



This week please remember the following people in prayer:

Dave & Nancy Eichelberger and
Gary & Maretta Conrad.

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).

The oil lamp by the organ is a prayer reminder from the Committee on Peace and Social Concerns. It will be lit for every service as a reminder to pray for peace and for the people of our world who are caught in war and violence.

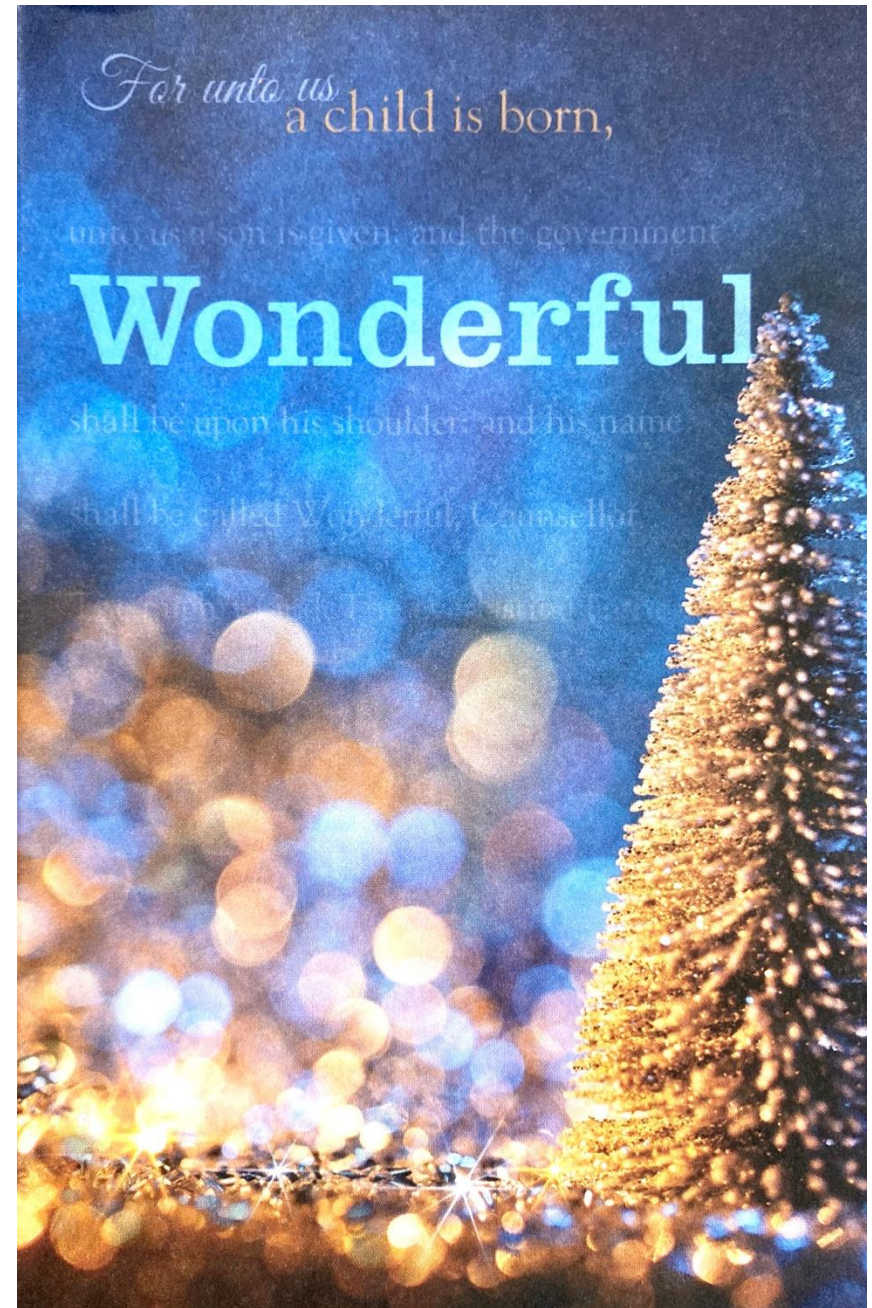
Central Plains: Pray for Conference Ministers across the United States and Canada who are traveling to the Conference Ministers Meetings in Banff, AB, Canada this week. May these meetings be a time of learning and renewal.

Mennonite Mission Network: requests prayer for the Argentina Mennonite Church as it enters its second century. May its vibrant ministries of preaching, teaching, planting churches, and running businesses to support missions flourish. Pray specifically for a brick-making enterprise in Villa Mercedes, San Luis, that combines income-generating work with church planting.

LAST SUNDAY

Attendance: 126

Offering: Conference: \$2,941; Home Missions: \$1470; Parkview: \$200; Loose Change; \$72.10.



