



This week please remember the following people in prayer:
Corey, Dana, Reece & Isaac Oswald.

Pray for those dealing with medical issues: Benjie Roth, Lucinda Gill (Tamara Zechin's mom), Linda

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

Central Plains: We invite you to give thanks for your brothers and sisters in Central Plains and for all the work of God that is being done through them in Iowa, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, South Dakota, Montana, Nebraska, and Colorado.

Mennonite Mission Network: Praise God that the government in Mongolia has renewed JCS International's registration for another two years. JCS is the consortium of mission agencies through which Mennonite Mission Network ministers in this country. Pray for God's light to brighten people's lives in this season of extreme cold and short days.

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 –

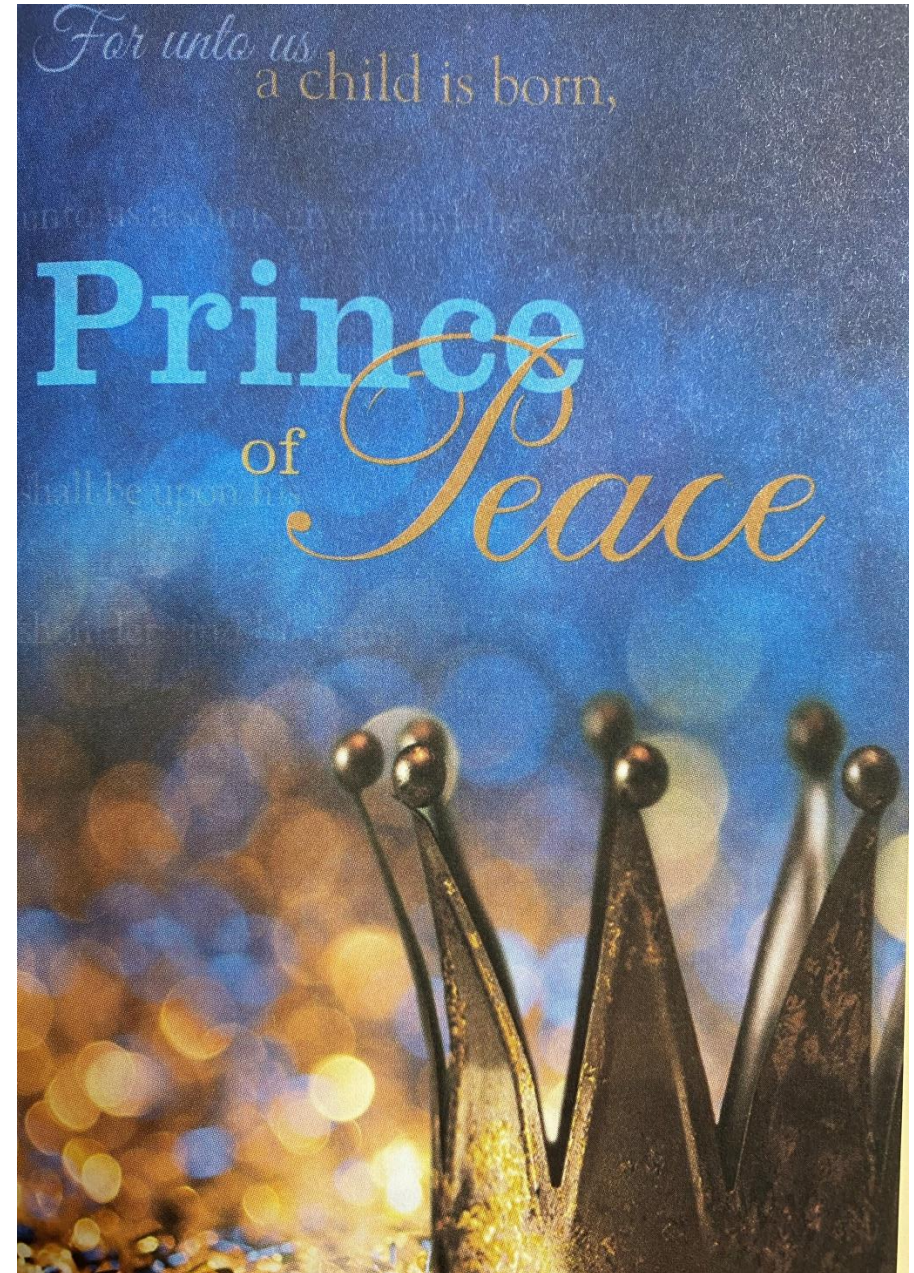
- New opportunity or relationship that you are excited about
- You feel God is calling you to try something and you need God's strength and wisdom for the task.

