



This week please remember the following people in prayer:

Urban & Marcia Roth and
Mark & Linda Boshart.

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, Sheldon Miller, Lydia Rotzinger and Cindy Harms (daughter of Gerald & Mary Jo Freyenberger).

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

Central Plains: Pray for Eugene Thieszen as he is installed as the Interim Pastor of Pastoral Care and Worship at Bethesda Mennonite Church in Henderson, NE. May his ministry be a blessing to the congregation.

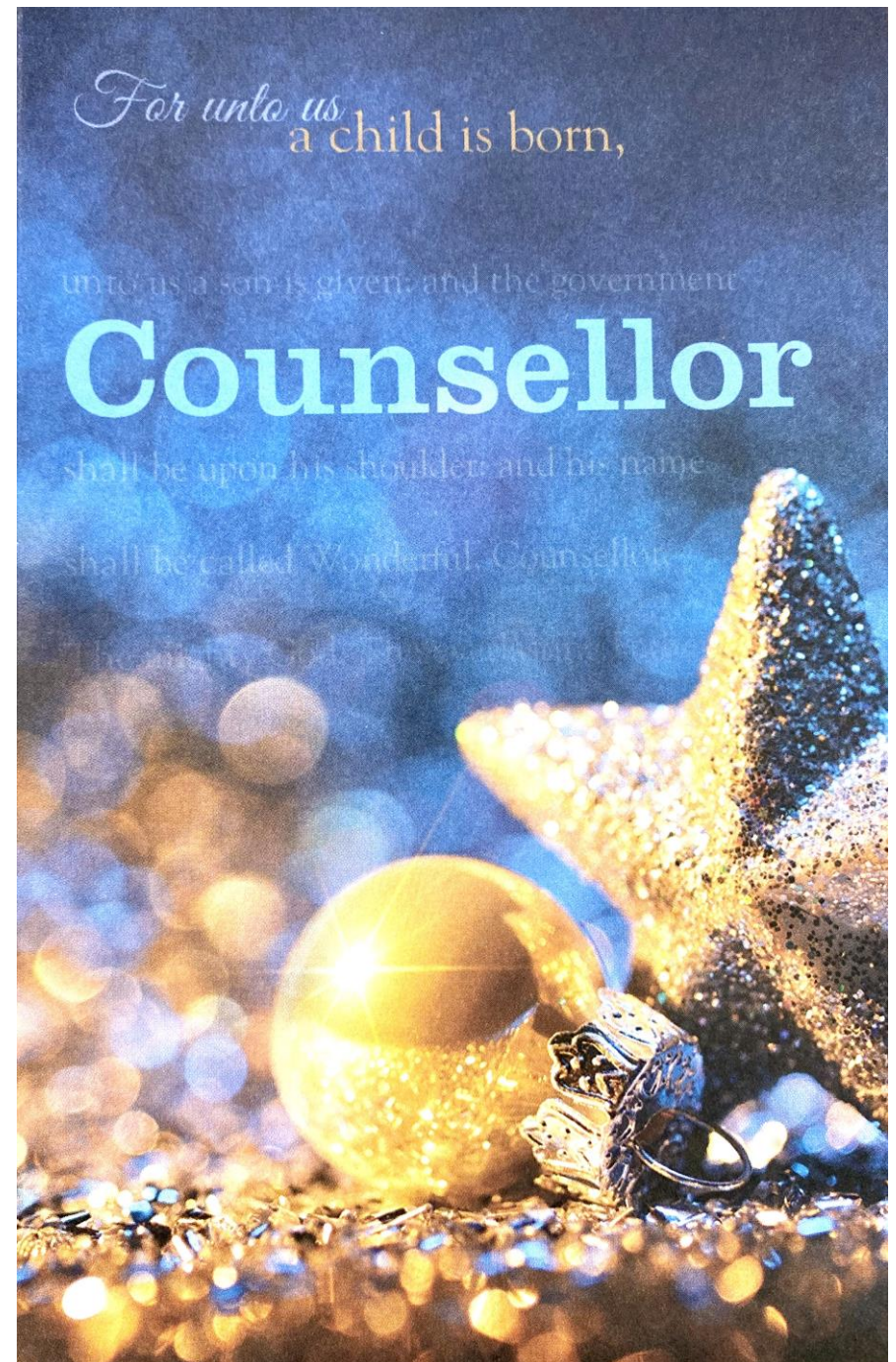
Mennonite Mission Network: David and Sophie Lapp Jost of Mennonite Mission Network have moved from their ministry in the Middle East to Germany. Pray for them as they engage in language learning and a cross-cultural transition period. David serves with the German Mennonite Peace Committee and Sophie's work is with the Bammental Mennonite community.