Dec 1, 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: Randy and Jan Shelman
Song Leader: Kathy Roth
Piano/Organ: Tamara Zechin

Gathering

Music Video: Kutless, "This Is Christmas"

Welcome

Focus Statement – Lighting of the Advent Candle- Elyssa Graber

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

Praising

WB 172, O come, O come, Immanuel

WB 178, Come, thou long-expected Jesus

Offering: Parkview (12/8: Home Missions)

Announcements

Sharing and Prayers

Hearing the Word

Come & See Children Story with Marcia Roth

Scripture: Jeremiah 33:14-18 (OT pg. 572)

Message: Rachelle Luitjens, "Unbelievable Hope"

Responding

Communion

WB 463, *Let all mortal flesh keep silence*

Sending

Benediction

O come, let us adore Him

Thank you to Nancy, Sam, Aubrey and Ava Eichelberger 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

- Sunday ~ December 1 - NO MYF - Thanksgiving weekend - Spend time with family & friends!
- Sunday ~ December 8 - @ 6 PM - Bible Study with Tad & Brittany Morrow, Story of Moses (Devotions & Snacks - Makenzie Shelman)
- Sunday ~ December 15 - Christmas Party and Sharing! - Details will be announced soon!
- Sunday ~ December 22 & December 29 - NO MYF - Christmas Break!

TODAY- 1st Sunday of Advent

• **Baskets for the Elder's Sharing Fund**, are at the back of the sanctuary 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 community.

NEXT SUNDAY- 2nd Sunday of Advent

- Nathan Luitjens, Isaiah 40:1-11
- **Happy Birthday Jesus Party**, 5 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please invite your neighbors and join us.

THIS WEEK

TUESDAY, Dec. 3

• **Mennonite Women:** Annual Blood Drive in the Fellowship Hall from 2-7pm. If you would like to sign up please contact Orpha Yoder.

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 4

- **Mennonite Women Meeting:** The project is, Cookies and Fruit for plates for Visitation Day. A soup lunch will be provided. The devotion is, "A Brick upon the Ash: Sojourner and Mrs. Noah."
- **JYF:** At Wayland Mennonite Church. Supper at 6pm and meeting will begin approximately 6:44pm. Will be Packaging Samaritan's Purse Christmas Boxes. Movie following (Diane). Snack: Popcorn is provided.

SUGAR CREEK NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

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.

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 Rachelle 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

CPMC: There is an update on Max and Gloria posted on the pastors bulletin board.

World Alive: Dana Oswald serves as the furniture director who provides for families in the greater Waco and Brighton area. The following is a list of items that are needs for families who are struggling; 2 beds (singles are ok), dressers, washer (possibly still), dryer (1, possibly 2) and a table and chairs.

Farmer Lunch Fundraiser: for Randy and Paula Yoder. You are invited to share in a fund raising lunch on Dec. 12, @ 11:30 - 1:00 pm at the Terry and Deb Erb farm (east warehouse building). Meal will be catered by Janet Stutzman and includes pork burgers, potatoes, beans, fruit salad, bars. All are welcome and invited to attend – come as you are, boots and work clothes – accepted! And you don't have to be a farmer!

Hillcrest: #GivingTuesday- This year GivingTuesday is Dec. 3 and for the twenty-four hours of GivingTuesday we encourage you to give to Hillcrest Academy and give generously. You can give any

size donation online, on our Facebook page, or you can send a check to the school postmarked 12.3.19. Through this event we hope to raise \$20,000 in one day for The Annual Fund. By participating you are making a huge difference in the lives of our students and making our educational experience available to everyone!

Central Plains: We're better together! This summer, Amanda Bleichty, 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 amandableichty@centralplainsmc.org

Mennonite Central Committee: All MCC volunteers and alumni are invited to our annual come-and-go MCC Christmas Soiree on Thursday, December, 12 from 5-7 p.m. at MCC in North Newton (121 E. 30th). We will have food, Christmas cheer and plenty of time for fellowship. At 6 p.m. we'll pause for a short program about Christmas around the world from our International Volunteer Exchange Program (IVEP) participants. You don't want to miss this annual event!

MCUSA: #GivingTuesday-Did you know that giving is good for your health? More than that, your financial support and engagement are directly proportional to the health and strength of our denomination. To learn more about the 2020 goals of Mennonite Church USA, read "Generosity impacts our lives," by Executive Director Glen Guyton at <http://mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/generosity-impacts-our-lives/> The Executive Board formed a new Membership Guidelines Advisory Group to recommend a process for continuing the church's conversation on its Membership Guidelines. The group met for a one-time working session last month in Chicago, Illinois. To learn more: <http://mennoniteusa.org/news/mc-usa-announces-mg-advisory-group/> or en Español: <http://mennoniteusa.org/noticias/la-imeu-anuncia-al-grupo-consultor-de-los-lineamientos-de-membresia/>