If you would like to be anointed, please go forward after the service

LAST SUNDAY

Attendance: 141

Offering: Home Missions: \$8,212.93; Camper's Aid @ CCCC: \$500; Missions: \$100.



Dec 29, 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: Abby Shelman

Gathering

Music Video: Aaron Shust, "Unto us"

Welcome

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

Praising

WB 215, *What child is this*

WB 195, *It came upon a midnight clear*

Hearing the Word

Scripture: Mark 1:1-20 (NT pg.27)

Message: Nathan Luitjens, "God is set loose"

Responding

WB 210, *Good Christian friends, rejoice*

Offering: General/ Loose Change (1/5 Home Missions)

Announcements

Sharing and Prayers

Sending

Benediction

"O come, let us adore Him"

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

MYF News

- Sunday ~ December 22 & December 29 - NO MYF - Christmas Break!
- Jan. 5 - 6pm - Bible Study with Neil & Renae Reichenbach

NEXT SUNDAY

- Rachele Luitjens, Mark 1:21-45 (NT pg.27)

SUGAR CREEK NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Mennonite Women and the Mississippi Valley Blood Center:

We would like to thank all who came to give blood at our drive on December 3. There were 36 units of blood collected which exceeded the goal of 34. How wonderful for those needing this life saving gift. Thank you!!

Worship Planning: If you have a poinsettia in memory of a loved one in the foyer and hallway please feel free to take it home with you today following church.

Church Council: ALL CHURCH ANNUAL CELEBRATION!!!

January 12th following the church services. We will get together to eat a catered meal and celebrate all that happened in and through our church during the 2018 year.

Elders Meeting: Will be held on Friday, Jan. 10th at 9:30am in the MYF room.

Mennonite Women: The Jan. 8th project is Sewing Kits. Devotions-"A Voice Within: Crippled Sister and Julia" (Luke 13:10-17). There will be sack lunch and dessert provided.

MMN Prayer Vine: Please help yourself to a copy of January's Prayer Vine placed on the east wall in the foyer.

AREA NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Keep us Warm Project: We found out about a local family who lost everything in a house fire. We are looking for clothes: boy 3T, women's medium and men's medium and large. Please let Tamara know if you have any clothes that you can donate by calling or texting 319-217-2456. Thank you!

Winterfest 2020: Will be held on January 3-5 at Crooked Creek Christian Camp. All kids in 6th-8th grade are invited. Register online at crookedcreekcamp.org.

Crowded Closet: We've had a historical year. We give thanks to God for the successful shop relocation and record setting sales of 2019. For the first time in our 41 year history, we celebrate over \$1 million dollars of sales in one year. Be a part of blessing the lives of others through the ministry of Crowded Closet. Connect at the Closet in 2020! Shop tours every Tuesday at 2pm in January and February. Contact Christine at crowdedcloset.volunteer@gmail.com to learn more about serving MCC at Crowded Closet.

Mennonite Central Committee: 2020 is your year to go on an MCC Learning Tour! Travel to Haiti March 21-28 to learn about root causes of Haiti's reality and see MCC projects in person. Join MCC Bolivia in celebrating 60 years with two learning tours, May 2-9 will focus on Eastern Bolivia and Oct. 10-17 will focus on Western Bolivia. Finally, you're welcome to travel to Nicaragua, July 20-30, to celebrate the centennial of MCC, focusing on past and present MCC work in Nicaragua and Costa Rica. Contact jordanpenner@mcc.org and check mcc.org/events for more details.

Hillcrest Academy Christmas Concert: Merry Christmas from the students and faculty/staff of Hillcrest Academy. We are thankful for our community who holds us up in prayer and financially. Your care and generosity is truly appreciated. May the Christmas message of hope and love fill your life with joy and peace.

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

MCUSA: Political tensions are rising, argumentation has replaced conversation, and divisions widen. How should pastors and congregational leaders engage? Watch the three-part webinar series, entitled "Putting Jesus on the Ballot: Anabaptism and American Politics with Scott Peterson," at: <http://mennoniteusa.org/what-we-do/the-gathering-place/>.