LAST SUNDAY

Attendance: 116

Offering: Home Missions: \$1,540; Parkview: \$1,977.56;

Conference: \$180; Kid's SS Offerings \$20.



Dec 8, 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: Kathy Yoder

Gathering

Music Video: Francesca Battistelli, "*Heaven Everywhere*"
Welcome
Focus Statement – Lighting of the Advent Candle- Morgan Meyer
Call to Worship
Opening Prayer

Praising

WB 184, Hark! The glad sound!
WB 176, Comfort, comfort, O my people
Offering: Home Missions (12/15 Missions)
Announcements
Sharing and Prayers

Hearing the Word

Come & See Children Story with Karen Meyer
Scripture: Isaiah 40:1-11 (OT pg. 517)
Message: Nathan Luitjens, "Comforting the Afflicted"

Responding

WB 174, Bless'd be the God of Israel

Sending

Benediction
O, love let us adore Him

Thank you to Gary and Maretta Conrad 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 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- 2st Sunday of Advent

• **Happy Birthday Jesus Party!** 5pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us.

NEXT SUNDAY- 3nd Sunday of Advent

- Children's Christmas Program

THIS WEEK

MONDAY, Dec. 9

- **Elder Meeting:** 10:30AM in the MYF room.

SUGAR CREEK NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Extension Committee: Today, we have a basket at the main entrance to the sanctuary. Extension Committee is collecting donations in this basket to buy grocery gift cards for the family baskets that are given to each family in the Sharing Christmas Program. We need 29 gift cards, which is \$725. Please consider helping the church help others in our community. Thank you!

Council Meeting, will be held on Thursday, December 19th at 7pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Worship Committee, going off of a prior memorial list, this year we bought and displayed the poinsettias in the foyer and in the hallway. If we missed someone please let the office know and we will make it happen. Thank you.

Thank you! The WACO Community Thanksgiving Dinner was a huge success! On Thanksgiving Day, we served a delicious feast to 260 people at the high school and delivered another 62 meals to people who could not leave their homes. Many volunteers made work easy and enjoyable. This meal would not be possible without the generous hearts and hands of our local churches.

Thank you! What a blessing you have made to many around the world and here at home! Sugar Creek Mennonite Church has donated \$17,123.56 in cash and commodities to this year's CROP Drive. God bless everyone who gave to those who need it most! The total donations this year were, \$31,336.24.

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.

JYF: Will meet at Wayland Mennonite Church on Dec. 18th. There will be Pre-supper Games at 6pm and Supper at 6:30 pm. This is the Christmas Mystery Supper.

AREA NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Keep Us Warm Project! Thank you to all who have responded to needs in our community. We are still looking for some items: size 5 toddler boy coat and snow pants, size 4 toddler boy snow pants, size 10/12 boys coat, size 14 boys coat, size 7 women's boots, size 18w women's pants. Also, we are trying to get a collection of new or gently used blankets that Jenny can give out on food pantry dates. Please contact Tamara at 319-217-2456 if you have these items available. Thanks!

Hillcrest Academy Christmas Concert: The concert is on Sunday, December, 15th at 3:00 pm in Celebration Hall. Performing groups are Chorale, Concert Choir, and Symphonic Band. Join us for a concert of varied repertoire as we prepare for the end of the semester and the coming of Christmas. Also, join Hillcrest for Halftime Basketball Games- 5th-8th grade boys will take the Hillcrest Union court on Fri, Dec 13 . Sign up here. Contact Rebecca (rbeachymiller@hillcrestravens.org) with questions.

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!

Mennonite Healthcare Fellowship: The gift of nurture and belonging! MHF is an interdisciplinary community of Anabaptist

health professionals which seeks to nurture the integration of faith and practice, to provide opportunities for dialogue on health related issues, and to address specific needs through education, advocacy, and service. If you embrace Anabaptism and are involved in healthcare, we invite you to learn more and "Join the Conversation" at www.mennohealth.org/JoinTheConversation/.

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.

