



This week please remember the following people in prayer: Jeff, Amy, Madelyn and Nolan Eubanks.

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 and Judy Roth.

Central Plains: Pray for the churches in and near the Twin Cities as they prepare to host Annual Meeting 2020 which will take place June 18-21.

Mennonite Mission Network: Requests prayer for Joanne Brandt as she teaches at Union Biblical Seminary in India this trimester. Pray for wisdom and grace as she adapts her teaching to a new context and as she builds relationships with faculty, staff and students.

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: 102

Offering: Home Missions: \$4,650; Conference: \$1,500;

Missions: \$1,000; Education: \$1,000; Special Projects/HVAC: \$300.



January 26, 2019

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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
10:10 am: Fellowship Time
10:30 am: Worship

Worship Leader: Bryce and Abbey Shelman
Song Leader: Anita Swartzendruber
Piano/Organ: Tamara Zechin

Gathering

Welcome
Call to Worship
Opening Prayer

Praising

WB 70, *Immortal, invisible, God only wise*
WB 307, *Will you let me be your servant*

Hearing the Word

Scripture: Mark 5:1-20 (NT pg.30)
Message: Nathan Luitjens, "Faith or Fear"

Responding

STJ 61, *How can we be silent*
Offering: Missions/Loose Change (2/2 Home Missions)
Announcements
Sharing and Prayers

Sending

Benediction
Don't be afraid

Thank you to Troy and Cassie Graber Family 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 - 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

- Rachele Luitjens, Mark 5:21-43 (NT pg.30)

SUGAR CREEK NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Thank you! I want to thank you for your prayers, cards and words of encouragement. I thank God for healing. It is good having my life back to almost normal – Cindy Freyenger Harms.

Women – join us for a study titled Church of the Small Things on Tuesday mornings at 9:30am beginning on February 4th. We will meet for 6 weeks and there are no books or sign-up needed.

The music committee is thankful for the money we have received for our new hymnal "Voices Together ." We still need approximately \$2,200 by April 15. If any individuals or SS classes would like to contribute you can give those checks to the church treasurer Robert Achen.

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.

Thank you for all of your prayers and words of encouragement as we begin a new medical journey with our precious little one. You can receive updates from us at www.caringbridge.org/visit/babyzechin - Kevin & Tamara Zechin.

Mennonite Women will meet Wednesday, Feb. 5th. Project: Offering for Mennonite Women USA Scholarship Program. Devotions- "A seat at the table: Mary& Ella." (Luke 10:38-42). There will be a sack lunch with dessert provided.

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!

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.

Hillcrest Academy: 75 Year Anniversary Cookbook. One of the ways we will be celebrating our anniversary is by publishing a cookbook full of recipes, stories, and photos from the past 75 years of our school. And we need your help to create this book! Please submit your recipes AND stories to recipes@hillcrestravens.org by Jan. 31st and we will take care of the rest (photos or scans of recipe cards are acceptable). Please send questions to the same email or ask your churches committee rep.

Central Plains Conference: The Christian Formation Committee of Central Plains Mennonite Conference invites all elementary-aged children to join us for a virtual read-aloud on February 12 at 6:30pm. Details on our website. 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: Menno Snapshots - Wil LaVeist, Mennonite Church USA's chief communications officer, asks the question, "Commission or co-mission?" in his blog examining the relationship between ministry and finance and what it means to give from our hearts. Read it here: <http://mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/commission-or-co-mission/>

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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.

MCC Great Winter Warm-up Update! Thank you for your work and participation in the Great Winter Warm Up at one of the 22 events around the MCC Central States region! The comforter count right now is a little over 5,500 from across the U.S. and Canada. We are still gathering information from all the events and will have the official tally by the end of the month. We are so grateful for your help in reaching our goal to share warmth and love with our brothers and sisters all around the world! If you are looking for another opportunity to make comforters for MCC, save the date for the Comforter Blitz in Yoder, Kansas on March 2, 3, and 4th. More information to come!

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