**MENNONITE CHURCH USA**

**May God give us the courage to stand for the life and redemption given to us through Jesus rather than death and violence.**Read MC USA's response to the federal government reinstating the death penalty: [mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/death-penalty-reinstatement-response](https://mennoniteusa.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=97f16d9c230780d6354d01572&id=cba8340996&e=b0a26d3422).

**Mennonite Church USA is currently seeking to hire two Communications positions,**Communications Production Coordinator and Multimedia News Editor. Find the job descriptions and contact information at [mennoniteusa.org/who-we-are/employment](https://mennoniteusa.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=97f16d9c230780d6354d01572&id=114ce89139&e=b0a26d3422).

**This week please remember the following people in prayer:**  Ardell & Judy Kliewer, Larry & Vi Graber

**Pray for those dealing** **with from medical** **issues:** Dick Yoder, Oliver Yutzy, Gerhard Luitjens (Nathan’s dad), Gerry Widmer, Victor Barrera (Victoria Perez’s father), Maddy Yeager, and Chad McMullin.

**Mennonite Mission Network** requests prayer for Jane and Jerrell Ross Richer and their family as they serve in North America. The Ross Richers engage in two-way mission that has them living six months in Ecuador and six months in North America, where they share their journey of mutual conversion with congregations.

**Central Plains Mennonite Conference** We pray for the work of the interim Executive Conference Ministers, Firman Gingerich and Marcia Yoder Schrock as they each willingly lend their expertise and wisdom to the conference. We pray for the search process for the next Executive Conference Minister.

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

**LAST SUNDAY**

**Attendance:** 112

**Offering:** Home Missions: $3,427 Missions: $100 Parkview: $150

**Furnace/Air Conditioner Fellowship Hall Project total-to-date:** Furnace/Air Conditioner fund total to date is $7,035.00. Our goal is to raise $15,000.00.

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**August 11, 2019**

**SUGAR CREEK MENNONITE CHURCH**

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**August 11, 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: Keiran Luitjens

Song Leader: Nathan Luitjens

Piano/Organ: Lori Graber

Welcome

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

*Shout to the Lord!*

*WB366 God of Grace and God of Glory*

Scripture: Ephesians 6:10-18 (NT p.151)

Message: Rachelle “Recognizing the Real Battle”

*WB545 Be Thou My Vision*

Offering: Missions (8/18 Home Missions)

Announcements, Sharing & Prayers

Benediction

*The Lord Lift You Up*

Thank you to the Nancy Eichelberger, Sam, Aubrey, and Ava Eichelberger for serving in the nursery today during Sunday School and church. The nursery is available during Sunday school and church for children 2 years of age and younger.**TODAY**

**4PM:** MYF Welcome Party at Tim & Lisa’s.

**THIS WEEK**

**Thursday, August 15:** Church Council Meeting, 7pm

**Sunday, August 18:** Church at Crooked Creek Christian Camp

**MYF News**

**August 11:** MYF Welcome Party! 4pm at Tim & Lisa’s.

**SUGAR CREEK NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS**

**MCC SCHOOL KITS** – Mennonite Women are asking the congregation to help make school kits that will be sent to MCC. We encourage you to begin donating the items now and we will be collecting the items through the month of August. **Each kit needs: 4 spiral or perforated notebooks (8 ½ x 10 ½ in – 70 pages each), 8 new unsharpened #2 pencils, 1 ruler (flat, good quality; must indicate 30 cm; inch markings optional), 12 colored pencils in packaging, 1 large eraser, & 2 new black or blue ink pens. Mennonite Women will provide the metal pencil sharpeners.**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS! Next Sunday,** August 18th is our annual worship service at CCCC! We will be having our morning worship service at the shelter at the pond. Feel free to bring your own lawn chair to sit on. **Note a change of lunch plans**: Due to limited electricity at the shelter, we will be having a finger food potluck. Sandwiches, drinks, and table service will be provided.

**Prayer Chain:** If you would like to receive the prayer chain via email, please send an email to sugarcreekmc@gmail.com to be added to the list.

**Mission Trip 2020-** There will be a meeting for anyone interested in going to Guatemala on a mission trip March 13-21 on Sunday, August 25th after the church service in the MYF room. Anyone who is interested but can’t be there that day, please talk to Nathan as soon as possible.

**Sundaes for Shalom:** One more week to get your reading list and reports in to Rachelle (due August 18th). Our ice cream party will be right after church on August 25th in the Fellowship Hall.

**Teacher Appreciation Sunday is August 25th!** Come to Fellowship time at 10:10 for a special treat to celebrate our outgoing and incoming teachers.

**Children’s Sunday School needs you!** We need teachers for the Primary and Junior Departments. If you are interested, please talk to Rachelle, Jen Slagel, or Heather Freyenberger. The new year is getting close and we want to be able to offer Sunday School to the children.

**Annual Reports:** Once again it’s time to reflect on the past year and the plan for the upcoming year. The annual report deadline is August 27th. If you are a church representative, committee chair, superintendent, or Sunday School president, we want to hear from you! When your report is finished, please forward a copy to sugarcreekmc@gmail.com or turn a copy in to the office. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

**The Library Committee** has sorted through the books in our church library. There are two tables of books in the foyer for you to look through and take as many as you want. Books not taken by the last Sunday in August will be disposed of.

**AREA NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**All are invited to join Kalona Mennonite Church** on August 11th at noon for a donation lunch provided by Malitza Jimenez. All proceeds will go towards supporting Eastern Mennonite Missions by allowing KMC youth an opportunity to join and assist an EMM missionary in his ministry in Lebanan, PA for a week.

**Thank you**, again, to all those who generously supported the 40th anniversary of the Iowa Mennonite Relief Sale and the ongoing ministry of Mennonite Central Committee. The year-end totals for the 2019 relief sale are included in your bulletin. Together we are able to send $129,000 to Mennonite Central Committee which totals over $4.2 million in 40 years.

**Parkview Home** is now taking applications for a Full Time Maintenance Position. Would prefer candidate to have knowledge in Long Term Care Regulations along with experience plumbing/electrical/groundskeeping. Contact Mary or Tammy at 319-256-3525. Or apply in person. EOE

**Crooked Creek Christian Camp:** The 2019 Crooked Creek Christian Camp summer camp season has come to a close. Thank you to everyone who volunteered, donated items, sent their children to camp, and kept us in your prayers. We couldn’t do it without you! Crooked Creek also has some exciting news to share with its supporters: Thanks to a very generous supporter and friend of camp, Crooked Creek has been gifted a donation to cover the entire cost of a new and updated swimming pool!  More details will come available later.