



**Feb. 16, 2020**

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: Bob & Karen Meyer  
Song Leader: Kathy Roth  
Piano/Organ: Abbey Shelman

### **Gathering**

Welcome  
Call to Worship  
Opening Prayer

### **Praising**

WB 340, *'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus*  
WB 582, *Guide me, O thou great Jehovah*

### **Hearing the Word**

Scripture: Mark 7:1-23 (pg. 32)  
Message: Rachelle Luitjens "How clean are you?"

### **Responding**

WB 420, *Heart with loving heart united*  
Offering: Home Missions/ Loose Change (2/23 Home Missions/ LC)  
Mission Moment: Crooked Creek Christian Camp- Lowell Unruh  
Announcements  
Sharing and Prayers

### **Sending**

Benediction  
STJ 73, *The Lord lift you up*

Thank you to Emma & Amy Eubanks for their help in the nursery today.  
The nursery is available during Sunday school and church for children 2  
years of age and younger.

## **MYF News**

- Today - Bible Study with Ethan & Elizabeth Spronk -  
"Jesus calls his disciples" Devotions - Braden Hammond  
Snack - Olivia Leichthy
- Feb. 23 - Annual Movie night and the MYF will be providing  
and serving concessions. We will be watching Overcomer in  
the fellowship hall.

### **THIS WEEK**

**TUESDAY, Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>**

- **Woman's Bible Study**, held at 9:30am, in the MYF room.

**WEDNESDAY, Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>**

- **Council Meeting**, held at 7pm, in the MYF room.

### **NEXT SUNDAY**

- Nathan Luitjens, Mark 8:27-9:8

### **SUGAR CREEK NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Ash Wednesday Service**, will be held on Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

**MOVIE NIGHT!** Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30 pm. We will be  
meeting in the Fellowship Hall and watching Overcomer. This movie  
is appropriate for all ages. The MYF will be serving concessions.  
Hope you can make it!

**VBS:** The dates for VBS this summer are Mon. June 1<sup>st</sup> through  
Thurs. June 4<sup>th</sup>, from 5:30pm until 8pm. If you have any questions or  
would like to volunteer, please contact Jami Miller at (319) 217-  
0282 or Renae Farmer at (319) 653-8881.

**Mennonite Women:** Will meet on Wed. Mar. 4<sup>th</sup>.

Project: Des Moines Layettes. Devotions- "A light in every eye:  
Jochebed & Dolores" (Exodus 1:22-2:10). There will be a salad  
luncheon. Des Moines Layette items: Warm blanket, comforter or  
quilt, receiving blanket, gown (size small or 8 lbs. and up), sleeper  
(size small or 8lbs. and up), and Undershirt or onesies (size small  
or 8 lbs. and up).

**Crooked Creek Christian Camp:** The kids here at Sugar Creek will be collecting coins during offering time from January 26-February 23 during offering. The money raised will go to our family fun night that we as a church use later on at Crooked Creek Camp. Thank you for your generosity and supporting our fellowship time together at the camp!

### **AREA NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**The Cradle of Hope:** is holding a banquet to raise support and awareness of their ministry. It will take place on April 4 at 5:30pm in Mount Pleasant. Tamara Zechin is hosting a table. If you would like to join her, please contact her at 319-217-2456.

**Mennonite Disaster Service:** The annual Iowa MDS meeting will be held this year at Upper Deer Creek Mennonite Church on March 1<sup>st</sup> at 2pm. Please come for fellowship and learn what MDS is doing here and throughout the world in the name of Christ.

**MCC centennial celebration,** Feb. 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. You're invited to join MCC for an evening of centennial celebration and giving, We've Come This Far by Faith at the Shari Flaming Center for the Arts at Tabor College in Hillsboro, Kansas. Bid on silent auction items, grab a reproduction Mennonite Feeding Station sign from our limited supply and join us for a program celebrating MCC's past 100 years, present and future! Find out more at [mcc.org/events](http://mcc.org/events).

**CCCC:** 2020 marks Crooked Creek Christian Camp's 40th anniversary! We are so excited to celebrate 40 years of God's faithfulness. Be on the lookout for ways we will be celebrating this year. We thank you for your continued support and prayers for Crooked Creek!

**Hillcrest Academy:** is looking for families to host 4 potential international students for the 2020-21 school year. If you are interested in being a host family, please contact Rebecca Beachy Miller at [rbeachymiller@hillcrestravens.org](mailto:rbeachymiller@hillcrestravens.org) or (319) 656-2073 x20 for more information.

**Support:** Mennonite Central Committee and Crowded Closet Thrift Shop as an International Volunteer Exchange Program (IVEP) host! IVEP is a yearlong volunteer work and cultural exchange opportunity of MCC for young adults. Our local IVEPer is an essential member of the leadership team at Crowded Closet as a full-time volunteer. Learn more at <https://tinyurl.com/vunj5zg>. Contact Christine at Crowded Closet for more information, [crowdedcloset.volunteer@gmail.com](mailto:crowdedcloset.volunteer@gmail.com) or 319-337-5924.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Service Adventure is a gap year program for young adults ages 17–20 that provides 10 ½ months of learning “on the field.” Take a break from the classroom, test out a vocation, experience self-discovery, all while serving God and living in Christian community. Learn more at [www.MennoniteMission.net/Serve](http://www.MennoniteMission.net/Serve).

Calling everyone ages 15–22! Are you looking for a fun and meaningful way to serve this summer? Join a 2020 Youth Venture team! See and join in the work God is doing in Spain, Colombia, Arizona, Peru, Nazareth Village, or Benin. Visit, [www.MennoniteMission.net/Serve](http://www.MennoniteMission.net/Serve) to learn more, or contact Lauren Eash Hershberger at, [LaurenEH@MennoniteMission.net](mailto:LaurenEH@MennoniteMission.net)

**MCUSA:** The Mennonite Church USA (MC USA) Archives' Oral History Project seeks to document and preserve the voices of young people, ages 24-40, who are part of MC USA. Hear what Theresa Peachey Crissman, a graduate of Eastern Mennonite University and long-term mission worker for Virginia Mennonite Missions, has to say about listening to others and risk-taking: [mennoniteusa.org/church-together](http://mennoniteusa.org/church-together)

Retired pastor Jane Thorley Roeschley documented her personal spiritual journey by creating "prayer mandalas." Read about how this spiritual practice became a powerful expression of her faith walk through joy and angst in her blog: [mennoniteusa.org/mandalas](http://mennoniteusa.org/mandalas)

**J-POG (Just Peace Outreach Group):** Invites you to hear Matt Russell, Executive Director of Iowa Interfaith Power and Light, address the topic "Embracing Abundance in a World of Scarcity." Matt will explore how Christian faith calls us to embrace the abundance of God's creation in managing our farms, using renewable energy, and finding solutions to climate change.

Join us at West Union Mennonite Church, 3253 305th Street, Parnell, IA on Sunday, February 16, 2020, at 6 pm for a finger food potluck (please bring your own table service) and conversation, or at 7 pm for Matt's presentation. For more information, contact Roger Farmer at 319-653-2547 or Jane Yoder-Short at [wilmajane17@gmail.com](mailto:wilmajane17@gmail.com).

