's requests. Visit mcc.org/get-involved/kits for details.

Hillcrest Academy: Visit Day: Our next Visit Day is on January 20. Visits involve shadowing a current student for either a half day or full day. And we will treat you to lunch! Details and registration can be found at hillcrestravens.org/visit. There will also be a coffee time at the beginning of the day for parents to meet with the administrative team.

Central Plains Conference: The Christian Formation Committee of CPMC invites congregations and/or families with elementary-aged children to attend a conference-wide virtual reading party! At 6:30pm on February 12, join us for a web-based read-aloud featuring Shalom Readers books and adult readers from around the conference. See our website for more information and to register. *Pre-registration is required.* www.centralplainsmc.org/shalom-read-aloud.html.

Join a community. Serve others. Put your faith into action. Apply to serve with Mennonite Voluntary Service in places like Chicago; Washington, D.C.; San Francisco; and Alamosa. Age: 20+; term: 1–2 years. For more info, contact LaurenEH@MennoniteMission.net.

MCUSA: Read Lynda Hollinger-Janzen's blog, entitled "Plug into God's shocking peace," on the surprising results that come from receiving God's high-voltage peace that passes all understanding: http://mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/plug-into-gods-shockingpeace/

Please pray for Hope for the Future 2020, a Mennonite Church USA people of color event being held January 24-26. Hope for the Future gathers leaders of color from church and related ministries to explore the ways that power, privilege and racism function in our denomination.

Mennonite Mission Network: There's still time to sign up to join the Mennonite Mission Network Alumni & Friends Service-Learning Tour. From March 7-14, we will serve alongside our Service Adventure partners in Jackson, and our SOOP partners in Meridian and Mashulaville, MS. We will also be taking in Civil Rights experiences by hearing from an activist and going to the Mississippi Civil Rights Museum, as well as other sites. Email AlumniTrip@MennoniteMission.net for more information.