



This week please remember the following people in prayer: Steve, Risa & Chance Kaufman and Justin Freyenberger.

Pray for those dealing with medical issues: Lucinda Gill (Tamara Zechin's mom), Linda Unternahrer, Kathy Yoder,

Dick Yoder, Gerry Widmer, Maddie Yeager, Tom Simpson (Donna Delzell's brother), Tim Detweiler, Sheldon Miller, Lydia Rotzinger and Cindy Harms (daughter of Gerald & Mary Jo Freyenberger).

Central Plains: We give thanks for all the relationships in our congregations and in our conference that sustain us, guide us, and help us to see the Kingdom of God!

Mennonite Mission Network: Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Marvin Lorenzana and his leadership of the Missional Discipleship Initiative. More than 45 leaders in eight "huddles" (learning groups) began training last month. Praise God for their willingness to reach out into their communities to share the good news about Jesus' love.

LAST SUNDAY

Attendance: 123

Offering: Home Missions: \$8,988.58; Missions; \$1,000;
Conference: \$1,000; Education; \$750; CCCC: \$700.

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.

November 24, 2019

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: Russ and Becky Yoder
Song Leader: Kathy Roth
Piano/Organ: Abbey Shelman

Gathering

Welcome
Call to Worship
Opening Prayer

Praising

WB 94, Come, ye thankful people
WB 98, Sing to the Lord of harvest
Special Music: Jabezites

Hearing the Word

Come & See Children Story with Tamara Gill
Scripture: 2 Kings 22:1-10 [11-20]; 23:1-3 (OT pg. 277)
Message: Nathan Luitjens, "Open That Book!!"

Responding

WB 86, Now thank we all our God
Offering: Conference/Loose Change (12/1: Parkview)
Announcements
Sharing and Prayers

Sending

Benediction
Give Thanks

Thank you to Maria Roth & Abbey Shelman 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

- Today - 6 pm - Bible Study with Corey & Dana Oswald
- Nov. 29 - Poinsettia Delivery

NEXT SUNDAY

- Rachele Luitjens, Jeremiah 33:14-18

SUGAR CREEK NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Community Thanksgiving Dinner: We have two more pans for sweet potatoes (with instruction) on the table in the foyer available if you felt lead to help prepare those for the community. Lunch will be served Thanksgiving Day, November 28, from 11:30 am until 1 pm. Delivery meals will also be available, which you can pre-order by calling Greg Stacy at (319) 461-0576 or Tamara Zechin at (319) 217-2456. Volunteers are welcome, please call Greg.

Happy Birthday Jesus! Please join Sugar Creek on Sunday, Dec. 8th at 5pm for a BIG party to celebrate Christmas...but don't come alone, bring friends! Everyone is invited as we gather with our neighbors in celebration as a community. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall for activities, gift and a meal. If you have any questions, please call Tamara at 319-217-2456.

Mennonite Women: Tuesday, December 3, the MW will be hosting their annual Sugar Creek Blood Drive in the Fellowship Hall from 2-7pm. If you would like to sign up please contact Lori Miller.

Wednesday, December 4th is Visitation Day! The project is Cookies & fruit plates. A soup lunch will be provided. The devotion is, "A Brick upon the Ash: Sojourner and Mrs. Noah."

Baskets for the Elder's Sharing Fund will be set out next week. 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 community.

Spring Sunday School Elective sign-up is now available. We will study Meghan Good's book The Bible Unwrapped: Making Sense of Scripture Today, taught by Kathy Yoder and Rachele Luitjens. If you would like to join this class and want a book please sign-up in the foyer by December 15th.

Sharing Christmas Program is back again this year! Chris Conrad and Karalee Martin are the new volunteer coordinators for this wonderful program. If you would like to adopt a family for Christmas, please email Chris at conradsec@gmail.com

Socks Box: Kylie and Ayla Miller are helping their grandfather (Gary Crawford) collect socks for the local homeless shelters. A box has been placed in the foyer for the collection. Thank you all for your contributions. Please see Jamie or Jeremy Miller with any questions.

AREA NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Keep Us Warm Project! Word Alive: is trying to help individuals and families in our community stay warm this winter. If someone has a specific need, they can share it with Tamara at 319-217-2456 who will spread the word and hopefully find people who can donate those specific items. Right now, our needs are boys size 10/12 coat, boys size 14 coat, women's size 7 boots, women's size 9 boots, women's size 18w short pants or snow pants. Please help us meet these needs for our neighbors. Keep Us Warm Project is also organizing a blanket drive for our community. We are accepting blankets of all sizes (new or gently used) that we can give out to those who need them. Please contact Tamara at 319-217-2456 to make donations. Thank you!

JPOG: (Just Peace Outreach Group) invites you to hear Peter Wigginton address the topic "Teaching Peace in Ecuador." For twenty years, the Mennonite mission partnership in Ecuador has focused on welcoming refugees, teaching peace, and supporting indigenous churches. Mennonite churches in Quito were also involved in the recent protests seeking justice. Peter Wigginton, who with his wife Delicia Bravo Aguilar, serves as Ecuador partnership coordinator in Quito, will speak at the Just Peace Outreach Group (JPOG), on Sunday, November 24, 2019, at East Union Mennonite Church, 5615 Gable Avenue, Kalona, IA. Join us at 6 p.m. for a finger food potluck and conversation, or at 7 pm for Peter's presentation.

Hillcrest: Visit Days - First semester visit days on Nov. 27th and Dec 2nd are open to transfer students, 7th and 8th graders. These visits will involve shadowing a current student. You can come for a half day or full day. 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 our administrative team.

Central Plains: We're better together! This summer, Amanda Bleichy, Conference Minister for Christian Formation, encourages your youth group to step out of your comfort zone, to say "YES" to new relationships, and to learn about discipleship as you take a service/mission trip with another youth group from our conference. Find out more about the "Youth Mission Together" project or explore being matched with another CPMC group at our website, www.centralplainsmc.org/youth-mission-together or contact Amanda at amandableichy@centralplainsmc.org

Mennonite Central Committee: Every year MCC's Mobile Meat Canner travels across the United States and Canada meeting volunteers who prepare cans of turkey, beef, chicken and pork to be sent around the world. Check your mail box today for details! The Canner is coming to our area next month, Dec. 12 & 13th. YOU CAN HELP CAN!

MCUSA: Sunday, Dec. 1st, is the beginning of Advent. "Waiting and Wondering," this year's Advent At Home booklet for families and people of all ages, is available now at mennoniteusa.org/resource/advent-at-home. Mennonite Church USA relies on your support as we seek to follow Jesus, witness to God's peace and help our communities experience transformation. Consider making a year-end, tax-deductible donation on or before #GivingTuesday, Dec. 3, to support the ministries of MC USA at mennoniteusa.org/give.