### MYF News

• Today - Annual Movie night and the MYF will be providing and serving concessions. We will be watching Overcomer in the fellowship hall.



This week please remember the following people in prayer: Troy, Cassie, Elyssa, Deedra, Jacob & Jenna Graber.

Pray for those dealing with medical issues: Dick Yoder, Gerry Widmer, Maddie Yeager, Tom Simpson (Donna Delzell's brother), Tim Detweiler, Lydia

Rotzinger, Brian Baldosier (son-in-law to Mary Jo Richard), Jean Roth and Toban Josiah Zechin.

#### 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 -

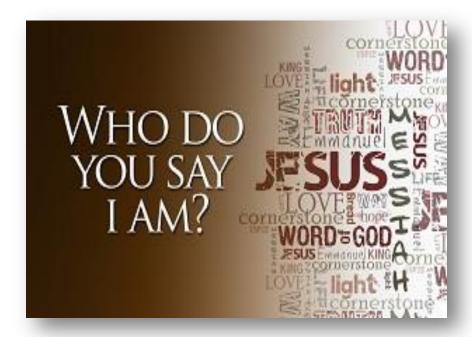
- •New opportunity or relationship that you are excited about
- •You feel God is calling you to try something and you need God's strength and wisdom for the task.

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

# **LAST SUNDAY**

Attendance: 107

Offering: Home Missions: \$4,425; Missions: \$400; Parkview Home Assoc.: \$100; Coins for Camp: \$97.52.



# **February 23, 2020**

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#### Feb. 23, 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: Nathan Luitjens

Piano/Organ: Lori Graber

#### **Gathering**

Welcome Call to Worship Opening Prayer

#### <u>Praising</u>

Shine, Jesus, Shine Revelation Song

Special Music: Agape/ Shalom with Lori Graber

#### Hearing the Word

Scripture: Mark 8:27-9:8 (pg. 34)

Message: Nathan Luitjens "Thank God for Peter"

## Responding

STJ 54, Longing for light

Offering: Home Missions/ Loose Change (3/1 Home Missions)

Announcements Sharing and Prayers

#### <u>Sending</u>

Benediction

STJ 73, The Lord lift you up

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

#### **THIS WEEK**

TUESDAY, Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>

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

#### **NEXT SUNDAY**

• Rachelle Luitjens, Mark 10:17-31

#### SUGAR CREEK NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

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

**MOVIE NIGHT!** Tonight 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!

**New MYF Sponsors**: We want to thank Corey and Dana Oswald for their contribution and commitment over the next two years as they take over the MYF. Please pray God's blessings over their services.

**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.

Baskets for the Elder's Sharing Fund, will be set out next week. The Elder's Sharing Fund is used at the discretion of the Elder's to take care of special needs of individuals and families in the congregation and community.

**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 8 lbs. 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.

You invited to join the fun at the 13th annual MCC Comforter Blitz on March 2, 3 and 4 at Journey Mennonite Church at the Yoder Campus, one mile north of Yoder, Kansas. Blitz times are Monday and Tuesday, 9:00am to 5:00pm, and Wednesday, 9:00am to 4:00pm. This event is hosted by Kansas Friends of MCC, an organization that supports the work of MCC. For more information check out mcc.org/comforter-blitz.

**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 or (319) 656-2073 x20 for more information.

**MCUSA:** Voices Together, a new worship and song collection coming fall 2020 from MennoMedia, in partnership with Mennonite Church USA and Mennonite Church Canada, features songs and worship resources in over 40 languages. Learn why this is important to us as a church in Katie Graber's blog, "Why and how should we sing interculturally?" mennoniteusa.org/sing-interculturally

Bridging gaps, resolving conflict, bringing hope and justice. Learn how a Mennonite Church USA congregation in Los Angeles inspired Anthonia Onye, a regional minister for Pacific Southwest Mennonite Conference, and how she is helping to carry its vision forward. Read her blog at mennoniteusa.org/lafaith

**Central Plains:** Pray for your sister churches in Nebraska: Beemer, Bellwood, Bethesda, First Mennonite of Lincoln, Milford, Salem in Shickley, Wood River, and the Omaha Chin Christian Church, and pray also for the informal gathering of Mennonites in Omaha.

Mennonite Mission Network: Jae Young Lee and Karen Spicher and their family have served with Mennonite Mission Network in South Korea since 2007. Pray for them as they work for God's peace through organizations such as Korea Peacebuilding Institute and Northeast Asia Regional Peacebuilding Institute.