



This week please remember the following people in prayer: Don & Kathy Yoder and Bret, Ronda, Natalie & Nick West.

Pray for those dealing with medical issues: Lucinda Gill (Tamara Zechin's mom), Alan Peachy (Janae Boshart Peachy's husband) and Linda Unternahrer. Don & Kathy Yoder Dick Yoder, Oliver Yutzy, Gerry Widmer, Victor Barrera (Victoria Perez's father), Maddie Yeager, Chad McMullin, Tom Simpson (Donna Delzell's brother), Tim Detweiler, Makayla Keller (granddaughter of Ledru & Connie Freyenberger), Sheldon Miller and Lydia Rotzinger.

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

Central Plains: Pray for conference leaders of Mennonite Church USA who will gather October 16-18 in Arizona for the Constituency Leaders Council (CLC).

Mennonite Mission Network: This week, new Mennonite Church of Congo leaders officially begin their responsibilities. Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Pastor Fidele Yongo, president; Pastor Martin Musukisa, vice president; and Charles Kazadi, general secretary; as they begin to serve the denomination in these new capacities.

LAST SUNDAY

Attendance: 124

Offering: Home Missions: \$3,425.70.



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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: Jeremy Miller
Song Leader: Nathan Luitjens
Piano/Organ: Tamara Zechin

Gathering

Welcome
Call to Worship
Opening Prayer

Praising

Blessed Be Your Name
10,000 Reasons
Children's Story: Rachelle

Hearing the Word

Scripture: Ruth 1:1-17
Message: Rachelle Luitjens, Dangerous Foreigner?

Responding

WB 575, *Precious Lord, take my hand*
Offering
Announcements
Sharing and Prayers

Sending

Benediction
God Be With You Till We Meet Again

Thank you to Wilbur and Debbie Leichty for serving in the nursery and church today. The nursery is available during Sunday school and church for children 2 years of age and younger.

MYF News

- Tonight, Oct.13 @ 6:00 - Bible Study and testimony from Bob & Karen Meyer. Devotions & snack - Bridgett & Larz
- Sunday, Oct. 20 @ 6:00 - Bible Study and testimony from Paul & Annette VonTersch. Devotions & snack - Gabe & Simeon
- Sunday, Oct. 27 @ 6:00 - It's a Mystery but come hungry.....!!
Meet in the Fellowship Hall and join us for an evening of mystery!!
For planning purposes, we will be asking the kids to RSVP.
- Friday, Nov. 1 - Deadline for commitment to the MYF Service Trip to Denver.

THIS WEEK

WEDNESDAY, October 16

- **Women's Bible Study**, *Seamless* at 6:45pm, in the MYF room.

THURSDAY, October 17

- **Council Meeting at 7pm**, in the MYF room.

NEXT SUNDAY, October. 20

- **Rachelle Luitjens**, 1 Kings 12:1-17, 25-29

SUGAR CREEK NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Thank you to Nathan and Rachelle for sharing the service at Parkview today.

It's Pastor appreciation day! During the month of October, we invite you to write notes of appreciation or extend acts of kindness to Nathan and Rachelle. Thank you for all you do, Nathan and Rachelle! God laid His hand upon them, and breathed hope into their spirits. He filled them with His strength, and placed a message of urgency around their lives. God challenge them to greater works that He had ever done. Then, with His own hand of blessing, He wrapped them up in His mantle of love and called them Pastors.

New Sunday School class: A new Sunday School class will be offered to adults using the Wired Word Curriculum on Oct. 27, in the library. This class will be led by Nathan Luitjens and Lowell Unruh. It will be a scripture-based study and discussion about current issues in the news. If you are interested, please join us!

Church Website, You can now find the weekly bulletin available on the churches website.

Mark your calendar: We are excited to welcome **Kevin Wilder** as our fall special meetings speaker November 3-5. Kevin is a professor at Hesston College where he teaches classes in Psychology, as well as, Biblical Literature classes. Kevin will focus his talks around **the habits of missional churches**, recognizing how we engage with what God is doing around us in our world. What small habits could we develop that would change us and change our world? He will be focusing on these five habits: **B**- Bless Others, **E**- Eat Together, **L**- Listen to the Spirit, **L**- Learn Jesus, **S**- Sent by God into others' lives.

Jean Roth has moved to the Halcyon House, 1015 S. Iowa Ave. Washington, Iowa 52353. Her new number is (319) 653-8413.

