



This week please remember the following people in prayer: Ethan, Heather & Owen Roth and Mary Jo Richard.

Pray for those dealing with medical issues: Benjie Roth, Dick Yoder, Gerry Widmer, Maddie Yeager, Tom Simpson

(Donna Delzell's brother), Tim Detweiler, Lydia Rotzinger and Judy Roth.

Central Plains: Pray for those who volunteer as leaders in our conference serving on various committees and boards such as the Conference Board, the Christian Formation Committee, Pastoral Leadership Committee, Outreach and Service Committee, Stewardship Task Force, Shalom Readers Club, Peace and Justice task group and all other conference volunteers. We give thanks for those who are willing to serve!

Mennonite Mission Network: Praise God for Annelise Goldschmidt's three decades of service with Mennonite Mission Network, most recently as a logistics coordinator with Mission Inter Senegal for 15 years. Pray for her as she discerns what God is calling her to when she returns home to France.

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

LAST SUNDAY

Attendance: 155

Offering: Home Missions: \$4,097; Special Projects/HVAC: \$350; Missions: \$200; Coins for Camp: \$61.16.



Mark 6:1-29

February 9, 2020

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Feb. 9, 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: Annette Boshart Von Tersch
Piano/Organ: Deb Roth

Gathering

Welcome
Call to Worship
Opening Prayer

Praising

WB 38, *The Lord is in His holy temple*
WB 110, *Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing*
WB 352, *Gentle Shepherd, come and lead us*

Hearing the Word

Scripture: Mark 6:1-29 (Pg. 31)
Message: Nathan Luitjens "Success of Significance"

Responding

WB 398, *I love to tell the story*
Offering: Missions/ Loose Change (2/16 Home Missions/ LC)
Announcements
Sharing and Prayers

Sending

Benediction
STJ 74, *Now go in peace*

Thank you to Gary & Maretta Conrad 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 Tracy & Holly Roth - "Jesus is tempted" Devotions - Jalen Collins
- Feb. 16 - Bible Study with Ethan & Elizabeth Spronk - "Jesus calls his disciples" Devotions - Braden Hammond
Snack - Olivia Leichty
- Feb. 23 - Annual Movie night and the MYF will be providing and serving concessions. We will be watching Overcomer in the fellowship hall.

NEXT SUNDAY

- Rachele Luitjens, Mark 7:1-23 (pg. 32)

THIS WEEK

FRIDAY, Feb. 14th

- **Elder's Meeting**, held at 2pm, in the MYF room.

SUGAR CREEK NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Library Committee: New Shalom Readers Books have been added to the library for your reading enjoyment:

Preschool-Grade 2

- Good Rosie
- I Walk with Vanessa: A Story About a Simple Act of Kindness
- The Curious Garden

Grades 3-5

- Ada's Violin: The Story of the Recycled Orchestra of Paraguay
- Tiger Boy
- The Kid Who Changed the World

Grades 6-8

- White Rose
- The Night Diary
- Squint

Ash Wednesday Service, will be held on Feb. 26th at 7pm.

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

You are invited, to the Eicher Mennonite Church Valentine Banquet on Saturday, Feb. 15th at 6:00 p.m. The delicious dinner will be prepared by Chef Jesse Juran with a choice of meat - Ham \$11 or Salmon \$15, served with potato, vegetable, roll and dessert. Reduced prices will be available for children. The inspirational program will be Randy Davis, from Ottumwa who is a chalk artist/bible teacher with Drawing Closer Ministries. For reservations, call or text Denise Freyenberger at 319-461-4021 and leave a message with your name, how many reservations you want, any special dietary needs you have and your meat choice. Reservations need to be made by Monday, Feb. 10th.

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!

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. Hosts are a very important part of the IVEP experience! Learn more at <https://tinyurl.com/vunj5zg>. Contact Christine at Crowded Closet for more information, crowdedcloset.volunteer@gmail.com or 319-337-5924.

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.

Hillcrest Academy: Singing Valentines- The Hillcrest Academy Acapella groups will be performing Singing Valentines again this year on Fri, Feb. 14th. Each Singing Valentine will also include a small (4 piece) box of Kalona Chocolates. The price is \$35. The groups are directed by Mike Wagner. Call the school office (319-656-2073) by Mon, Feb. 10th to schedule.

Central Plains Conference: This is your last chance to get registered for a children's virtual read-aloud party sponsored by Central Plains Mennonite Conference. On Feb, 12th at 6:30pm, elementary-aged children are invited to log on to hear Shalom Readers books read aloud by adults from around the conference. See our website for more information and to register. *Pre-registration is required.*

www.centralplainsmc.org/shalom-read-aloud.html

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.

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 to learn more, or contact Lauren Eash Hershberger at, LaurenEH@MennoniteMission.net

MCUSA: As part of its "Climate Justice: Learn, Pray, Join" Initiative, Mennonite Church USA is providing a free webinar on "Caring for climate: Beyond denial and despair" on Feb. 27th at 7:30-9:00 p.m. ET. The panel discussion will explore ways that congregational ministries can help people navigate the myriad emotions they experience related to climate and how they can move from inaction to hopeful engagement. Register at: <http://mennoniteusa.org/climatejustice/webinar/>

Mennonite Disaster Service: Once again this summer we are inviting youth groups to participate in the Summer Youth Program. It's a great opportunity for members of your church youth group to work hard, have fun and experience the joy of service. If you'd like to learn more about the Summer Youth Program or to complete an application, visit our website at, <https://mds.mennonite.net/youth-programs>

