

### MYF News

- Dec. 5 – Bible Study, John 7 @ Church (6-8:30 PM)
- Dec. 12 – MYF Christmas Party – White Elephant gift exchange @ Roth Retreat (5-8:30 PM)
- Dec. 19-Jan. 2 – OFF

### JYF News

- Dec. 15 – Christmas Mystery Supper @ Wayland Mennonite (6-?? PM) Parents needed to help serve & clean up. Contact Myrna at [myrnajoy@gmail.com](mailto:myrnajoy@gmail.com) or text 319-461-6644



**This week please remember the following people in prayer:** Clint, Katie, Cooper & Carly Roth, Roni Stowers, and Paul & Annette VonTersch

**Pray for those dealing with medical issues:** Jeri Yoder, Case Leichty (Kyle & Katie's newborn), Sue Freyenberger (Justin's mom), Chris Liechty (Shirlyn Graber's brother), David Kindred (Deb Roth's cousin), Paige Holmes, Thomas Bennett, Gary Conrad, Tim Detweiler, Maribel Goytia, Ben Johnston, Jean Letts, Martha Marsh, Jim Miller, and Lynnix McMullin (daughter of Jessy & Katie)

**In order to better provide care for those in the hospital,** please contact the pastor or an elder if you or a family member are (or will be) hospitalized.



**The oil lamp** is lit every service as a reminder to pray for peace and for the people of our world who are caught in war and violence.

**CMPC Prayer Request** We continue to pray for those who are most vulnerable in our communities in this strange time, as in all times. May God open our eyes to the possibilities for love and for protection of the least of these among us--and may we be willing to heed God's call.

**MMN Prayer Request** Delicia Bravo Aguilar and Peter Wigginton, of Mennonite Mission Network, request prayer for the churches in Ecuador that have suffered the loss of many leaders and members, due to COVID-19. While they continue to lament their losses, pray for their strength and resilience, as new leaders come forward to continue the reconciling mission of Christ.

### LAST SUNDAY

Offering: Conference \$1,781; General Fund \$350; Home Missions \$150; Sharing Christmas \$70



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## December 5, 2021

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.

9:15am: Sunday School  
10:10am: Fellowship time  
10:30am: Worship live via Zoom:  
<https://tinyurl.com/SCMLiveStream>  
[facebook.com/sugarcreekmennonitechurch](https://facebook.com/sugarcreekmennonitechurch)

Worship Leader: Bryce & Abbey Shelman  
Song Leader: Annette Boshart VonTersch  
Piano/Organ: Kathy Yoder

### Gathering

Welcome  
Call to Worship  
Opening Prayer

### Praising

*WB 174 Bless'd be the God of Israel*  
*WB 189 To us a Child of hope is born*

### Hearing the Word

Scripture: Ezekiel 37:1-14 (OT, p. 625); John 11:25-26 (NT, p. 80)  
Advent Lighting – 5<sup>th</sup> Graders  
Message: Rachelle Luitjens, "Dry Bones"

### Responding

*WB 356 Breathe on me, breath of God*  
Offering: Parkview (12/12 Home Missions)  
Announcements, Sharing & Prayers

### Sending

Benediction  
*WB 193 Silent Night, holy night (v1)*

Thank you to Tim & Michelle Meyer for serving as ushers today.

The nursery is available for those 2 years old and younger who need it, but it will not be staffed with volunteers at this time.

## NEXT SUNDAY

- Rachelle Luitjens, Isaiah 55:1-13; John 4:13-14

### SUGAR CREEK NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

**Christmas Program:** The primary and junior music departments will perform during Sunday morning worship service December 19. Please have your children join us for practice beginning at 9:15 AM on Sunday mornings. Our adult Sunday school class in the Fellowship Hall has been having great discussions and we'd love for you to join us while your children practice. Please let Tamara know if you have any questions about the program.

**Cookie Time:** Here is the link for cookie time at Sugar Creek for January-April. Please plan on 4-5 dozen cookies. Coffee and water is available to serve but if you would like to have something else please feel free. Thank you for serving the church in this way!  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090e45aeab2da0fa7-sugar>

**C.R.O.P.:** A special thank you for your recent donations to the WACO C.R.O.P. Drive. Sugar Creek Mennonite Church contributed \$11,046.39 of the total \$35,093.68 in cash and commodities collected to help those in most need around the world as well as in our own WACO community, which will be receiving 25% of these donations for the Ministerial group to use for local families.

**Extension Committee:** Sharing Christmas Program still needs about 20 more baskets. You can buy the items listed, or you can give \$70 for the extension committee to purchase them. There are some laundry detergents already purchased that you can use. All items need to be brought to the table in the foyer by December 12. A signup and list of items is posted on the bulletin boards in the foyer.

Our church family & community friends are invited to a special Christmas celebration next Sunday, December 12. We will meet at the church to carpool at 1pm to Marion Avenue Baptist Church for their Live Animal Christmas Play.

**Socks Box:** Kylie and Ayla Miller are again helping to collect socks and winter items for the local homeless shelters. A box has been placed in the foyer for the collection of hats, scarves, gloves, and socks. Thank you all for your contributions. Please see Jami or Jeremy Miller with questions.

### **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19**

- **Christmas Program** during morning worship

### **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24**

- **6:00 PM** Christmas Eve Service

## **CONGRATULATIONS!**

**A rose in honor of Case Wesley Leichty**, son of Kyle & Katie Leichty and grandson of Garry & Lori Leichty, is in the front of the church today. Case was born November 23, at 34 weeks and is currently in the NICU; he will hopefully be able to come home soon. We wish God's blessing on Case and his family and pray that he grows loving, healthy, and strong.

**Emma Eubanks and Travis Clemen** were married last Saturday, November 27. May God bless them with a lifetime of love and joy.