Christmas is coming! The primary and junior department will once again be joining On His Path to collect Christmas gifts for boys and girls in Guatemala! Gifts should be placed in a gallon size Ziploc bag and collected at church **no later than Sunday, November 3**. Thank you for helping us with this project! **Gift Suggestions:** Hot Wheels cars, small stuffed toys, crayons, stickers, small puzzles, trading cards, jump ropes, toothbrushes, hairbrushes, and clips, etc. *(Please do not include any food including chewing fun or hard candy as this can delay packages at customs and create a messy situation if something leaks or melts! Please do not include toys that require batteries as they are often difficult for families to acquire.)*

Questions: Contact Jen Slagel or Cassie Graber

Traveling Basket: The extension committee invites you to support the Family Connection traveling basket during the month of October. The goal of Family Connection is to help parents give their child the best possible start in life. Pick up a list of items needed at the table in the foyer.

Shine Curriculum: For five years, many congregations in our conference and across the United States and Canada have been using Shine: Living in God's light, the dynamic Sunday School curriculum from MennoMedia. In a series of webinars this fall, you are invited to be reminded, or perhaps discover, the "why's" and "how's" of this valuable Mennonite resource. See www.centralplainsmc.org/shine-webinar for more information.

Word Alive: Thank you to your church for participating in the summer lunch program for the WACO children. Your time and energy spent shopping, making and delivering the lunches was appreciated. In total: 6 churches participated, 11 weeks of delivered meals, 14 families, and 35 total meals each week. Thank you again for serving the community children.

AREA NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please join the Wayland Mennonite MYF for a taco pile up lunch Sunday, October 20th. We will be serving taco pile ups, fruit, ice cream and bars. All proceeds will go towards our summer service project.

CCCC Event: Please join us on October 17, for Senior Day (open to ALL ages) with S. Roy Kaufman from 9:30am-2:30pm.

Mark your calendar for Nov. 12 Crooked Creek Annual Meeting.

Volunteer with SWAP: Sharing With Appalachian People (SWAP) is a program of MCC Great Lakes, addressing multiple challenges of low-income families in Appalachia, including home repair and personal need. Groups of all ages are an essential component of SWAP's ministry and can now sign up for 2020. Please consider forming a group, large or small, to come and experience a week at one of the locations in West Virginia or Kentucky. For more information go to swap.mcc.org or call Angela Maggard at 606-633-5065.

The Heartland Disaster Recovery Group, is hosting a volunteer workday on Saturday, October 19 to help individuals in the communities of Wood River and Dannebrog work on flood recovery projects. Projects range from skilled to grunt work. If you are interested in volunteering some time to help your neighbors please contact Elizabeth Troyer-Miller at disaster@heartlandunitedway.org or cell: 574-304-6548 to learn more. *If you are in need of assistance, you can reach out to Elizabeth as well.

Olds United Church of Christ, Harvest Supper Thursday, November 7th Family style serving starts at 5:30 PM. Turkey & Dressing meal With assorted salads and Pies. FREE WILL OFFERING used for mission outreach. Carry outs are available in the church basement.

Hillcrest, Fall Music Concert: The concert will be held on Sunday, October 13 at 3:00 pm under the direction of Mike Wagner. The groups performing will be the Chorale, Concert Choir, and Symphonic Band. In addition, the Intro to Music class will perform an original composition they created.

Mennonite Historical Society: "What do we learn from our past," will be the theme of the fall Mennonite Historical Society meeting. The Fall Meeting and annual membership renewal for MHS begins with a soup supper. We are raising funds to help us tell the story of our Amish-Mennonite history in the Kalona community. Our soup supper will be supported by your free will offerings. The meeting is November 11, 2019 at Kalona Mennonite Church. Serving will begin at 5:30 p.m. The Evening program will begin at 7:00 where we will see a film covering John Ruth's 45 years of taking tours to Europe to connect folks to our Anabaptist faith stories.

Everence will host its popular workshop, Make Medicare an easy step, on Monday, Oct. 14, at 6:30 p.m. Attendees will learn about the various Medicare plans and what they cover, plans that supplement Medicare, and enrollment details and deadlines. The workshop will be presented by Everence staff at Kalona Public Library, Velma Skola Room, 510 C Ave. The workshop is free, but space is limited! Reserve your spot by Oct. 11. Contact Joyce Garvin at 877-656-4242 or joyce.garvin@everence.com.

MCUSA: You can still join in the MC USA Faith Formation fall webinar series on Anabaptism and American Politics. The second session, *Tensions: Seeing Beyond the Partisan Divide*, will take place on Tuesday, October 15. Sign up and find more information at thegatheringplace.us. Pray for the MC USA Constituency Leaders Council as they meet Oct. 16-18 in Phoenix, Arizona. Prayers are also requested for those who will participate in immigration learning days in Tucson, Arizona following the meetings. Menno Snapshots "Be still and know I am God." Find a short prayer from Ruben Chupp with this Psalms passage on the Menno Snapshots blog: mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/be-still-and-know.