MYF News

- Oct. 11 Bible Study at the Oswald's, 6pm.
- Oct. 18 Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall, 6pm.
- Oct. 25 Fun Night! TBD

<u>JYF News</u>

• Oct. 21- Getting Acquainted Party, 6:15-7:15pm at Wayland Mennonite Church. Brown bag supper sent home.

JYF is BACK! All 7th & 8th graders are WELCOME to attend the Junior Youth Fellowship held the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month, 6:15-7:15 p.m. at Wayland Mennonite Church, 2nd Street, unless specified otherwise. For more information contact leader, Myrna Joy Wenger at myrnajoy@gmail.com. Feel free to wear a mask. Social distancing will be practiced.



This week please remember the following people in prayer: Reg, Deb & Preston Roth and Sheldon & Lori Miller.

Pray for those dealing with medical issues: Annley, Ashley, and Carolyn (Opal Reschly's family), Lynnix McMullin (daughter of Jessy and Katie), Jean Roth, Lydia Rotzinger and Freddie Rusch.

Pray for Iglesia Menonita Centro Cristiana, the Hispanic church plant in Washington, as they witness, preach, and teach the Word.

LAST SUNDAY

Offering: Home Missions: \$4,020; Conference: \$2,260; CCCC: \$250; Missions: \$100; Memorial Monies; \$60; M. Shelman Fund: \$100.



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"Redeemer God"

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.

10:30 am: Worship live via Zoom: https://tinyurl.com/SugarCreekLiveStream facebook.com/sugarcreekmennonitechurch

Worship Leader: Justin Freyenberger Song Leader: Dana Oswald Piano/Organ: Abbey Shelman

Gathering

Welcome Call to Worship Opening Prayer

Praising

Come and bless the Lord Who you say I am Offering: Home Missions (10/18 – Missions) Announcements, Sharing & Prayers

Hearing the Word

Children focus: Renae Farmer Scripture: Exodus 12:1-13; 13:1-8 Message: Rachelle Luitjens, "Redeemer God"

Responding

Communion Goodness of God

<u>Sending</u>

Benediction WB 118, *Praise God from whom all blessings flow*

Baskets for the Elders' Sharing Fund will be set out today. The Elders' Sharing Fund is used at the discretion of the Elders to take care of special needs of individuals and families in the congregation and in our community.

The nursery is unavailable at this time.

NEXT SUNDAY

• Rachelle Luitjens, 1 Samuel 1:9-11, 19-20; 2:1-10

THIS WEEK

TUESDAY, Oct. 13th

- Elder's Mtg.: Held in the MYF room at 9am.
- Extension Comm. Mtg.: Held in the church library at 1pm.

WEDNESDAY, Oct 14th

• Praise/Worship Group practice: Held in the sanctuary at 7pm.

SUGAR CREEK NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Pastor Appreciation: October is designated as Pastor Appreciation Month. We, the elders, want to thank Rachelle for her leadership and timely sermons. We are grateful for the ways she is reaching out during this pandemic and caring for our congregation. We invite you to express your appreciation also.

Thank you! Thank you very much to all of you at Sugar Creek for the incredible support over the last 16 years. It has been an amazing privilege for me to serve as your pastor over these many years and I am excited to see what God is going to do in you next. The celebration on Sunday evening was a wonderful way to end my time as your pastor and I am so grateful for all of the cards and other expressions of encouragement that I have received as I have transitioned to my new position. Nathan

Congratulations: Sarah Kalkhoff and Kendall Leichty, who were married this past Saturday, October 10th. We pray God's blessing on them as they begin their life.

Extension Committee: During these particular times, the Extension Committee would like to update our transportation ministry list. If you feel safe and are willing to give individuals or families a ride to appointments, please let Tamara know so that we can update our list. Her number is 319-217-2456 and her email is tamarajg@gmail.com. Thank you!

Do you need some help with fall clean up? Please contact Tamara at 319-217-2456 so that we can add you to the list of Fall Clean Up Service Day with our church family. Thanks!

Sugar Creek, Sugar Creek, What Do You See? The extension committee is collecting photographs of how God is at work among us. Please submit any photos of people from our church serving each other or the community. We would like to put together a slide show with photographs for the beginning of November. We specifically want photographs of any service opportunities during 2020. You can send your snapshots to Tamara at tamarajg@gmail.com.

Christian Education Committee: We were originally hoping to be back in person at the beginning of October. However, we're needing a couple of teachers yet. While we want everyone to feel safe and protect their own health, if there is someone who is comfortable doing so, we need a teacher for 4th grade and a teacher for 5/6th grade. If you would be willing, please let Jen Slagel, Cassie Graber, or Annette Boshart VonTersch know. Our new start date for children in Sunday school is October 18th. Masks will be required for school age children and teachers. Preschool children are not required to wear a mask.

Adult Sunday School: We encourage adult Sunday school classes to resume Sunday school as you feel comfortable. Beginning October 18th you can meet in your regular classrooms at 9:30am. If you are meeting in the church we ask that you wear masks as we actively love our neighbor.

Adult Sunday school materials and church subscriptions:

While we want everyone to have all printed lessons and materials to use, we also don't want to be spending Home Mission dollars for these printed materials when they are not being used. After looking at the costs, we've decided to have each household update what materials you want in your home. This would be for the Sunday school lesson help (\$7), the teacher guide(\$11), The Anabaptist (\$39 per year) and the Rejoice devotional (\$8).

Please fill out this short survey on which church publications you would like to receive. If you have already called the office to update your subscriptions you don't need to fill this out. Thank you! <u>https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TYJ5CV9</u>

Attention advocates/youth: We're looking at planning a kickoff with an outreach for the community. Fall is a good time to offer our services for yard raking or before snow flies projects. We are hoping an outdoor activity will provide an opportunity for some fun and fellowship among the advocate pairs in our church, and still adhere to protecting our health from Covid. It's difficult to predict the timing of falling leaves, so we're looking at a Saturday afternoon, maybe October 17th, 24th, or November 7th. We would plan to work in the area a couple of hours then end with a hotdog roast. Still in the planning stages for timing, however we want you to be in the know! Christian Ed and Extension committee.